

VPAA/VPIE Peer Group Meeting via Webex

June 7, 2023

Dr. Kathryn Hornsby convened the meeting promptly at 3 pm and welcomed all attendees. She then wished Dr. Amy Holloway a happy retirement in the coming weeks and others joined in.

Nurse Aide Probe – Tammy Bryant reiterated that the Nurse Aide Fast Track Probe voting deadline was this Friday. As of today a little more than half the colleges have voted and the goal is to have 100%. There were no specific questions about the probe but David Kuipers asked when the state board would vote on the credit hour reduction for TCCs. Dr. Hornsby stated that state board voting would not be needed for this procedure change but that presidents would be asked to approve it at their meeting in July.

Regional Healthcare Round Tables – Tammy then stated that the four regional healthcare round table meetings have been set up at four colleges around the state. SRTC, Chattahoochee, Athens and Oconee Fall Line are the locations for these meetings. Dr. Hornsby has sent the registration link for the SRTC and Chattahoochee meetings to the Presidents and Vice Presidents of Academic Affairs. Those registration links should be shared with all potential attendees in the region. The goal of each session would be for attendees to leave with a plan for growing health care employees in their areas.

New Short Programs – The System has a goal to create short programs (4 weeks or less) in 3 areas: cyber, manufacturing and construction. Mike Howard and Oenia Odums will be working with various faculty groups to discuss and determine what programs might meet these criteria. Mike stated that he is working with Columbus Tech currently to look at their manufacturing offerings in the ED area. Mike will take these ideas to his IFCC later this summer for discussion and finalization. Mike then stated that for construction he is looking at the Certified Construction Worker curriculum for adoption and then he is also looking at NCCER course offerings to develop a shortened version using their curriculum. Oenia then stated that she has been looking at three high demand areas in the cyber field to create short programs: user support, cloud computing and data center operations look like promising areas to pursue with her IFCC. David Kuipers added that perhaps Excel certifications might be another area to explore. Oenia agreed.

Enrollment Strategies – Dr. Perren then shared some PowerPoint slides regarding the System's enrollment strategies for the coming year. TCSG is currently up over 3% in head count and credit hours this year. The first initiative will be to create new short programs in three areas already covered by Mike and Oenia. The next strategy will be to build 10 PLA pathways working in tandem with ED offerings. The next strategy will be to look at more co-enrollment with adult education students. The goal is to have four IETs in place at six colleges for the coming year. Another initiative will be for the System to take a statewide look and audit of business and industry in each college's service area and make sure programs are offered in each that support these industries. Another initiative will be for the system to provide more targeted enrollment strategies for DE students, adult ed students, traditional high school graduates, and adults that have already had some college but never finished a degree or program. The last initiative will be for the system to possibly rebrand and repackage some programs especially in the industrial systems areas to be more in line with the EV industry's needs.

EV Listening Sessions – Mike Howard stated he was currently planning four EV industry listening sessions for the early fall. Mike is reaching out to four colleges currently to potentially host these sessions and then registration links and announcements similar to the healthcare sessions will be sent out later on this summer.

PLA Committee – Dr. Hornsby stated that the system is looking for some volunteers to look at building PLA templates over the summer. Several attendees volunteered to help in this initiative. Others can also let Kathryn know if they're interested later on this week.

EMPL 1000 – Dr. Nathalie Dames stated that the IFCC had reviewed and made some updates to the existing EMPL 1000 course. Dr. Dames shared the proposed revisions with the group. The next step will be to get the information ticket posted on the TCSG AA page with the noted changes and then get the new course version inserted into the programs that need it before the summer term ends so it's ready for fall implementation.

E-Campus SLOs – Dr. Carter showed the group the website where the SLO information could be found and updated. She stated that access is restricted to certain users and that if changes need to be made for users to please let her know. Dr. Carter and Dr. Kuezi-Nke then asked for volunteers for a work group to work on these SLOs this summer. Several folks volunteered on the spot and Marjorie stated she would still take more volunteers.

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned after a few more basic questions were answered at 4:05 pm.