

## VPAA Peer Group Meeting via Webex

February 13, 2024

Welcome and Reminders – Kathryn convened the meeting promptly at 2 pm and reminded the group of some upcoming deadlines for academic calendar submissions, the PN probe votes, Perkins submissions, and the Cybersecurity articulation meeting to be held at Augusta Tech. Meissa told the group that up to 5 attendees per college could be sent to the cyber security meeting.

AAS in Health Professions Probe – Tammy Bryant presented a newly created AAS degree that practical nursing students and neuromuscular students could transfer occupational courses into for a degree credential. The program basically allows students to add on the 15 credit hours of general education core classes to their already completed occupational courses in either program. This probe will start later today and have a 1 week voting window so that it can go to state board for approval along with the PN TCC. This new AAS program will remain one of several degree options for health students moving forward.

Cosmetology Updates – Sandra stated that the cosmetology and barbering program revisions are still being worked on by the faculty and Barbara West. There will be a meeting of the IFCC executive board next Tuesday morning and curriculum changes may be finalized at that time. Similar to the AAS in Health Professions the cosmetology group is also looking at the creation of an occupational degree program these students can roll into if they would like to pursue a degree credential.

KMS Program Search – Steve Conway stated that he had worked with the ITDR team to improve the program search capability in KMS as requested back in the fall meeting. Steve demonstrated how the Semester Search option now has an award level filter, a text box, and the ability to sort columns once results are shown. Steve asked the VPs to check it out and let him know of any other improvements to make.

Electronics Probe – Mike Howard told the group that the electronics /telecommunications faculty have been working on some course and program updates that were in the pipeline since 2018. Mike had sent out 4 documents to the collective faculty showing the course and program, changes and the full IFCC gave support to have a probe. Having more course interchangeability between the programs was the main driver of the course changes. Mike stated that this probe would go out for vote once the licensure program changes were completed later this spring.

GADOE Articulations – Sandra showed the group two articulations that had been worked on by TCSG and GADOE faculty since the last meeting in November. The Mechatronics articulation clarified the testing and credentials needed for each TCSG course while the Culinary articulation showed TCSG course sequence options which can differ by college. After a very few questions the VPs basically voted in support of moving both articulations on for signatures.

Gordon College Agreement – Kathryn stated that the Gordon College agreement was looking OK. Since it does not affect every college Kathryn was thinking of sending out the agreement and just letting each president sign it who supported it. The group agreed to this proposal.

ECON 1101 – Dr. Perren stated that the GADOE had recently changed a curriculum requirement regarding personal finance for high schoolers. The current ECON 1101 course may not meet this new criteria so for the time being it should not be used for DE purposes. TCSG, USG and GA DOE reps will be looking at a long-term solution in coming days and Dr. Perren will report back.

Badging Update – David Kuipers stated that Columbus is still working on creating badges for all colleges and the current focus is on making badges tied to jobs as opposed to every course. The college is also working with the marketing group to make sure badge designs are uniform for all areas. The ITDR group is also working on the KMS rolling function for program badges so that process can be automated for spring term.

Kathryn then thanked everyone for sending in the local articulations to house in a central location. There are over 100!. Sandra thanked the VPs for sending in the survey regarding AI and AR technologies in courses and programs. The results are being summarized and will be shared with state board members. Next steps will be addressed later on this spring.

Nursing Report – Tammy shared a newly released Nursing Industry report. It should be useful to see the labor market by county or service area. Tammy will send it out to everyone later in the day.

The meeting adjourned at 3 pm.