

## **VPAA Peer Group Meeting via Webex**

**June 12, 2024**

Welcome and Agenda Overview – Kathryn welcomed all attendees to the meeting. She recognized two new members of the group, Stephanie Benson from North Georgia Tech and Mason Miller from Southern Regional Tech. The day's agenda was reviewed and the meeting officially started.

PN12 Updates – Kathryn reminded the group that the PN12 diploma was revised recently to a long TCC. However, the content of the training really stays the same and as such this program change is not a sub change for SACSCOC. Colleges submitting terminations for PN12 for state board approval will see moving forward a motion for Program Transitioning from PN12 to PN21. KMS termination actions remain unchanged though.

Technology Training – Sandra stated that the Advancing Community Colleges Grant still had remaining funds to use for some upcoming technology trainings for college faculty and staff. The training will focus on AI, AR, and VR platforms to use in programs. The first training on Sept. 4 will be for Trade and Industrial faculty and the second training on Oct. 10 will be focused on Healthcare Programs. The grant will fund travel costs and registration fees for up to 6 attendees per college per session. More details will come out soon but Sandra shared a Save the Date document.

Program Name Changes – Sandra stated that the Cosmetology faculty had recently proposed and voted on two program name changes. The Cosmetology for Licensure program will become Master Cosmetology and the Esthetician program would become Esthetics. Sandra asked if there were any concerns from this group before these proposals went before the presidents. The group supported both name changes. Sandra closed comments on these programs by stating that she was still awaiting final clarification from the SOS office regarding required training hours for Cosmetology. Once she receives an answer she will let everyone know.

Mercer Agreement Update – Tammy Bryant stated that Mercer had recently sent an agreement to accept ASN programs core courses into their BA programs. Tammy shared the crosswalk. Tammy asked each college to carefully check their individual crosswalks to make sure there were no errors. After reviews are complete the agreement will be signed.

Target X Update – Derek stated that Target X can now handle transient student applications and that cross registration platforming is almost complete. This should make all application processes smoother.

Probe Updates – Oenia Odums stated that the cyber programs probe results were basically all in favor of the updates made to courses. There were two comments made by colleges that have simple resolutions and Oenia will formalize those final edits in the probe results soon. Mike stated that the Electronics and Telecommunications probe also was very favorable. There are just a handful of college votes needed in some of the niche programs in these areas and once Mike captures these missing votes these changes can move forward to the presidents as well.

General Updates – Dr. Perren stated that the 7 day enrollment report should be out later today. The system is up 10% in head count and 11% in credit hours for summer. This makes the overall year up around 10% which is phenomenal. Dr. Perren then thanked everyone for their participation the day before in the Adult Education presentation regarding IETs. Dr. Perren once again asked everyone to take a look at barriers within their colleges so that enrollment in these programs could expand this year. As well best practices regarding these programs can be shared as things move forward. Dr. Perren closed statements by saying that students who meet the admissions criteria need to be placed in PN21 and can not be required to take additional programming. There were many questions and comments made regarding this issue and more ideas on growing faculty and sections throughout the system will be explored.

AI Protocols – Robert stated that early next week several system office folks will be discussing the general parameters of a system AI policy. ITDR and Legal Affairs will be in these discussions. More information will follow.

Ultra Rebuilds – The group then had a general discussion on how to handle faculty compensation for those who were working on rebuilding course for the Ultra platform. Some colleges were giving a course reduction in coming terms for the work. Robert suggested that colleges look at sharing the work load overall and having only one person work on a given course rebuild. That way work can be shared across all colleges.

Adjournment – at the close of this discussion Kathryn adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.