

## **VPAA Peer Group Meeting**

**July 25, 2024 via Webex**

**Welcome and Overview** – Kathryn welcomed all attendees today. She stated that there were student affairs and IE visitors to the meeting today to hear some of the topics.

**ECON Course Update** – Nathalie and Ben stated that they had vetted the new economics curriculum with faculty. The new version of the course is now complete. The course and its revisions are now being reviewed by administrators at colleges. Nathalie briefly showed the course edits on the screen. Ben stated that the GA DOE is good with accepting all course options this coming fall and spring terms. Starting next summer term only this revised ECON course will be accepted. Nathalie agreed to send out the course document to the list serve.

**PN Admissions** – Tammy shared a presentation she had made last week at the presidents meeting. Tammy stated that new PN program reports will show only enrolled students in actual courses and not programs. These new numbers will be lower but a more true picture of what TCSG is actually producing in the field. Tammy then showed some options for admitting PN students moving forward. Colleges could opt to use a new PN01 code to identify potential students and this would indicate acceptance only to the college. Derek discussed the idea of using a second major or concentration for these students which Target X would allow. Then Tammy went over the various tests and other criteria that could be used to rank students, namely the TIES and HESI. Tammy added that the new AAS program was designed for students to graduate into and not as a holding program. Lastly Tammy added that there would be an option for military folks to transition into the program coming this fall. The group then discussed several questions and Tammy and Derek gave answers.

**Micro credentials and Badging** – Sandra stated that yes colleges are still awarding badges and that she was taking over the coordinator duties for that initiative from David Kuipers. Sandra stated that Strengthening Community College grant money would renew the Canvas Credential (Badges) license to or through until at least Nov. 2025. Work is being done currently to roll out a new micro credentialing process and this is separate from badging. Sandra would share details as the fall progresses. Lastly Sandra reminded the group about the AI conference dates for health and industrial faculty that will be held later on in September and October for faculty. Sandra would be sending out the registration links and the travel reimbursement information in an email right after the meeting today.

**SOC Code Box and Programs Report** – Steve Conway discussed the recent update made to the CDb involving a SOC code box and assignments for programs moving forward. This information was needed for financial aid reporting moving forward by colleges. The initial SOC assignments are almost done and a report feature should be available in KMS soon. Steve then shared a report of all

approved programs that VPs and other colleges team members could look at regarding program activity around the colleges in the last 5 years. Programs with no enrollments and no graduates should be a focus of potential terminating and archiving in the future. Programs with only graduates but no enrollment should likely be removed from HCG listings and other reports to keep things streamlined. Steve would send out the report he shared in a day or so.

**Barbering Update** – Sandra said that the recent changes made to Barbering also affected one other program, Barbering For Cosmetologists. The faculty had been working recently on updates to this curricula as it needed to lose about 300 hours of training to meet the Cosmetology and Barbering Board criteria of 300 contact hours. The program change should be released for probe in the next few weeks. The new program is not Pell eligible as the maximum number of credit hours to be earned for a 300 contact hour program is 12 credit hours.

**Drafting Update** – Mike stated that drafting faculty had been working on a full revision of this program. Course changes and program name changes will be a part of this future probe. Mike asked if VPs had a leaning toward having 3 separate programs moving forward in this area or keeping the 3 specializations in one [program. The group agreed to check with deans and faculty before giving a final answer.

**Culinary Update** – Oenia stated that culinary faculty have been working for some time on changes to this program. Course prefixes will be changing to CHEF and other course edits will also be made, but overall hours and program structure will remain the same as now. This probe should be coming out in a couple of weeks.

**VP Mentors** – The group closed out discussions with Amanda stating that she had been mentoring some of the new VPs in her region. She was seeking some more experienced VPs from the group to be mentors in the central and north part of the state. Any interested folks could let Amanda know their interest.

**Adjournment** – the meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm