

VPAA Peer Group Meeting via Webex

January 14, 2025

Welcome – Kathryn welcomed all attendees to the meeting and wished everyone a great start to 2025. The agenda grew over the last day so topics started right up.

Middle GA Articulation – Kathryn thanked the team at Central Georgia Tech and Dr. Dames for their work on this project. The cross walk of transfer credits to the CP23 degree program will yield 59 credits. The articulation is also very flexible with CIST course credits. Dr. Dames just cautioned about being careful with elective course options in this degree. There was a question about TCSG faculty needing to have a Masters in field. There appears to be room for TCSG faculty to justify industry credentialing instead of a Masters. Kathryn said this articulation would be shared with presidents next week.

GA DOE Articulation Update – Kathryn stated that the Engineering articulation agreement is ready to move forward. Kathryn shared the document on the screen. There are 3 possible TCSG courses that will articulate. High school students must complete the 3 DOE courses and also complete an assessment exam. Kathryn then asked the group to approve which everyone did. Kathryn would move this articulation along for the Commissioner to sign.

USG General Education Course Transfers – Kathryn thanked everyone for sending in various course syllabi to start this project. The next step will be to have faculty meetings and Dr. Dames is coordinating these. The listing of faculty should be complete next week and then dates can be set for the actual meetings. Kathryn asked anyone that has questions to just reach out to her directly.

Culinary Arts Probe – Oenia said the faculty wanted to rebrand the program to mirror industry and professional organizations. The courses were revised and updated as needed and a new set of embedded TCCs have been created. Oenia asked if anyone in the group had concerns about this probe moving forward this month. There were no concerns expressed. This probe should be launched in early February.

Broadband Listening Sessions – Mike stated that the planning is going well for these sessions. He is working with folks from the Technology Authority. The grant opportunity will be part of the presentations. The agenda for each of these sessions will come out later on this week. The numbers for registration look fine but Mike asked folks to please continue to advertise these sessions.

Accelerated Career TCCs – Ben McCumber stated that the TCC listing would change based on the new high demand career list. The new listing should be released shortly. All new guidance and directions for colleges will be coming out next week.

Health Probes Updates – Sasha reviewed the most recent probes for the group using a PP presentation. The nurse aid probe yielded two new programs. Colleges should make sure NPRs for these are submitted and terminations for the old ones this coming fall. Central Sterile Processing was similar in that 2 new TCCs were created. NPRs and terminations to adjust these programs should be submitted by December. The Medical Assisting probe yielded 2 new TCCs and a revised diploma program. NPRs and terminations should be submitted by December as well. The new AFA3 program will house the medical assisting diploma program work and replace the existing Degree.

Lastly the EMS area has new programs and codes so colleges should submit NPRs and terminations for these as needed by December. Sasha is working on the notification letter for college and they should be sent out by the end of the month. Sasha closed by stating that some MAST courses appear in many other programs. She is assessing the reach of these course changes to the other programs and will address how to handle next month.

Health Meetings Updates – Tammy stated that two more health dialog series are left to go. Southeastern Tech will host one on January 30th and Athens Tech will host the last one on February 17th. The registration links for both of these are still out. Tammy will also host an ASN program workshop on March 21st at Warner Robins. The registration information for this workshop will come out next week and go to program chairs. Lastly, Tammy stated that there would be a Nurse Aid Program workshop at multiple locations around the state on February 17th.

Kathryn closed her comments by stating that there will be an AI conference at Georgia Piedmont on January 28th. There is still room for folks to register and it is free. Also Master Teacher nominations for that conference later on this spring are due by February 3rd.

Alcie Zimmerman briefly discussed a grant request she is working on for mineral recycling. Information will be sent out and she is seeking volunteers to help compile information. The grant is due sometime in February.

Dr. Perren thanked everyone for their hard work in getting spring semester launched. It looks like it will be another term of increased enrollment, so great job by all. The general assembly is also in session so please be patient and cognizant of questions that may come up during the session that may need to be answered sometimes in very short windows of time.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm