

CFAC Fall Meeting Minutes

October 21, Red Rocks Community College

In Attendance: Wayne Artis, (Pikes Peak CC), Jeff London (MSU-Denver)), Nick Saenz (Adams State), Kelly O'Dell (CC of Aurora), Jessica Kruger (Colorado Northwestern CC), Candace Garrod (Red Rocks CC), Lisa Gallegos (Otero JC), Sierra Swearingen-Todd (CU-Boulder), Terry Bridgman (CO School of Mines), Ayelet Zur-Nayberg (Front Range CC), James Ayers (Colorado Mesa), Kathy Carpenter (Trinidad State JC), Mike Mincic (CSU-Pueblo), Dawn Mathis (Pueblo CC), Ronda Monheiser (Northeastern JC), Val Reifschneider (Lamar CC),

9:30-9:45 Welcome, Linda Comeaux, Vice President of Instructional Services, Red Rocks Community College

9:45-10:15 Chair Welcome and Report (Wayne Artis)

10:15-11:30 CCHE and GE Council Updates

CCHE Master Plan

- Master Plan should be completed by March. It had been five years since last revision.
- Plan will keep the same four goals but does include a performance factor in allocation of funds, albeit small.
- Goal is to have 66% of Coloradan's post-secondary credentialed by 2025.

Revised gtPathways Content and Competencies

- Concern was expressed that the implementation may disproportionately affect 2 year institutions.
- Discussion of the backend accountability of gtPathways courses questioned whether the proposed process falls short of true accountability.
- Concern was raised over the incorporation of additional legalize into already cumbersome syllabi that could further limit the document's ability to support student understanding of course expectations.
- Wayne and Jeff to discuss CFAC concerns regarding gtPathways revisions with Ian.

12:30-2:15 Continuation of CCHE and GE Council Updates

Math Pathways Taskforce Report

- Objective of Math Pathways Taskforce recommendations is to remove algebra as the default math course.
 - Takes the approach that experts in the discipline can better identify the appropriate math skills necessary for a specific career path.
 - Appropriate math pathways for specific career paths to be developed. (i.e. Calculus Path for STEM majors, Statistics Path for Social and Behavioral Science, and Quantitative Thinking Path for Arts & Humanities)
- Plan has the potential to increase completion rates by 3-5%.

- Math is first discipline to assess gtPathways content and competencies as result of taskforce recommendations.
- Both GE Council and CCHE Commission unanimously approved the recommendations of the Math Pathways Task Force.

Prior Learning Assessment

- A CCHE directed statement on Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) statewide common cut scores will be developed.
 - Individual departments will still have the authority to develop PLA cut scores for entry into specific degree programs.
 - PLA will only affect general education credits.
 - Recommendation is to accept cut scores for AP (3) and IB (4) exams.
 - DSST/CLEP are more difficult to assess for mapping as they don't readily demonstrate Student Learning Outcomes (SLO). Although the CLEP for English does offer an essay that helps address these SLO.

Faculty Conference

- Faculty Conference will be held November 3 and 4.
- Topics for discussion include:
 - DSST and CLEP credit for gtPathways courses.
 - Implementation of the Math Pathways Taskforce Report.
 - Mapping of institutional learning outcomes to gtPathways learning outcomes.

Health Care Provider Fee

- The proposed conversion of the Health Care Provider Fee to funds that can be accessed by Higher Education will be reintroduced the first day of January's legislative session.

2:15-2:30 Elections and Minutes Approval

- Minutes from February 19 meeting were reviewed and approved.
- Elections
 - Chair- Wayne Artis nominated and unanimously approved.
 - Vice Chairs- Jeff London and Melinda Piket-May nominated and unanimously approved.
 - Secretary- Phil Crossley nominated and unanimously approved.

2:30-2:45 Open Discussion

- Interest was expressed in having CFAC meet additional times per year.
 - Faculty have greatest contact with students so it is imperative to be well represented at CDHE.
 - Wayne to carry this concern to CDHE but reminded that individual institutions would bear the cost of additional meetings.

Spring Meeting Date Proposals: February 10, 17, and 24; date to be determined by availability of CDHE

2:45

Adjournment