Wyoming Community College Commission

Academic Affairs Council
Meeting Notes

Date: 8:30 AM. Feb. 12, 2015
Place: Conference Call –

Members present:
CC: Tim Wright
CWC: Ron Granger
Kathy Wells
EWC: Dee Ludwig
LCCC: Jose Fierro

NWC: Gerry Giraud
President Hicswa
NWCCD: Richard Hall
WCCC: Joe McCann
Cayse Cummings

Guest: Mary Burman, Dean of Nursing at University of Wyoming

1) Agenda item: Corrections of the prior meeting notes – Cayse Cummings removed from attendance. 2). Changed the start date from fall 2016 to January 2016. 3). Removed reference to “diesel” lab facilities and “diesel” course sections.

2) Agenda item: Announcements and Rumor Clarification – Gerry Giraud mentioned a rumor at UW that community college degrees were at 60 hours. He discussed it with UW contact and advised that community college degrees were currently at 60-64 hours.

- Richard Hall asked if English 1010 was still transferring to UW. Jose Fierro said that COMP1 still OK but COMP2 was no longer accepted due to lack of communication/speech components.

3) Agenda items: Update –
   a) Legislation
   
   HB0001 Level 2 funding, second reading
   HB0010 with the Governor
   HB0011 with the Senate
   HB0071 Nursing education programs with the Governor
   HB0101 Failed
   HB0103 Study Bill
   HB0114 Assigned to Senate Education
HB0118 Amended and over to the Senate
HB0147 Failed
HB0164 Withdrawn
HB0188 Failed
HB0190 Withdrawn
HB0191 Failed
HB0192 Received for introduction in the Senate
HB0196 Failed
HB0204 Failed
HB0231 Received for introduction in the Senate
SF0059 Assigned to H02, Appropriations
SF0086 Failed
SF0101 Assigned to HO4, Education

Discussion: Dee Ludwig mention EWC’s interest in HB 41- Barber Licensing for potential add-on to current Cosmetology Degree. Dr. Hicswa stated there has been interest in HB 83 regarding Religious Freedom. This bill has been received for introduction to the Senate. Also, HB 198 regarding the compulsory age for attendance moving from 16 to 18. This bill has been sent to the Senate as well.

b) WIOA implementation- Discussion delayed due to time constraints
c) Feb 25th target date for CWC, LCCC, NWCCD, NWC and WWCC input for WCCC for ’15, ’16 & ’17 Program Review Planner
d) Report on exceptional faculty appointment arrangements- Joe McCann suggested questions be directed to President Hicswa and she can get back to the council with answers.
e) VPs for work on a 2015 completion conference - Discussion delayed due to time constraints

4. Agenda item: ReNew project status – Mary Burman discussed how the project was moving forward. The curriculum is taking a different approach compared to other states. Looking at a BSN highway with the ADN being a benchmark. Fourth year courses would be offered via distance education. Current trends show 80% will have BSN’s by 2020.

Discussion: Joe McCann asked if the courses approved for EWC’s future ADN are going to need changing. Dee Ludwig advised that the courses would not need changing but will continue to “tweak” as needed while working with the Board of Nursing. Richard Hall mentioned /asked if all colleges were adopting the Renew curriculum in 2016. Kathy Wells stated the One plus One LPN transition to RN could alter Renew curriculum if needed. Gerry Giraud asked if the community colleges would maintain the AA’s. Mary Burman stated she was not the expert needed to answer that. Gerry Giraud asked if it would create a seamless transition to a BSN. Mary Burman answered “YES.” Kathy Wells
said the Associate Degree Nursing doesn’t limit students to UW since the program is accepted throughout the country. Mary Burman mentioned that the AAS currently is not covered under the articulation agreement with UW. Extra steps can be added for the student but can still transfer to UW.

5. Agenda item: Potential ADN program requests –

Discussion: For some colleges this ADN will be added to the LPN and AAS options. New programs would necessitate a new program request.

There may be colleges that wish to change their present AAS degree to an ADN. In those cases the criterion that the AAC uses to determine if a program modification requires a modification request is as follows:

The AAC’s practice has been that “Substantive modification of a Wyoming Community College program, either certificate or degree, requires submission of a formal Request for Revised Degree or Certificate Program to the AAC, the EC and finally the WCCC when any of the following apply:

• Completer outcomes change (transfer to a four-year college/university or entering the labor market)
• Program intent and/or target audience are changed.”

Community college academic affairs VPs determine if program changes in name or content require AAC consideration. That VP requests the program change is placed on an upcoming AAC regular meeting agenda as a courtesy agenda item.

Action: Joe McCann suggested he could discuss each case with the college academic VP after internal college discussions involving the college’s program director. The conclusion of each discussion would be brought to the full AAC as either point of courtesy for ratification, or for action on either a program modification request or on a new program request. If a number of the colleges have identical “associate degree nursing” program requests they could be considered as a joint request by the AAC.

Dee Ludwig- Moved that each VP follow the protocol above
Gerry Giraud- Seconded
Unanimous- Motion Passed.

6. Agenda item: Consideration criteria used by the AAC to recommend certificate programs for WCCC inclusion in a program completion metric –

Action Item: Joe McCann will schedule a ½ hour special AAC meeting to review this draft recommendation prior to the March AAC monthly meeting.
7. Agenda item: Inquiry from WSCU Associate VP, Terry Schliesman regarding **possible interest in individual program articulation with individual colleges** – Discussion delayed due to time constraints.

8. Additional agenda items: None

9. The next conference call AAC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM, 3/12/15.