

UCC MEETING NOTES

8-12-15

Present (17): Jocelyn Steward, Ronald Fuqua, David Greenebaum, George Nakos, Rebecca Gmeiner, Kathryn Kemp, Pearl Chang, Joshua Meddaugh, Andrea Allen, Anthony Giovannitti, Richard Singiser, Mary Lamb, Dina Swearngin, Judith Ruvalcaba, Deonna Tanner, David Williams, Jill Lane

Absent (5): Augustine Ayuk, Leon Prieto, Larry Booth, Kara Mullen, Randall Gooden

Guest (1): LaJuan Simpson-Wilkey

Chaired by: Mary Lamb

Written by: Jocelyn L. Steward

Agenda

- Mary Lamb is the outgoing chair and is not continuing with the position. Meeting focused on electing new officers and setting meeting times.

Old business

- Approval of minutes from April 24th, 2015
 - o Approved: All
 - o Opposed: None

New business

- Dr. Simpson-Wiley provided report regarding adult learners and PLA (prior learning assessment). During the summer a meeting was held to discuss what is in place at CSU regarding adult learnings and PLA. There is a policy at CSU but it is not very clear and it is proposed to make policy clearer.
 - o Q: What does PLA means: Prior Learning Assessment
- Training is needed for challenge exams and portfolios because across the department, it varies widely who is using challenge exams. Training is also needed for students including what it means for students, what is the difference between challenge exam and portfolio.
- There is a need for standards regarding portfolios and challenge exams. CSU needs to cover appropriate outcomes found in courses, but unclear how to accomplish that goal.
 - o Q: What are fees associated with challenge exam? Some charge 100, some don't charge anything.
 - Response: There should be a fee based on credit hours because PLA is replacing the course.

- Recommendation: Form a task force that is university wide that includes faculty, staff, registrars, admissions, regarding what we need to do.
- Additional questions
 - Doesn't the subtask force for Complete Georgia Plan already have it?
 - Response: It is an academic issue and Provost Office is creating an ad hoc committee but we want to get all players involved. Regarding how to determine appropriate fees we need to get a new committee.
 - What is a PLA?
 - Response: Where a student believes that they have enough knowledge for a course and really do not wish to take the class. The exam would be used to determine if they can use the passing grade on the exam and get credit for the course.
 - In addition, PLA are for those that are not already covered by CLEP. One that comes up frequently is A&P, former military medics and EMT and you feel you have knowledge based.
 - PLA also involve work-related experiences to demonstrate competency, such as criminal justice.
 - Is there a limit on the number of courses? We are limited on how we define residency for a degree, earning credit by exam does not meet the requirement for residency.
 - Response: In other cases it is a portfolio review and you pay a substantive fee, almost about as much as the course fee.
 - SACs residence requirements that 25% of the student's courses has to be taken here you can go up to 38 credits. 30 hours at CSU residency, none of those 30 hours can be PLA.
- Suggest: Consult with faculty senate and suggest that they form an ad hoc committee to study the issue.

Voting outcome:

Approved: All

Election of new members

- Chair: Nomination: Richard Singiser
 - Chaired A&S curriculum committee
 - Approved: All
 - Assistant Chair: Jocelyn Steward
 - Approved: All
- Secretary: Deonna Tanner
 - Approved: All
- Meeting scheduled
 - 2nd Friday of each month at noon
- New individuals = will need to get access to shared drive to get docs

Adjourned 1:29 pm

Meeting times/dates = 2nd Friday of each month 12:00 – 1:00 pm; UC-260

Dates:

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