

Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board Meeting

Thursday, May 30, 2013
PLCC – 15771 East 1st Avenue
Aurora, CO 80011

Present:

Chahnuh Fritz
Michael Gage
Dan Jorgensen
Mimi Leonard
Cliff Richardson
Misti Ruthven
Scott Stump
Tamara White

On phone:

Sunny Schmitt
Rick Sciacca
Jill Toussaint

Not in Attendance:

Chelsy Harris
Tracey Lovett
Richard Maestas
Vaughn Toland

Welcome and Minutes approval - Cliff Richardson

- Michael Gage, Director of Advising at Pueblo Community College, welcomed as newest member of the Concurrent Enrollment Advisory Board.
- Minutes recommended for approval by Scott Stump, seconded by Jill Toussaint, and approved by all members.

Aurora Public Schools, CE Update

Guest speaker, John Barry, Superintendent

- Mr. Barry spoke about Aurora Public Schools (APS) and their partnership with the Community College of Aurora (ACC) since 2007. APS is the first district in the country to have most schools with site accreditation through a community college.
- Aurora provides students with four career pathways:
 - Health Sciences
 - Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)
 - Business

- Arts and Communication
- APS' focus is to "Graduate every student with a choice to attend college."

General Updates

- Matt Gianesschi presented Cliff Richardson with a flag that was flown over the state capitol as a thank you for all of his hard work.

Tamara Johnson - DHE

- Kim Poast and Brittany in Educator effectiveness are leaving DHE.
- Admission policy Review:
 - Utilizing PARCC for admissions purposes is under discussion.
 - Link for PARCC assessments on the CDE website:
<http://www.cde.state.co.us/assessment/NewAssess-PARCC.asp>
 - For more information concerning PARCC, please visit:
<http://www.parcconline.org/>
- Currently there is no contract for any new assessment to replace accuplacer.

Misti Ruthven - CDE

- New graduation guidelines will be fully implemented for the class of 2021 (7 years)
- The Office of Postsecondary Success is in the process of hiring a person to cover CE, CTE, and GED. They will be hired before the next meeting.
- CDE Cleanup Bill Changes
 - CE Board now has a pipeline for SBE approval.
 - ASCENT 2014—The first time numbers will be asked for will be the end of January.
 - MOU's will continue (Allocation model)
 - SBE approval of ASCENT students has been removed from statute. This means that CDE can notify the districts sooner.
 - CDE can now project numbers to the legislature for funding purposes.
- Progress of the CEAB for State Policies Recommendations to SBE that were updated in CDE's clean-up bill
 - Updating ASCENT projection deadlines as they are misaligned with school processes
 - Update of September 1st ASCENT deadline to January or February to report eligible student during they senior year was approved.
 - Counting of ASCENT students in five-year verses four-year high school graduation rate.
 - Board is still working on this. The Feds might be the ones who need to make changes to this.
 - Striking obsolete language from concurrent enrollment statute that addresses state-based financial assistance.
 - This may be put in a cleanup bill next year.
 - Create additional capacity for CDE to support districts and schools in concurrent enrollment and ASCENT implementation as well as technical assistance and GED.
 - A new employee is in the process of being hired.

- Recommendations of Waiver Provision
 - May be brought to SBE in August.

ASCENT Allocation Model Discussion

- The SBE has approved the new allocation model:
 - Currently participating districts will receive a minimum number of ASCENT slots equal to those utilized by students during the current school year
 - New districts will receive up to 10 slots for the first year or the number requested if less than 10
 - If additional spaces are available, half the remaining slots will be distributed via the districts free and reduced lunch (FRL) rate as a proration
 - The other half of remaining slots will be proportionally distributed based on district size, to districts that did not receive spaces under the FRL distribution
 - Unused spaces may be returned to the general pool and reallocated to districts, based on appeal
- Misti Ruthven will speak to Legal concerning:
 - Can districts pay for students? There is a difference between Concurrent Enrollment and ASCENT.
 - Can spots be “split”?
 - How do we handle students who don’t get funded?
 - Can private funds be used for scholarships?
 - Cannot use ASCENT dollars.
 - Discussion of other revenue districts collect that is not PPR, such as transcript fees, vending machine money, etc.

Attendance Policy Information Sharing

Guest Speaker, Scott Abbey, CDE

- Clarification of Attendance policy:
 - Student attendance must be reflected in October 1st count report to CDE. If they are absent on the count day, they must have proof of attendance both before and after that date.
 - ASCENT students should have attendance form signed by their professor or a district representative that has observed them on-campus.
 - If the student has met the attendance policy for their high school, they don’t need verification from the college.
 - Full-time off high school campus students are the ones who need the form signed by their professors or a district representative that has observed them on-campus.
 - Districts have the flexibility to use a form of their choice. An example from Denver was provided.
- Question concerning statute conflict regarding attendance
 - CDE will discuss in greater detail to identify areas of flexibility
 - Will connect with AG if necessary.
 - Depending on the AG’s outcome, CEAB may discuss a legislative recommendation.

Concurrent Enrollment Agreement Discussion – Tamara White

- For the 2013-14 academic year, plan to use the current agreement.
 - A new 3-year agreement is still being worked on.
- Scott Stump mentioned that CCCS is working on updating their concurrent enrollment and ASCENT agreements with districts. CCCS will send DHE and CDE copies for their joint approval as indicated in statute.

Committee Updates

- No committee updates at this time.

Action Plan and Next Steps

- Consideration to have Scott Stump serve as new chair
 - Will be voted on next meeting
 - A new vice-chair will also be voted on next meeting.

Meeting adjourned

- Next meeting is Thursday, September 26, 2013.
- Location TBD