

## **Career and Technical Education Academic Senate Joint Committee**

**May 19, 2015**

Academic Senate Office

HSS 261

1:00 – 2:15 p.m.

**In Attendance:** Fariba Bolandhemat, Ruth Casillas, Stuart Cooley, Frank Dawson, Cliff Dobbs, Chris Fria, Yiching Grace, Ford Lowcock, Laurie McQuay-Peninger, Saul Rubin, Perviz Sawoski, Joy Tucker.

### **Review and Approval of Minutes:** April 21, 2015

Motion to approve by: Ford Lowcock

Second by: Saul Rubin

No abstentions, No oppositions, All approved.

### **Chair's Report**

Chris Fria's run as the CTE Committee Chair is ending. Fariba Bolandhemat will be taking over starting in the fall of 2015.

Fran Chandler sent out an email regarding the state wide academic senate where one item in particular touched on CTE and course re-enrollment. At the recent state wide curriculum meeting the issue of repeating a course being permissible came up due to industries constantly changing in which course content is then changed. Students would be allowed to repeat a course if the course has change significantly. The statewide Task Force will be changing this rule as long as greater skill development is proven. If this issue is happening in our programs we should agendaize this for future discussion in a CTE Committee meeting.

The aforementioned email has recommendations on what the institution should do if this is an issue. Faculty may consider developing non credit or fee based courses which can be co-offered with credit based courses. It might be worth considering following up with Michelle King over at Community Education.

### **Major Business Items**

CTE Retreat - The committee needs to decide whether or not we should hold our annual CTE Retreat. The usual structure of the retreat is basically the same as the committee meetings but with more time for discussion of agenda items.

Possible discussion items include the Perkins requisition for developing pathways in high schools, review of CTE programs, and maker space – a creative community based center.

The committee decided not to have a separate CTE Retreat but will hold its last regular committee meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Pathway Trust Institute Report – Frank Dawson

Frank Dawson reports on his attendance to the Pathway Trust Institute meeting in Berkeley, California. The state had all of the grant awardees attend. There is not a lot of direction in terms of parameters and goals of the grant. Local high schools are getting an additional four billion dollars which is good for CTE – please keep this in mind when working with high schools. There is a major move from the Department of Education to recognize CTE as a core rather than a categorical funding area.

There were presentations made by other states in terms of things they're doing – Ohio is looking into developing pathways in 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> grade (community college) and calling them Regional Learning Academies.

We are currently working with four (4) high schools in the fall as part of the LA HITECH Initiative – it's good to understand the barriers students face as they come from different high schools. There are many issues they face that come before student learning. For instance, one of the high schools is having a high turnover rate with their principals and administrators.

Other barriers include accessibility to high schools – working within their school and activity calendar, high school teachers not meeting our minimal qualifications, and resistance to having college courses held at the high school.

There was a discussion of having a centralized space where high school students would be transported in order to remove any barriers that may exist – such as high schools not having the proper equipment, and school activities getting in the way.

In regards to the bachelor's degree the Cal States reiterated their opposition of our offering in the area of Interaction Design. Governor Jerry Brown was in attendance and asked the Cal States what the issue was with the bachelor degree. The main concern is community college faculty not having the credentials to teach at that level.

Chris Fria reports there have been over one hundred and fifty (150) students interested in the IxD bachelor degree. At the moment, the curriculum committee is using an IGETC based pattern for the courses. The lower division courses are already in place and the upper division courses are a work in progress with an attempt to contextualize these courses.

Fariba Bolandhemat is now sitting on the Institutional Effectiveness Committee and presents their draft recommendation on student tracking which will be sent to DPAC:

**The IE Committee recommends that the College explore opportunities to more accurately and completely track job placement of Career Technical Education (CTE) students.** Data from the 2015 Institutional Effectiveness Report reveal that the job placement rate for students enrolled in the most recent cohort (2011-2012) was 52.2%, over 7% below the institution-set standard of 59.3%. The College's performance on this indicator may be negatively impacted by the fact that the methodology used to calculate job placement rate does not take into account self-employment data, and many of the CTE programs offered at SMC (including photography, cosmetology, design technology, solar photovoltaic installation, and entrepreneurship) train students in industries that lead to self-employed or contract positions.

This is just a draft version of that is going to be presented at DPAC but IE is exploring opportunities to track CTE students. There is a need to explore areas where students may be self-employed. Hannah Lawler is working with IE to develop a process to track students. Kaysha Morgan may also be able to assist with this since she has worked at other colleges. Each program should set up a time to meet with her.

The draft can be discussed at a committee meeting in the fall but in the meantime there may not be a need to spell out specific CTE programs within the draft.

### **Announcements**

Technical Theatre announces their Spelling Bee Musical production opens this weekend – and will run for two weeks.

Beginning in the fall semester, Fariba Bolandhemat will be the new CTE Committee Chair. At the moment she would like to keep the meetings during the same time.

The final CTE Committee meeting for this fiscal year will be held on Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. If there are any specific topics you would like to discuss please send an email to Ruth Casillas.

**Meeting adjourned:** 2pm

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, June 2, 2015