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Segmental Advisory Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, January 10, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.
Video Teleconference (Google Meet)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Introductions and Welcome
- III. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2021
- IV. Annual Calendar for Various Reports
- V. Workforce Need – NSA Staffing Needs
- VI. Workforce Need – Environmental Health Specialist
- VII. Member Updates
- VIII. Adjournment

**Next meeting is on Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.*

Segmental Advisory Council (SAC) – November 15, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. – Meeting Minutes

The topics discussed are located on the agenda below. No action items, other than the approval of the minutes, were considered at the meeting. The meeting was called to order at approximately 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Attending Segment Heads (or representatives):

1. Dr. James D. Fielder, Jr. – Chair, MHEC	2. Dr. Brad Phillips – MACC
3. Dr. Angela Sherman – MICUA (Representative)	4. Dr. Hongtao Yu – MSU (Representative)
5. Dr. Jeffrey Byrd – SMCM (Representative)	6. Dr. Joann Boughman – USM (Representative)

Agenda and Notes:

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Introductions and Welcome**
- III. **Approval of Minutes** – Dr. Phillips motioned to approve the minutes and Dr. Boughman seconded the motion. The minutes from the June 21, 2021 meeting were unanimously approved.
- IV. **Transfer Regulations** – Dr. Emily Dow (MHEC’s Assistant Secretary for Academic Affairs) reported that she has assembled a workgroup to discuss the implementation of House Bill 460 Transfer with Success Act (passed during the 2021 legislative session). The legislation creates a system of communication between the sending and receiving institutions when there is a denial of transfer of a credit or a course. It also establishes a data collection (an annual report to MHEC listing any denials of transfer of a credit or a course and the reason for denial). Guidance to institutions regarding the new requirements is forthcoming.
- V. **Department of Legislative Services (DLS) Program Approval Study** – Secretary Fielder provided an update on this matter, citing DLS’s website which states clearly the technical and cost proposal due date (October 28, 2021) and the anticipated vendor selection date (November 22, 2021). The selected vendor/consultant will conduct a review of MHEC’s academic program approval process.
- VI. **Federal Relief Funds Unspent/Incoming for Higher Education Institutions** – Mr. Geoffrey Newman (MHEC’s Assistant Secretary for Finance and Administration) asked if segments had specific questions about this topic. Dr. Phillips replied that he was interested in knowing the deadlines by which institutions must spend their funds. Mr. Newman said that he would e-mail to institutions information on deadlines and their balances.
- VII. **State Budget Surpluses and Potential Allocation** – Mr. Newman reported that the details of the budget are currently being considered, and no decisions have been made

yet. A clearer picture will emerge when the budget bill is introduced early during the legislative session.

VIII. Member Updates – The following updates were shared:

- University System of Maryland (USM) – Dr. Boughman shared that, at the “All In Campus Democracy Challenge” recently, a student from the University of Maryland, College Park was recognized, as well as Towson University.
- Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) – Dr. Dow reported that MHEC will soon have a draft of the 2021-2025 Maryland State Plan for Higher Education available for public comment.
- Morgan State University (MSU) – President David Wilson introduced MSU’s new Provost, Dr. Hongtao Yu. Dr. Yu shared with the group that Morgan saw record freshman enrollment this year, more than 2,300 students versus 1,300 last year.
- St. Mary’s College of Maryland (SMCM) – Dr. Byrd noted that one of their students recently won a national college sailing title.
- Maryland Association of Community Colleges (MACC) – Dr. Phillips shared that Dr. Daria Willis will be the new President of Howard Community College on January 10, 2022.

IX. Adjournment