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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 24, 2023

TO: Maryland Higher Education Commissioners

FROM: Raza Kahn, Ph.D., Chair, Faculty Advisory Council

SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Faculty Advisory Council Annual Report

Presented below is a summative report of the activities of the 2022-2023 Faculty Advisory Council.

2022-2023 Faculty Advisory Council **Annual Report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission**

During the 2022-2023 academic year, the Faculty Advisory Council (Council) met seven times. Unlike previous years, discussions primarily centered on supporting the development of a guidance document regarding learning objectives and course equivalencies. While the Council intended to have a final draft prepared by the end of the academic year for the Secretary and Commission's consideration, unexpected delays have required the Council to continue this work into the fall of 2023.

At the request of Dr. Emily Dow, Assistant Secretary for Academic Affairs, the Council was charged with providing input regarding course design, specifically the development and evaluation of course learning objectives. This work was motivated by recent regulatory changes that align with the implementation of the Transfer with Success Act. The regulatory changes created a new standard regarding course equivalencies: when 70% of the learning objectives are deemed equivalent between two courses, a receiving public institution must accept that course for transfer. The Council was asked to provide guidance regarding the development of learning objectives and determining course equivalencies. The guidance is currently being drafted. An outline of that guidance is provided below.

- Introduction
- An Overview: The 70% Equivalency Rule
- Course Learning Objectives are Different from Course Outcomes
- How to Write a Good Learning Objective
- Core Course Learning Objectives and Course Descriptions
- Frequently Asked Questions Regarding the 70% Equivalency Rule
- The Value of Articulation Agreements and Program Transfer Agreements
- Syllabus Template

- Other Resources

The Council will continue to develop the guidance document at the September and October meetings, with the goal to provide a final draft for the Secretary and Commission’s consideration before the end of the calendar year.

The Council also discussed MHEC’s Blueprint implementation plan, the recent surge in Chat GPT and classroom/learning implications, legislative changes in light of the 2023 session, and provided input on an upcoming MHEC report on intrusive advising.

A summary of Council leadership, meeting dates, membership, and attendance for the 2022-23 academic year is provided below. Also provided below are the meeting dates for next year (2023-24).

| | <u>Chair</u> | <u>Council Leadership</u> | <u>Secretary</u> |
|----------------|---|--|---|
| | Chair-Elect | | |
| 2022-23 | Raza Kahn Carroll Community College | Patricia Westerman Towson University | Joe Healey Frederick Community College |
| 2023-24 | Patricia Westerman Towson University | Raenita Fenner Loyola University Maryland | Joe Healey Frederick Community College |

2022-2023 Meeting Dates
(Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, virtual meeting)

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| September 20, 2022 | January 23, 2023* (1:00-2:30pm) |
| October 18, 2022 | April 18, 2023 |
| November 15, 2022 | May 16, 2023 |
| December 13, 2022 | |

2022-2023 Membership List and Attendance
*new representatives this year

| | | 9/20 | 10/18 | 11/15 | 12/13 | 1/23 | 4/18 | 5/16 |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| Allegany College of Maryland | Melody Gaschler | X | | X | X | | X | X |
| Baltimore City Community College | Laura Pope | | | | | X | X | |
| Bowie State University | Diarra Robertson | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| Carroll Community College | Raza Khan | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Cecil College | Candace Vogelsong | X | X | X | X | | X | X |
| College of Southern Maryland | Sarah Merranko | X | | X | X | X | | X |
| Coppin State University | Atma Sahu | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Frederick Community College | Joe Healey | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| Frostburg State University | Doris Santamaria-Makang | X | X | X | X | X | | X |
| Harford Community College | Brian Lazarus | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

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| Hood College | Alan Goldenbach | X | X | X | X | | X | X |
| Howard Community College | Kathy Lilly* | X | X | | X | X | X | X |
| Loyola University Maryland | Raenita Fenner | X | P | | X | X | X | X |
| Montgomery College | Kathryn Klose* | X | | X | | | X | |
| Notre Dame of Maryland University | Angelo Letizia* | X | X | X | X | | X | X |
| Prince George's Community College | Teresa L. Bridger | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| Salisbury University | Jennifer Nyland | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| St. John's College | Emily Langston* | X | | | | | | |
| St. Mary's College of Maryland | Walter Hill | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| Stevenson University | Neal Miller | X | X | X | | X | | |
| Towson University | Patricia Westerman | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| University of Baltimore | Bridal Pearson | X | | X | X | X | X | X |
| University of Maryland Baltimore | Fadia Shaya | X | X | X | | X | X | X |
| University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science | K. Halimeda Killbourne | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |
| University of Maryland Eastern Shore | William B. Talley | X | X | X | | X | X | |
| University of Maryland Global Campus | Erica Ellsworth* | - | - | - | - | X | X | X |
| University of Maryland, Baltimore County | Jane Lincove* | X | X | X | X | X | X | |
| University of Maryland, College Park | Doug Roberts* | - | - | X | X | | X | X |
| Wor-Wic Community College | Laura Paddack | X | X | X | X | | X | X |
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| Part-time faculty member (Howard Community College) | Kathryn Jones | X | X | X | X | X | X | X |

2023-2024 Meeting Dates
(Tuesdays, 1:30-3:30pm, virtual meeting)

September 19, 2023
October 17, 2023
November 14, 2023
December 12, 2023

January 16, 2024
April 16, 2024
May 14, 2023

RECOMMENDATION: This is for information purposes only.