

 **MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**
Faculty Advisory Council

Minutes

Tuesday September 19, 2017

1:30 PM -3:30 PM

SET 100 (Center for Applied Learning and Technology)

Howard Community College

- 1) Meeting called to order 1:30 by Dr. Bill Talley, Chair
- 2) Welcome and Introductions
 - a) Dr. Patricia Turner of Howard CC welcomed the council.
 - b) Dr. Talley introduced himself, Dr. Emily Dow, and asked members of the council to introduce themselves
 - c) Members in attendance: William Talley, Ken Kerr, Rich Siciliano, Emily Dow, Soloman Alao, Benjamin Arah, Soren Ashmall, Terry Bridger, Christopher Davis, Shinta Hernandez, Walter Hill, Brockett Horne, Katheryn Jones, Katherine Corley, Nayna Phillipson, Amber Rust, Dipa Sakar-Dey, Fadia Shaya, Lynn Sparling
Excused: Angelique Cook-Hayes
- 3) Review and Approval of Minutes
 - a) Minutes of the previous meeting were not available and will be reviewed for approval at the next meeting.
- 4) Chair's Report
 - a) Dr Talley attended the most recent MHEC meeting and was able to get all the current updates. He distributed information on a tax credit program that may forgive student debt in the form of a tax credit for eligible students. Dr. Dow informed the Council that over 5000 applications were received prior to last Friday's deadline.
 - b) High school completion data reveal the college age population will increase over the next five years reversing a trend of flat or declining enrollments.
- 5) MHEC Update from Dr. Dow
 - a) Dr. Dow distributed a report on Enrollment Projections 2017-2026.
 - b) She explained her role as MHEC Liaison to the FAC and explained the role of the MHEC Councils. She also explained the FAC is a standing agenda item on Commission agendas for regular FAC Updates to the Commission.
 - c) Dr. Dow showed the Council the MHEC website and where to find data and reports relevant to the work of the FAC. She also discussed SARA involving out-of-state institutions operating within Maryland and Maryland operating in other states.
 - d) She explained MHEC as an agency serving post-secondary education in the State. The structure of the agency includes: Finance and Administration, Legislative Affairs and Public Outreach, and Academic Affairs.
- 6) Outgoing Chair Comments—Dr. Nayna Phillipson
 - a) Dr. Phillipson thanked Dr. Talley for assuming the role of chair and expressed her gratitude for working with the FAC during her year as chair.
- 7) FAC Website—Dr. Richard Siciliano

- a) Dr. Siciliano demonstrated the features and contents of the MHEC-FAC Website. He explained the purpose is to serve as a repository of information related to the work of the Council and to serve as a directory of membership.
 - b) Membership rules and regulations that explain how membership is determined are available on the site. In addition, there is a meeting schedule with dates and locations of meetings as well as minutes of past meetings.
 - c) Resources from MHEC and other outside sources are available through links on the site.
 - d) Siciliano requested assistance in upkeep of the website. He informed the Council of his intent to soon retire and the likelihood that the College of Southern Maryland would not continue as FAC website host. It was suggested member institutions inquire if there may be a student intern who could assist; however, there are issues of access and security that would make that difficult.
- 8) Upcoming Meetings
- a) We will meet at Howard CC again next month and then at Anne Arundel CC for the remainder of the academic year.
 - b) It was suggested that we consider using multiple locations throughout the state to give outlying institution an opportunity to host and have others make the drive.
- 9) Summit on Opioids and Marijuana
- a) October 18, 2017 in Ocean City, UMES is hosting a summit to discuss strategies for addressing opioid and marijuana misuse among youth and young adults. Dr. Dow added that the Governor has declare a state of Emergency with the Opioid epidemic and MHEC is involved with an operations Command Center and she will bring Information about the UMES summit to that group.
- 10) Role of the FAC
- a) Dr. Talley discussed the role of the FAC
 - i) We have not always waited until we are requested to investigate and advise, we have been proactive in the past in determining how our time and efforts can be most effective in informing MHEC about important issues in higher education in Maryland
 - ii) Dr. Dow added that the Commission is primarily looking for “faculty perspective” on issues facing higher education. Specifically, what resources are needed to implement policy, and how will MHEC decisions affect teaching and learning?
- 11) Workgroup Reports
- a) Online Learning: Bill Talley – This committee is looking for a chair to continue the work already completed. That included the development of a survey and individuals at institutions and the survey is ready to be distributed. By the October meeting, the committee hopes to have some data to report. Soren Ashmall volunteered to assume the chair of this committee.
 - b) Adjunct Faculty - Kathy Jones: The work is complete and the committee will be dissolved.
 - c) Competency-Based Education Credits – Terry Bridger: Awaiting direction as they have reached the end of what they can do with the information they have collected. They have identified issues and challenges around Competency-based education and have communicated these to MHEC. MHEC will now need to decide how they wish to proceed. Will this be a college-by-college situation, or will we make decisions that will be adopted at the State level? There is a lack of consistency at this point.
 - i) Terry Bridger made a motion that MHEC study this issue and decide if they want to pursue it further. Nayna Phillipsen seconded.
 - (1) Discussion involved for-profit colleges looking to exploit prior learning, how it can be used to enhance a traditional student’s transcript at a traditional institution, what the General Assembly wishes. There is also a military component with veterans being awarded credit for military coursework and training.
 - (2) Motion carries by voice vote

- d) FAC By-Laws--Terry Bridger: The committee has been in contact with MHEC updating them on their work. They will continue how by-laws are being interpreted and what changes need to be made to bring the by-laws into agreement with current practice.
 - e) Dual Enrollment: High School and College - Ken Kerr
 - i) Discussion involved concerns over who is teaching the dual enrollment classes, Sintia Hernandez volunteered to assist in next steps.
- 12) Establish FAC Goals for 2017-2018 – The chair asked for suggestions about FAC goals for this year in addition to By-Law, Dual Enrollment, and on-line learning committees which will continue. Other possibilities discussed were dual-degree students and practices involving that population at various institutions, post-secondary apprenticeship programs that would pair degree programs with related work experience, and revising the state plan for post-secondary education goals of access, success and innovation—the innovation group made a suggestion that a strategy regarding pedagogy and investing in the science of teaching and learning. Specifically, this involves open access resources and course design—this group would be called the “State Plan” group.
- 13) Identify Workgroups for Implementation: Members signed up for the groups they are interested in working on:
- a) On-line—Soren Ashmall
 - b) By-Laws—Terry Bridger
 - c) Dual Enrollment—Shinta Hernandez
 - d) Apprenticeships—Ken Kerr
 - e) State Plan—Fadia Shaya
- 14) Adjournment
- a) Bill Talley called the meeting to a close at 3:22 p.m.