

North Central State College

PLANNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Rm. 149-F

Members Present:	Ken Ekegren	Jim Hull	Don Plotts (ex-officio)
	Betty Wells	Ken McCreight	Bruce Sliney
	Teri Brannum	Brad McCormack	Tom Prendergast (ex-officio)
	Sheila Campbell	Karen Reed	Beth Price
	Mark Monnes	Peg Moir	Michelle Denny (filling in for Sharon Perry)
Members Excused:	Stephanie Kreisher	Margaret Puckett	Beth Franz
	Kate Peresie	Sharon Perry	

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- I. Ken Ekegren greeted all present and called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He then asked for corrections to the minutes of April 7, 2009 - none were noted - he announced that the minutes were approved by general consensus.
- II. In the absence of Brad McCormack, Ken Ekegren noted that the next Budget Sub-Committee meeting is on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Don Plotts announced some new information regarding House Bill 1 which he discussed during the last meeting. Five (5) steps have been added to the proposal allowing the Chancellor to set the tuition for all colleges. These five steps would provide some back and forth feedback between the Chancellor and colleges before the final tuition amount would be set.

Colleges counter-proposed that the OCOG (College Opportunity Grant) monies being proposed to be used after exhausting financial aid be provided to be used prior to using financial aid. The counter-proposal was rejected. Private schools will receive \$20 million OCOG which greatly disappoints Ohio's 2-year institutions.

The SSI (State Share of Instruction), set at 4.71 for 2 year colleges, remained at that figure after proposing to bring it even with the universities at 6.5. Tuition will be frozen making the 4.71 seem even harder to overcome. Fortunately Bill Hartnett will be working for our benefit.

Don Plotts concluded that he will continue working with five legislators about these changes.

- III. Don Plotts also reported that the Dual Enrollment/Dual Credit is not moving forward on the state level. As a result he wants NC State to develop this as a marketing tool.

Jim Hull inquired about the commitment of local school superintendants to this project.

Don Plotts responded that a partnership splits the cost. He is currently looking at a model to do this. It would be a buy-in for local schools that would benefit all concerned.

- IV. Don Plotts and Bruce Sliney next reported that in the past, NC State has serviced PSEO outside of this district. In the future, we will no longer use our seed dollars for any outside areas. It is more productive to concentrate within our own district. From past experience we have learned that the quality of early classes is much more important than headcount.

Bruce Sliney added that we should be in line with any C-tags that are out there since this is where the adult enrollment comes from.

Don Plotts commented that he would support end of class exams prior to awarding college credit to high school students.

Bruce Sliney added that the Governor of Ohio would like to do this with all high school courses according to his State of the State speech in January of this year.

- V. Ken Ekegren next asked for thoughts and feedback on the AQIP Integration Proposal submitted by Kate Peresie. Discussion produced agreement that the PAC could be the steering committee for AQIP. Ken Ekegren concluded that the proposal would be sent back to Kate Peresie as accepted.

- VI. Brad McCormack next explained Professional Development from a budget perspective. Don Plotts added that the procedure must be fair and consistent for everyone. Betty Wells added that the third piece to professional development is that some added skills for personnel will bring some additional investment for the college. Teri Brannum added that from this point forward there must be accountability.

- VII. Ken Ekegren asked for reports from the Strategic Initiative Coordinators.

1. Enrollment Development - Betty Wells

Betty Wells reported that this team had a meeting earlier this afternoon. They examined a large amount of data. Last year's target was set at 3.5% and actually hit 6% which added 4823 credit hours and 168 new students. For FY-10 the target will be 5%. She added that historically when there are challenges in the economy, enrollment generally increases. She concluded by saying that the team is not prepared to offer a cost estimate at this time.

Don Plotts added that he supports 5% because it is realistic. The Dept. of Jobs and Family Services will be receiving \$2 million to use for credit hours rather than non-credit hours this year.

Brad McCormack added that each 1% increase in enrollment drives in \$91,000. In the existing budget we have the capacity to handle some of the increase in FTE costs in regards to staff, student services, facilities and utilities. However, when asked about one-time costs, he does not have that figure at this time.

2. Achieving the Dream - Peg Moir

The core team will be reviewing this initiative on next Tuesday, April 28, 2009 and so will have task statements at the next PAC meeting in May. The GATES Grant has been submitted and would have an impact on AtD. For the future, the evening support in the PLATO lab should be institutionalized as well as obtaining some better support for the Success Center.

3. Workforce/Economic Development - Ken McCreight

Last year's projections were exceeded and the budget numbers will be available when the team meets on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Don Plotts added that displaced workers need to be addressed through workforce development on-line. This will be one avenue to market workers in the factories.

4. Academic Quality Initiative - Karen Reed

The cost to convert to semester hours from quarter hours will be an on-going expense for several budget years. Also a new program review plan will be developed as the preceding plan is no longer workable.

Brad McCormack added that the conversion of quarter to semester hours can be a double edged sword. We will see an increase in enrollment (revenue) in the beginning followed by a decrease.

Karen Reed expressed concern over the procedure of the hour conversion as NC State has the expertise and talent to complete the venture, but will they have the time to do it without outside help.

5. Diversity - Margaret Puckett

Don Plotts spoke in Margaret's absence, stating that several community persons have offered volunteer time for this project. Also, nine minority students have been identified who are successful and would be willing to sit down and brainstorm with the diversity team.

Lastly, we are in the process of pulling together an internal team to work on a new hiring system.

Ken Ekegren reminded members that he would like to have the measurable task statements in place before Fiscal 2010.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Next meeting set for May 5, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in room 149-F

Respectfully Submitted: Kathy Emmer