

Minutes [Tentative]
Senior Year Plus (SYP) Postsecondary Course Audit Committee
Monday, May 10, 2010

The Senior Year Plus Postsecondary Course Audit Committee meeting was held on May 10, 2010, in the Walnut Room of Building 7 (Conference Center), Des Moines Area Community College, Ankeny, IA. The following committee members were present: Gerry Beeler, Nicole Franta, William Giddings, Joel Haack, Curt Oldfield, Julie Rosin, Carl Smith, and Sue Wood. Not present: Lon Moeller. Department staff members Roger Utman, Colleen Hunt, and Jeremy Varner were in attendance. Also in attendance were Linda Allen (HCC), Randy Gabriel (DMACC), Randy Mead (DMACC), Dave Palmer (IACCT) and Ann Watts (DMACC).

Welcome and Review of Committee Charge

Division Administrator Roger Utman welcomed committee members and provided a review of the charge of the committee.

Review of Fiscal Year 2010 Audit Plan

Jeremy Varner provided an overview of the FY2010 audit plan.

Senior Year Plus Update

Jeremy Varner provided an overview of department guidance related to Senior Year Plus released since the last meeting in November. The overview included an explanation of the second frequently asked questions document, the guidance letter on alternative measures of proficiency and career and technical education courses for AY 2010-2011, the role of the School Budget Review Committee with regard to concurrent enrollment, and how Senior Year Plus fits with the Iowa Core Curriculum. Discussion followed.

Senior Year Plus Data

Jeremy Varner presented data on enrollment in Senior Year Plus programs for FY 2009. He provided an overview of the FY 2009 Iowa Community Colleges Joint Enrollment Report, the FY 2009 Condition of Education Report data on Postsecondary Enrollment Options Courses and Advanced Placement, and some equity data requested at the November 2009 meeting. Discussion followed.

NACEP (National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships) Accreditation Update

Linda Allen, Vice President of Instruction at Hawkeye Community College and chair of the community college chief academic officers' group, provided an update on the status of the state's community colleges in obtaining NACEP-accredited status. She also provided an overview of a NACEP application workshop attended by the teams from each college as well as NACEP leadership. Jeremy Varner reported that all 15 colleges have obtained NACEP membership and all have provided documentation that demonstrates their intent to become accredited over the next two NACEP accreditation cycles. He also distributed

copies of the NACEP 2011 standards which will apply to all colleges reviewed during the second review cycle beginning in 2011. Discussion followed.

FY 2010 Annual Report Approval

Jeremy Varner provided a draft of the narrative of the FY 2010 Annual Report for the committee for adoption. The report outlines the activities of the committee during the year, the committee's membership, the process, and NACEP standards. Discussion followed.

Motion: Curt Oldfield moved and Joel Haack seconded to approve the report.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

FY 2011 Audit Plan Adoption

The committee discussed the plan for the coming fiscal year including the scope (i.e., whether to include PSEO or AP) and whether to expand upon the NACEP review by including additional checks during the state accreditation process for community colleges. Discussion followed.

Motion: Bill Giddings moved and Nicole Franta seconded to continue the current plan for FY 2011.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

Next Steps

The committee discussed the number of planned meetings and agreed to schedule only a tentative meeting for the fall. If there is no need for a fall meeting, the department can provide an update to the committee electronically. The committee also discussed the alternative review process that would be implemented if any college failed to obtain accredited status within a reasonable timeframe.

Demonstration of Peer Review Process for NACEP Accreditation

Randy Mead and Randy Gabriel of Des Moines Area Community College provided an overview of their experience going through the NACEP accreditation process. DMACC is the first college to have its application peer reviewed and is currently working through the process. They described the rigor of the process and the challenges that colleges face as they work to document practices, conduct surveys, and involve faculty. Discussion followed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.