

Meeting minutes of the Senior Year Plus Postsecondary Course Audit Committee

Present: Allen, Baber, Beckett, Brown, Ewell, Pease, Prusha, Taylor; **Not present:** Blake; **Department of Education:** Kotamraju, St Clair, Varner

The Senior Year Plus Postsecondary Course Audit Committee (PCSAC) convened on January 25, 2019. The meeting began at 9:00 AM.

VARNER discussed the history of the committee and the National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) accreditation in Iowa, with the focus on ensuring quality in offerings delivered through Senior Year Plus and in particular offerings delivered concurrent enrollment. The committee and NACEP accreditation are one of multiple layers of accountability, which also includes K-12 and community college accreditation processes. ALLEN, PRUSHA, and TAYLOR shared their view of the process and how it unfolded over the past 10 years.

ST CLAIR led a discussion regarding NACEP re-accreditation efforts and national trends/updates. Amy Williams, the new Executive Director of NACEP, joined the group via Zoom to discuss her vision for the organization. ALLEN, PRUSHA, and TAYLOR discussed NACEP re-accreditation efforts for each of their institutions.

VARNER introduced the 2019-20 PSCAC audit plan. The audit plan specifies that each community college shall demonstrate compliance with state statutory requirements for concurrent enrollment by maintaining NACEP accreditation. It was noted that the audit plan contains no course-of-action should a community college fail to maintain accreditation. In response, VARNER described the three possible outcomes of the NACEP accreditation process – on-going accreditation, conditional accreditation, or denial of accreditation. A community college that receives on-going or conditional accreditation will be in compliance with the audit plan. Should a community college fail to maintain accreditation, the PSCAC would reconvene to determine appropriate next steps. ST CLAIR asked for a motion to approve the 2019-20 audit plan.

Motion: Allen; Second: Baber
In favor: All; Opposed: None.

ST CLAIR provided the group with an update on recent trends in joint enrollment and Senior Year Plus, including select information from the [2018 Condition of Iowa's Community Colleges Report](#) and the [2018 Condition of Education Report](#).

VARNER and ST CLAIR discussed new Department and legislative initiatives, including recent trends with the relation between concurrent enrollment and secondary offer-and-teach requirements, and the Summer College Credit Program.

ALLEN and BABER were recognized for their service on the committee. Both be leaving their positions at the end of the academic year. The Department will identify individuals to fill these vacancies.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 PM.