

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL (CCC) MEETING NOTES**

January 22, 2020 -- 3:30 – 5:00 PM

Iowa Department of Education – ICN Room

**Those in attendance included:**

- ❑ Michael Bearden, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Bettie Bolar, CCC and State Board of Education Member (via conf. call)
- ❑ Mary Ellen Miller, CCC and State Board of Education Member (via conf. call)
- ❑ Mike Knedler, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Moudy Nabulsi, CCC Member and Trustee, Southeastern Community College (via conf. call)
- ❑ Alex Harris, Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ❑ Paula Nissen, Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ❑ Chris Russell, Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ❑ Mike Williams, Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ❑ Joe Collins, Consultant, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ❑ Eric St Clair, Lead Consultant, Bureau of Career and Technical Education
- ❑ Jeremy Varner, Administrator, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation

**I. Welcome and Introductions—Mike Knedler, Chair**

Chair Knedler called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM. Members and presenters introduced themselves.

**II. Approval of Meeting Notes—Mike Knedler**

Chair Knedler asked for approval of the notes from the November 19, 2019, meeting of the CCC.

**Motion:** Moudy Nabulsi moved and Bettie Bolar seconded to approve the meeting notes.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**III. Updates – Jeremy Varner**

- Zoom is now being utilized for council meetings. Chris Russell is available for further training, if needed.
- A wide range of initiatives are underway, represented by the full agenda. The Governor's budget has been released and there was a proposed increase of 2.5% in state general aid. The Future Ready Iowa Last Dollar Scholarship was proposed to increase by \$2.8 million. Most students in the program are adults. The Future Ready Iowa grant has been cut due to low demand. The summer college credit program is proposed to increase to \$1 million. A workforce diploma program pilot has been proposed funded at \$500,000.
- Staffing changes include the hiring of Dr. Dennis Harden as chief of the Bureau of Career and Technical Education. He started January 13, 2020. The CTE administrative consultant position was filled by Dr. Jane Bradley. Jane came from Hawkeye Community College where she served as provost and vice president of academic affairs. Her first day will be March 2. At least two Bureau of Community Colleges positions are expected to be posted in coming weeks.
- Three Department bills are currently pending: (1) Corrections to Code. (2) Community college CTE instructor qualifications. (3) Senior Year Plus Proficiency Requirements.

**IV. Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund, Adult Education and Literacy FY 2019 Annual Report; Gap Tuition Assistance Program FY 2019 Annual Report; Pathways for Academic Career and Employment (PACE) FY 2019 Annual Report; Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network FY 2019 Annual Report – Joe Collins, Mike Williams, Alex Harris**

Joe Collins provided an overview of the Fund with a PowerPoint presentation. The components of the fund include GAP, PACE, Adult Education and Literacy, the Work-Based Learning Intermediary Network, the Accelerated Career Education (ACE) Infrastructure Fund, and the Workforce Training and Economic Development (WTED) Fund.

There was discussion about the goals for adult literacy, intermediary network activities and funding, and WTED reports.

Action required on the WTED FY 2019 Annual Progress Report and the Annual Plan Approval for FY 2020.

**Motion** FY 2019 (APR): Mike Bearden moved to approve the annual progress report for FY 2019 and Mary Ellen Miller seconded.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**Motion:** FY 2020 Annual Plan Approval: Moudy Nabulsi moved to approve the FY 2020 Annual Plan and Mike Bearden seconded.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**V. Eastern Iowa Community Colleges Comprehensive Accreditation Report – Chris Russell**

All three sites within EICC were visited: Scott Community College in Davenport, Muscatine Community College, and Clinton Community College. The colleges' special topic was work-based learning and there was discussion about transfer major efforts and how to utilize work-based learning courses within the programs.

There was discussion about diversity and complaints processes.

There were no compliance issues identified during the visit, but the team made recommendations. The next review is five years. There was discussion about whether to include a new section in the report with previous visits' accreditation report information.

**Motion:** Moudy Nabulsi moved to approve a five-year extension for the Eastern Iowa Community Colleges; Mike Bearden seconded.

**Vote:** The motion carried unanimously.

**VI. For the Good of the Order—Mike Knedler**

The meeting was adjourned. The CCC will meet face-to-face on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 3:30 – 5:00 PM, at the Department of Education’s ICN Room.

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