

COMMUNITY COLLEGE COUNCIL (CCC) MEETING NOTES
Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 2018 -- 3:30 – 4:00 PM
Conference Call (DE STAFF – ICN ROOM)

Those in attendance included:

- ❑ Linda Allen, President, Hawkeye Community College; and CCC Member (via conf. call)
- ❑ Michael Bearden, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Barbara Burrows, Chief, Bureau of Community Colleges
- ❑ MJ Dolan, Executive Director, Iowa Association of Community College Trustees (via conf. call)
- ❑ Mike Knedler, CCC and State Board of Education Member
- ❑ Mary Ellen Miller, CCC and State Board of Education Member (via conf. call)
- ❑ Moudy Nabulsi, CCC Member and Trustee, Southeastern Community College (via conf. call)
- ❑ Eric St Clair, Consultant, Bureau of Career and Technical Education
- ❑ Stephanie Weeks, Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation

I. Welcome and Introductions—Mike Knedler, Chair

Chair Knedler called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Members and presenters introduced themselves.

II. Approval of Meeting Notes—Mike Knedler

Chair Knedler asked for approval of the notes from the May 9, 2018, meeting of the CCC.

Motion: Moudy Nabulsi moved and Mary Ellen Miller seconded to approve the meeting notes.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

III. Division Updates—Barbara Burrows (on behalf of Jeremy Varner)

1. **Adult Education Literacy (AEL) Team**—Iowa's passing rate on the HiSET high school equivalency exam is the highest in the nation. Iowa continues to provide the exam which has a battery of five tests. We have a very good process on how they take the test, including a practice test on each subject.
2. **Request for Proposal (RFP) for English as a Second Language (ESL)**—We just finished an RFP for our ESL curriculum provider. The contract will be awarded to Burlington English.
3. **Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) Conference**—The AEL Conference was held July 16-18, 2018, at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. It was a great success with over 310 in attendance. There were two articles featured in the July Community College Leader Bulletin regarding the conference. One was in regard to Stacy Conley, adult education instructor at Indian Hills Community College, who was the recipient of the 2018 Archie Willard Adult Education and Literacy Educator of the Year award. The second article was regarding the keynote speaker at the conference, Juan Garcia, Assistant Vice President of Client Relations with ACT, Inc. Garcia shared his unique path to learning English and how his experience drives him to promote educational opportunities to ensure all students have the support they need to succeed.

4. **Great Lakes Foundation**—The Department of Education has been awarded an \$88,700 planning grant by the Great Lakes Higher Education Guaranty Corporation (Great Lakes) to convene Iowa's 15 community colleges in a collaborative effort to improve and scale current guided pathway initiatives statewide with a focus on closing equity gaps among students. The Department will serve as the grant's fiscal agent and staff within the Bureau of Community Colleges will work collaboratively with consultants at HCM Strategists, LLC, to perform activities related to this statewide initiative for colleges to provide career-focused academic guidance to improve student success, completion, and to ensure a seamless transfer process for students who wish to further their studies. The planning grant will result in interested colleges applying for an implementation grant to further this guided pathways work.
5. **Community College Accreditation**—The Division is working on an accreditation review survey for Iowa's community colleges to provide feedback regarding their review for our continuous improvement.
6. **Perkins Reauthorization**—The [Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act](#) passed the Senate on July 24, 2018, and awaits the President's signature, which is anticipated to occur on July 31. The law would amend and reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Act of 2006, which provides almost \$1.3 billion in federal support for career and technical education programs in all 50 states, including support for integrated career pathways programs. Iowa receives nearly \$12 million annually, divided between secondary education and community colleges. The Department is preparing to start work on an inclusive state plan development process and is gearing up to help institutions understand the changes in the new law. Much of the work that has been accomplished in Iowa as part of the statewide secondary CTE redesign effort, which was signed into law in 2016, already aligns well with this new federal legislation.

Eric St Clair reported that the passage of Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) will bolster the ongoing work of the Division in implementing House File 2392, the "CTE redesign" legislation. Indeed, for the first time in decades, Iowa has a strong state policy framework driving improvement of career and technical education across the state, particularly at the secondary level. Perkins V complements and supplements this work in many ways, and will serve to help ensure equitable access to high-quality career and technical education for all students.

7. **Skilled Workers**—Joe Collins, the Division's sector partnership consultant, is conducting focus groups on career pathway development in health sciences. Also, educational program consultants Paula Nissen and Vlad Bassis are working on producing a new report regarding noncredit reporting educational outcomes.
8. The **2018 Annual Report of Developmental Education in Iowa's Community Colleges** has garnered interest from AIR (American Institutes of Research). They are discussing partnering on a grant proposal.
9. **Division Staffing**—We are seeking talented individuals who are passionate about excellence in education to fill eight (8) positions over the next several months within the Division of Community Colleges and Workforce Preparation. We are looking for applicants with experience in the areas of career and technical education (particularly with expertise

in skilled trades, information technology, and health sciences), work-based learning and apprenticeships, data/accountability, policy analysis, and AmeriCorps. Currently, a position within the adult education and literacy team is posted at teachiowa.gov. The other positions will be posted over the next several months.

IV. IACCT Update—MJ Dolan

1. 2018 IACCT Conference—The July 18-20, 2018, IACCT Conference held at NIACC was a success. MJ said it was delightful to have one of NIACC’s students tell his story of going back to college at age 34. This is an excellent example of how community colleges change the world.
2. President Trump spoke at the Northeast Iowa Community College (NICC) Campus on July 25, 2018, as his pledge to “Made in America” showcase. Ivanka was involved in the visit. NICC has had President Obama in the past.
3. MJ reported that the IACCT community college business and industry flyer is in the process of being updated. She noted that Iowa’s community colleges serve 20 percent of the working population. The flyer is very effective with the legislature.
4. Iowa Community Colleges 2019 Legislative Priorities—The community colleges operational funds have not increased. One of the priorities is to increase community college State General Aid (SGA) at the same rate of growth as the State General Fund Revenue. Another priority is to protect and maintain the Iowa Skilled Worker and Job Creation Fund and New Jobs Training Programs. In regard to work-based learning, we are optimistic and continue to work with the Department.
5. 2018-19 IACCT Chair and IACCP Chair—MJ reported that Dave Schueller is the new chair of IACCT; and Daniel Kinney, Jr., President of Iowa Central Community Colleges, is the new chair of IACCP.

V. Rules: 281 IAC Chapter 21 (Adopt)—Barbara Burrows and Eric St Clair

The amendments to Chapter 21 incorporate changes to sections of 281 Iowa Administrative Code (IAC), which establish basic requirements for certificate, diploma, and degree programs, and instructional courses for drinking drivers. Changes include revision of Chapter 21 to accommodate the establishment of specialized programs of study, referred to as transfer majors, within general associate of arts and associate of science degree options. The rules ensure consistency in the development and approval of transfer major programs.

Eric reported that these rules were noticed at the May 9, 2018, CCC meeting and at the May 10, 2018, State Board of Education meeting. A public hearing was held on June 26, 2018, and presented to the rules committee on July 10, 2018. No comments were made and no one attended the public hearing. No changes were made to the rules.

Motion: Linda Allen moved and Michael Bearden seconded to move that the CCC recommend to the State Board adopt the amendments to Chapter 21.

Vote: The motion carried unanimously.

VI. For the Good of the Order—Mike Knedler

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM. The CCC will meet at Hawkeye Community College in Waterloo, Iowa, on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 3:30 – 5:00 PM.