

Intersegmental Chief Academic Officers (ICAO) Meeting
Friday, October 7, 2005
Community College of Baltimore County-Catonsville Campus
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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Mary Ellen Hrutka, UMUC, delivered the welcoming remarks and reviewed the schedule of meetings for the academic year.

Professional Mini-Development Workshop

Peter Eckel, ACE, led a brief professional development workshop titled, “The Science, Art and Craft of Academic Leadership,” where he engaged the meeting participants in informal dialogue based on Mintzberg’s model. (Citation: Mintzberg, H. (2004). Managers not MBAs. San Francisco: Berrett-Koehler Publishers.)

Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) Report

David Sumler, MHEC, presented the report, noting that the process for mission review was ongoing and committing to circulate a draft. The comments would be used to generate mission statements. He anticipated the process being completed around mid-December and these would be addressed in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) in the January or February meeting.

He also informed the group of the production of a comprehensive report for the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), even though the preparation of this report was not a requirement of the original agreement. Sumler hopes to gain certification by demonstrating the efforts made over the last five years in a number of areas. Included in the report are fifty data tables, currently under development, related to the commitments made to the OCR that will identify advances and areas for improvement. The comprehensive report should be completed by mid-November and be submitted to MHEC in December or January.

Another issue Sumler addressed was the development of policies on regional higher education centers. Culminating two years of discussions, MHEC has finalized recommendations for the legislature. These include increasing funding for all eight officially recognized regional higher education centers, special needs programs, and upper division graduate courses offered at regional centers. The purposes of these recommendations are not to redirect current funding areas, but to enhance regional higher education centers.

MHEC has also studied the possibility of creating a Maryland model for funding access to higher education. The idea was to hire a consultant firm and analyze steps taken by other states, making recommendations on the relationship between tuition level, state funding, and financial aid that the state provides through its financial agreements. MHEC plans on beginning work this fall and completing the major report next summer.

Sumler also reported that the K-16 Leadership Council is interested in the subject of college courses taken by high school students. They wish to know how to make senior year most beneficial in providing a jump start on college. MHEC has also been working on library information, information literacy, and ethical use of computer and library material.

AAT Update

Diane Hampton, MICUA, explained that AAT degrees have been approved in elementary education, early childhood education, and four content areas at the secondary level (Spanish, Math, Chemistry, and Physics). In total, 42 degrees are in place across the state.

Currently, the AAT Oversight Council is developing AAT degrees in special education and English. Special education remains a shortage area; however, not all four-year institutions offer these programs. English is not considered a statewide shortage area, but remains deficient in specific jurisdictions, such as Prince George's County. The current goal is to have these two new programs approved next summer so they may be implemented in fall 2006.

Steele Commission Report

A second part of Diane Hampton's presentation focused on the Governor's Commission on Quality Education in Maryland, chaired by Lt. Governor Michael S. Steele. This report contains several laudable recommendations. However, it appears that the Commission did not have full knowledge of recent and ongoing initiatives when developing their recommendations, as it advises Maryland to look at the work of other states for best practices in areas where Maryland was a pioneer.

M4CAO (Maryland Council of Community College Chief Academic Officers) Report

Timothy Keating, College of Southern Maryland, presented the M4CAO report. The M4CAO has met twice since last reporting to the Intersegmental CAOs. On June 1st and 2nd, the group sponsored a conference titled Coherence in General Education: Liberal Learning Outcomes for a Practical World. At its September 9th meeting, the group endorsed the MHEC addenda for AAT degrees where outcomes are specifically mapped to particular experiences or courses in the program. Issues facing the community college academic officers for the 05-06 year include:

- International studies consortium
- Monitoring the math pilot of alternative pathways to gen ed math
- Transfer partnerships
- Articulations with 4-year institutions
- A June conference once again
- Regular reporting from statewide affinity groups
- The Steele Report
- K-16 issues
- Nursing
- teacher education

USM MACC Report

Mary Gartner, Frostburg State University, presented the USM MACC report. A USM MACC committee was formed to examine seamless transfers from 2-year to 4-year institutions. Dr. Elaine Ryan, President of the College of Southern Maryland and Dr. Robert Caret, President of Towson University are the co-chairs of this committee. In addition, Dr. Gartner reported that there will be statewide meetings of discipline groups.

Conclusion

Mary Ellen Hrutka concluded by thanking everyone for attending. She noted the scheduled meetings for the academic year:

December 9 – Loyola College/Columbia Center
February 10 – University of Maryland University College
May 5 – Howard Community College, Gateway Center

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