

## Academic Affairs

October 31, 2018

Dr. Bullard gave an update on Dr. Pattillo, explaining he is not well and Dr. Westbrook has been named Interim President.

1. **Platinum Analytics “momentum year”**

John Calahan

John Calahan gave an update on Complete College America and recommended reviewing their website, which provides a lot of information and data that support on-time college completion initiatives. He also explained Momentum year and how we can track students. It will be available in approximately six weeks, he is happy to meet with anyone to provide more details.

Dr. Bullard asked for feedback from deans and directors concerning EAB, who uses this? Who is in support of keeping? As we are considering not renewing our membership. Information should be sent directly to Dr. Bullard.

2. **Pathways/Degree Maps**

John Calahan

John Calahan gave overview on degree maps/Pathways. Dr. Guidry said at a recent coordinating board Dr. Paredes said the biggest issue right now is transferability. The State has been pushing for guided pathways. Dr. Guidry said the BAAS is customized to what the student has done in the workforce, and we need to get that message out.

Dr. Bullard stated at one of the recent Coordinating Board sessions they discussed increasing community college transfers, Dr. Guidry will email the document to the deans and directors.

3. **The Credit Hour Standard/TCCNS Conversion**

Marc Guidry

During our last SACs accreditation we were not required to show we met credit hour standards, this time it is required. John Calahan’s office randomly checked a sample of syllabi uploaded and many did not meet the requirements.

Dr. Guidry gave an example of Curriculog and going to new common numbering system.

4. **Community College building relationships  
Co-branding Social Work**

Brian Murphy

The Coordinating Board emphasis is to partner with community colleges, we must work with them to accept transfer students; BM gave an outline. He stated that our website is not user friendly for transfer students.

Dr. Bisping explained the Flex MBA in the College of Business, which is working well. Dr. Murphy stated that community colleges are always stating they need to add to

articulation agreements, transcripts arriving late can cause issues.

Dr. Murphy presented a proposal with Social Work/LoneStar College, to develop co-branded program. This would give LoneStar permission to transfer so our presence at LoneStar would greatly increase. Idea to brand it would include joint admissions. Need to pursue this and what next steps are.

5. **Sample message from TAMU Registrar**

Steve Bullard

Dr. Bullard shared an email sent from A&M to freshman and felt this would be very useful. Rachele reported that Financial Aid send out student emails with terms and conditions of financial aid, rules, repeat rules etc. She said with the use of proxies in banner the student could give a proxy access to parent so they could see information like this. Dr. Williams said information is sent to freshmen but not to transfer students. The Coordinating Board state we need really good transfer orientation.

6. **Draft guidelines for dual credit**

Steve Bullard

Dr. Bullard thanked Dr. Sanders for developing guidelines for dual credit for specific audiences. The guidelines list chairs responsibilities as well as the dual credit instructor responsibilities. We must have faculty that want to do this. Parents talk to one another and we need to have a good reputation.

Any comments or suggestions for these guidelines should be sent to Dr. Tareilo, these guidelines were written with SACs accreditation in mind.

Dr. Sanders suggested providing students help with D2L and also for parents; they are not kept informed like high school students because of FERPA.

Dr. Shannon stated that Zoom is more popular with dual credit students than on-line.

Dr. Tareilo will work with necessary people to arrange orientations for dual credit and put these into the guidelines.

Dr. Bullard asked how we are proctoring exams, Dr. Sanders stated that a large number of schools have testing centers and this may be something we want to look into. The testing center at SFA charges \$20 per hour but we cannot use for our own students, need to work with Danny Gallant to see how to proceed.

Dr. Bullard said we need to try to highlight bright spots, for example, Dr. Murphy created boot camps and pull people in to teaching in new ways.

7. **Any other business**

Rachele Garrett reported that student/parent loan debt for 2017/2018 aid year has decreased by \$10 million.

QEP town hall November 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30p.m. Griffith Auditorium, “the next big thing”.

Showcase Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Date of next meeting:**  
November 28, 2018

*Attendees:*

*Kim Childs*

*Lesa Beverly*

*Brian Murphy*

*Hans Williams*

*Jason Reese*

*Mike Tkacik*

*Mary Smith*

*Heather Catton*

*Tim Bisping*

*Rachele Garrett*

*Karyn Hall*

*Janet Tareilo*

*John Calahan*

*Erma Brecht*

*Judy Abbott*

*Jonathan Helmke*

*Joe Shannon*

*Buddy Himes*

*Pauline Sampson*

*Steve Bullard*

*Sharon Brewer*