

Minutes [tentative]
Senior Year Plus (SYP) Postsecondary Course Audit Committee
Grimes State Office Building
Friday, June 28, 2013

The SYP Postsecondary Course Audit Committee meeting was held on June 28, 2013 in Room B50 of the Grimes State Office Building in Des Moines, IA. The following committee members were in attendance: Linda Allen, Gerry Beeler, Diedre Heistad, Julie Rosin, Carl Smith, and Bill Taylor. Not present: Nicole Franta, Sue Wood, and Lon Moeller.

Welcome and Review of Committee Charge

Division Administrator Jeremy Varner welcomed committee members, explained membership changes, and provided a review of the charge of the committee.

Senior Year Plus Update

Jeremy Varner provided an update on Senior Year Plus including plans to hire a staff person to oversee Senior Year Plus activities and update the department's SYP guide. He also explained the new concurrent enrollment coordinators' group and its activities. He provided a legislative update including an explanation of the bill expanding schools' permissive uses of local option sales tax funds, the secondary career and technical education taskforce, and other activities. He also provided the most recent data on joint enrollment in Iowa. Discussion followed.

Review of the Fiscal Year 2013 Audit Plan

Jeremy Varner provided an overview of the FY 2013 audit plan as well as historical context. Discussion followed.

National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) Update and FY 2013 and FY 2014 Audit Plans

Jeremy Varner provided an update on the NACEP accreditation process and the status of Iowa community colleges in obtaining accredited status. He outlined possible options for addressing the one community college which had not yet obtained accredited status. The group discussed a number of options including following the previous plan including removal of concurrent enrollment supplementary weighting from school districts receiving courses provided by the college or requiring a mentorship arrangement with a peer institution for a one or two year period. Linda Allen volunteered Hawkeye Community College to be the mentor institution, providing general oversight and technical assistance regarding concurrent enrollment program delivery, documentation protocols, and application preparation. Hawkeye Community College would report any substantive problems with the mentoring relationship or program quality and report any areas of continued noncompliance. Additionally, the chair of the board of directors of the mentee college would be appraised of the situation. The mentoring arrangement would support the mentee college's next application for NACEP accredited status. If the college's next application is unsuccessful, the concurrent enrollment offerings of the college would be deemed to not meet the committee's standards and would no longer be eligible for supplementary weighted funding. Discussion followed.

Motion: Carol Smith moved and Diedre Heistad seconded a motion to amend the audit plans to include the proposed mentoring arrangement with the intent of permitting the mentee institution to demonstrate it is meeting standards through that arrangement. Additionally, it is expected that the chair of the board of the mentee institution be notified of the arrangement and the department and

Hawkeye Community College will report back to the audit committee if any significant problems are identified with or through the mentoring arrangement.

Vote: The motion carried with Beeler, Heistad, Smith, Rosin, and Taylor supporting. Allen abstained.

Next Steps

The committee discussed possible meeting dates and modalities.

The meeting was adjourned.