

STCIR Fall Meeting
Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX
November 14, 2003
10:00 AM

Present: David Andrus (DMC), Brenda Cole (STCC), Ruth Creekmore (TAMUK), Edelmirio De La Garza (UTPA), Jessie Garcia (STCC), Jacque Gillispie (STCC), Dr. Susan Griffith (UTPA), Bridgette Hardin (TAMUCC), Srikanth Kasha (TAMUCC), Dr. Paul Orser, Jr. (TAMUCC), Dr. S.J. Sethi (UTPA), Alan Tipton (TAMUK)

Distributed: Agenda, list of expected attendees, AASCU Foundational Dimensions (TAMUCC), SAIR presentation (UTPA), meeting site history, UTPA enrollment trends, STCIR listserv, October issue of TAIR News (UTPA), the Kansas Study (STCC), NCCBP (STCC), TAMUCC mapping/trends, TAMUCC current construction projects

Introductions: Dr. Griffith introduced Dr. S. J. Sethi, Assistant Director in OIRE at UTPA. Dr. Orser introduced his new staff member, Bridgette Hardin.

National Student Clearinghouse: Mr. Andrus informed the group that EnrollmentVerify and DegreeVerify base their price on fall enrollment at about 12 cents per student. Their services include nationwide degree verifying for approximately 91% of students in private, public, and military schools. Students and alumni can log in to access their documents free of charge. Enrollment records are by semester and by course, as well as by degree. Mr. Andrus will report more on the clearinghouse at the next STCIR meeting.

Data Exchange – Status Report: Mr. De La Garza stated that UTPA is already participating in the data exchange. The institution seeking information will contact the receiving institution. Ms. Cole will contact Dr. Gail Dantzker (STCC) for more specifics concerning the proposed data exchange.

SAIR October Meeting: Dr. Orser distributed a handout concerning the freshman experience and stated that he was on a panel that discussed the issue. Items discussed at the panel session included whether a model could be created to define an outstanding first year program, and how that program could be measured. Nine criteria were determined by the panel and listed on the handout. Dr. Orser stated that 125 institutions were participating in the AASCU Foundational Dimensions, including TAMUCC. A national conference concerning the findings will be held in approximately one year. Dr. Griffith distributed a handout from Texas State University–San Marcos that discussed inconsistencies in definitions and reporting methods for institutional researchers.

Spring 2004 Enrollment Trends: Dr. Griffith distributed the UTPA Spring 2004 enrollment trends, including the amount registered and the change from last spring, all by date.

STCIR Listserv: Dr. Griffith distributed a current copy of the STCIR listserv. A few people, including Charles Burmeister, Jennifer Crosby, Jerry Scheerer, and Christopher Vinger, were removed from the list and it was suggested that San Antonio institutions be added. Members will review the list and discussion will be held at the next STCIR meeting.

STCIR Website: Dr. Griffith informed the members that a new person is needed to maintain the STCIR website. Discussion will be held at the next STCIR meeting.

February Meeting: Dr. Griffith distributed the October issue of TAIR News, which contains information concerning the upcoming annual conference.

Next Meeting Sites: The next meeting will be held at the TAIR conference in College Station in February, followed by TAMUK in June, and STCC in November.

Meeting Schedule: Three meetings per year were suggested, lowering the amount from five. Proposed months were November, February (at the annual TAIR conference as a special interest group), and June. One meeting per year would be held in the Valley, one further north, and the other at the location of the annual TAIR conference. This schedule will be piloted for one year and discussion will be held after three meetings have passed.

Section 50: Mr. Andrus informed the group of section 50, which states that institutions will not be reimbursed for students' third attempts (or any later attempts) at any course, including developmental courses. This could result in a loss for institutions. The counts began in Fall 2001. Members will research what their institutions' policies are and discussion will be held at the next STCIR meeting.

Kansas Study: Ms. Gillispie informed the members of the Kansas Study, which is currently free to community colleges. She stated that it is similar to the Delaware Study available for universities. A handout on the study was distributed, as well as one on the National Community College Benchmark Project, which is not free to community colleges.

TAMUCC: Dr. Orser distributed handouts with the geographical reach, five-year enrollment projection using SPSS Trends, and the current construction projects for TAMUCC. He will e-mail the listserv with the correct name of the mapping software used for the geographical reach map.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on February 27, 2004, at the TAIR conference in Bryan/College Station.