

STCIR Summer Meeting
Texas A&M – Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX
June 24, 2005
10:20 a.m.

Present: David Andrus (DMC), Brenda Cole (STC), Lydia Flores (UTPA), Ed De La Garza (UTPA), Jessie Garcia (STC), Jacque Gillispie (STC), Bridgette Hardin (TAMUCC), Leah Harter (DMC), Srikanth Kasha (TAMUCC), Randy Lindeman (CBC), Dr. Paul Orser (TAMUCC), Fenghua Peng (UTPA), Darlene Roberts (DMC), Laura Talbot (STC), Alan Tipton (TAMUK),

Distributed: Summer enrollment, BAT approval at STC, SACS faculty credentialing, THECB graduation rates, IPEDS Peer Analysis System sample, DMC enrollment projections

Documenting Faculty Credentials: Mr. Andrus stated that faculty credentials are one of the main things that SACS looks at. Mrs. Talbot informed the group that only three community colleges in Texas were attempting to offer bachelors degrees. Site visits to these community colleges will focus primarily on the level change, including library services and faculty credentials in the upper level courses. STC will experience a small site visit in Spring 2006. Ms. Roberts stated that all faculty have to have at least an associates degree in the area they will teach. Faculty qualifications must meet the requirements for each specific course. She stated that faculty will be notified of noncompliance before an action plan is drawn up for each faculty member. A faculty credential review committee from SACS will look at documents of qualification and the institution's roster. All faculty must be in compliance by a specified deadline. Mr. Lindeman stated that CBC will not offer courses if there isn't a qualified instructor on their roster. Mrs. Talbot informed the group that if a faculty member had a PhD, SACS would not look at the course level. The exceptions were human versus animal biology, banking, and statistics. WECM courses are reviewed at the course level for all instructors. She informed the members that STC has removed courses and sent people back to school. DMC distributed sample faculty qualification datasheets that will be used at DMC. Ms. Roberts stated that life experience may include a letter from where the faculty member worked or proof that he/she had a business in that area.

IPEDS Reporting Changes: Mr. Andrus informed the group that IPEDS changes will allow better transfer and completion tracking due to more data available from institutions.

THECB Licensure Exam: Mr. Andrus stated that DMC runs a report, sends it to the Deans, who send it to the Chairs, who then send it to THECB with documentation to correct any errors in the THCEB report.

THECB Closing the Gaps: Mr. Andrus stated that DMC anticipates more growth than the THECB projections.

BAT Approval at STC: Ms. Cole stated that STC will begin offering courses for the Bachelor of Applied Technology in Technology Management in Fall 2005.

Schedule of STCIR Meetings: It was suggested that STCIR have three stand-alone meetings in the upcoming year and will get together for dinner at the annual TAIR meeting. There will be one presentation at each of the three stand-alone meetings.

Elections: Ms. Hardin was elected Chair and Mrs. Garcia will continue as Secretary.

Enrollment: Mr. Lindeman informed the group that CBC is on probation from SACS. They are expecting a site visit in August.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be held in November 2005 at Coastal Bend College in Beeville