

TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING BOARD

Minutes

Community and Technical College Leadership Council

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Austin, Texas

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AGENDA ITEM	ACTION
1. Welcome and call to order	<p>The Council convened at 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>The following Council members were present: Anita Shackelford, Southwest Texas Junior College Armin Cantini, Galveston College Charles Weaver, Central Texas College Cheryl Sparks, Howard College Dan Mims, San Jacinto College K. Paul Holt, McLennan Community College Lonnie Howard, Lamar Institute of Technology Mark Williams, Austin Community College Mike Reeser, Texas State Technical College Ron Walker, Victoria College</p> <p>The following Council members were not present: Brenda Kays, Kilgore College Jeremy McMillen, Grayson College Ricardo Solis, Laredo Community College William Serrata, El Paso Community College</p> <p>Staff present: Raymund Paredes, Commissioner David Gardner, Deputy Commissioner, Academic Planning and Policy John Wyatt, Director, External Relations Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce Julie Eklund, Assistant Commissioner, Strategic Planning and Funding Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner, College Readiness and Success</p>

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<p>Letter from Governor, Greg Abbott</p>	<p>Raymund Paredes, Commissioner, briefed the Council of a concerning a letter he had received from the Governor mandating public community colleges review and assess their compliance with applicable laws related to school safety on public community college campuses. He expressed to the committee how seriously and urgently the Governor considered the issue of school safety and the importance of addressing the governor's directives outlined in the letter promptly. He reiterated the importance of following state statute and addressing any audit findings as mandated by the Governor to ensure campus and student safety.</p> <p>The Council discussed general campus security concerns such as open and concealed carrying of firearms, dual credit students on campus and informing students of policies and procedures related to school safety.</p>
<p>2. Consideration of summary notes from the November 29, 2017 meeting</p>	<p>On a motion by Charles Weaver, seconded by Anita Shackelford, the Council approved the minutes.</p>
<p>3. Legislative Update and Interim Discussions</p>	<p>John Wyatt, Director, External Relations briefed the Council on interim legislative activities, and discussed legislative recommendations THECB is developing for the next legislative session.</p> <p>He informed the Council about hearings held by the Joint Interim Committee on Higher Education Formula Funding, a special committee created by a rider in the current General Appropriation Act. The Committee composed of five members from each chamber is charged to look at higher education formula funding in general, along with non-formula items, and charged to make recommendations for the introduced budget for the upcoming session based on their findings. He stated the Committee discussed how funding based on success points and graduation bonuses could be applied to public universities.</p> <p>The Council discussed concerns impacting community colleges and their ability to raise taxes at the local level,</p>

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	<p>specifically if new limitations to raise taxes at the local level are imposed.</p> <p>Other Interim committees will discuss the ongoing recovery of Hurricane Harvey, all aspects of dual credit, and the implementation of 60X30TX.</p> <p>John advised the Council of the formula funding recommendations made by the formula funding advisory committee. The Commissioner will also make recommendations and the Board will ultimately adopt a final recommendation.</p> <p>The agency is also considering legislative priorities related to internship opportunities, transfer, dual credit and college readiness, and financial aid.</p> <p>The Council requested that a future agenda item focus on Community college funding.</p> <p>John rejoined the meeting and provided additional comments about school safety after the conference call with the Office of the Governor. He stated each community college that had an audit finding based on the school safety center report would have 45 days to correct the identified deficiency.</p>
<p>4. Update from the Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC) and Community College Association of Texas Trustees, Jacob Fraire, President & Chief Executive Officer, TACC.</p>	<p>Jacob Fraire, President and Chief Executive Officer, Texas Association of Community Colleges (TACC), briefed the Council on recent TACC activities and provided an update on current project collaborations with THECB. He provided information about a campus safety event held by Tyler Junior College and other information about how community colleges have addressed campus safety. He discussed that success points should be funded at \$215 each with new money, and not be reallocated out of the existing contact hour funding.</p> <p>He discussed the dual credit task force and explained how TACC had partnered with University of Texas and their upcoming report. He advised approximately 10 percent of high school students enroll in dual credit courses, approximately 20 percent high school graduates completed dual credit courses, and that approximately 9 percent of all higher education students participated in dual credit.</p> <p>He introduced Rose Martinez as the Director of Trustee Strategies for the Community College Association of Texas Trustees (CCATT). She outlined recent activities that included the Association of Community College Trustees (AACT) event held in Washington, DC. She also apprised the committee on combined legislative planning between TACC, CCATT, and the Texas Community College Teachers Association (TCCTA). She reminded the committee about the upcoming CCATT trustee meeting.</p>

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<p>5. Discussion of the application process for Baccalaureate Degree Programs at Public Junior Colleges</p>	<p>Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce provided an update concerning Senate Bill 2118 which authorizes baccalaureate degree programs in certain fields at public community colleges. He discussed the specific requirements a college must meet before a new program is approved, including taxable valuation of the district, composite financial index, and capacity of existing programs at all colleges and universities in the region. He explained how capacity was evaluated in a given area in consideration of existing programs and workforce need. He discussed that currently six applications have been submitted and that staff was processing those applications that have been received.</p>
<p>6. Update concerning issues related to Dual Credit</p>	<p>Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce, stated that issues related to dual credit have been covered earlier in the meeting. He provided additional details concerning the proposed legislative recommendation related to demonstration of college readiness and dual credit, and how college readiness could be demonstrated.</p> <p>It was suggested the upcoming dual credit studies be presented in detail at the next meeting.</p>
<p>7. Update of rules related to HB 2223 and Developmental Education Reform</p>	<p>Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner, College Readiness and Success, explained how HB 2223 requires all institutions to initially co-enroll at least 25 percent of developmental education students in a college credit course at the same time they take a developmental education course. He explained that the bill reduces the number of developmental hours a university can report for funding purposes to 9 semester credit hours and to 18 at community colleges. The number at community colleges had previously been 27 semester credit hours.</p>
<p>8. Discussion of revisions to the ApplyTexas common application</p>	<p>Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce, discussed that the application would be changed to identify foster students. Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner, College Readiness and Success provided information concerning other enhancements to the online application to make the identifying and communicating with students more efficient.</p>
<p>9. Update concerning issues related to transfer and Fields of Study</p>	<p>Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce discussed the agencies efforts to develop fields of study in the top 25 transfer major by the end of the year. He explained fields of study in these would capture a significant number of students who transfer. He asked the committee to consider nominating faculty to serve on each discipline specific committee.</p>

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10. Discussion of changes to the College and Career Readiness Standards	Jerel Booker, Assistant Commissioner, College Readiness and Success, provided information about how teams had been developed in partnership with Texas Tech to review and revise the College and Career Readiness standards.
11. Discussion of Marketable Skills and meeting the goals of <i>60x30TX</i>	Rex Peebles, Assistant Commissioner, Academic Quality and Workforce briefed the Council about the upcoming Marketable Skills conference in Houston. The purpose of the conference is to help institutions understand how to identify marketable skills, and to communicate those skills to students, business, and industry.
12. Discussion of future agenda items and meeting dates.	The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 14, 2018, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm.
13. Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.