

Academic Leadership Council
MINUTES
October 27, 2008, 8:30 – 9:30 am
MCCS Board Room

Attendees: Sandra Beck, Peter Biegel, Sherry David, Betsy Davis, Bill Davis, Linda Fife, Julie Giuliani, Kim Hardy, BJ Hausman, Margo Martin, Michael Reiner, Michael Reynolds, Jim Simpson, Charles Smires, Judy Staver, Sandra Willis

1. Approval of October 13, 2008 minutes

- The minutes were reviewed and no changes were suggested. Margo Martin moved to approve the minutes and Sandra Willis seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. State College Transition: Operational Discussion

- Peter Biegel outlined the plans that he and the Student Success Deans have been working on for the College's "Welcome Center." Customer Service standards will be implemented in the Welcome Center. One part of this is the high school completion component. From that area, it will be determined where the student should go. The roles that the Academic Skills Center and GED Academy will play in the Center also were discussed, along with how best to serve the needs of the continuing student. Several working groups have been formed for the year, each led by a different Student Success Dean, to include advising, career development, student life and leadership, and assessment.
- Peter reviewed the details of a diagram that had been created that outlines the plans of the B.A.S. degrees. There are a number of areas that will be affected by the addition of the degrees, as follows:
 - Credentialing: there are issues associated with pay for terminal degrees; faculty workload; the percentage of terminal degrees needed in a new program to meet SACS requirements; the need to re-evaluate the credentialing matrices to meet these new requirements. Jim Simpson and Peter Biegel stated that there was a meeting in two weeks with the Associate Dean's and Instructional Program Managers to address these BAS operational issues (including credentialing), and that several members of the ALC were included in this meeting.
 - Student Advising: the workload in this area will increase significantly. Peter Biegel suggested that a working group could work on how to assist with advising for next fall.
 - Foreign Language completion: this is another area that Peter Biegel indicated needs to be addressed, as the College will need to decide how to document a student's foreign language completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.