Seminole State College Board of Regents Regular Meeting

JANUARY 16, 2014 ENOCH KELLY HANEY CENTER BOARD ROOM

President's Report

Personnel Update

Retirements

Mona Griffin – Head Cashier



Becky Moreland - Communications Clerk/Switchboard



Position Changes

Jeanie Nix Financial Aid Director

Sara Ledford Student Support Services Advisor

> Julie Hix GEAR UP Director

Holly Newell Educational Talent Search Advisor









Chamber Honors Personnel



Natasha Rodgers Administrative Assistant Fiscal Affairs



Jamie Mills Math Instructor/Student Athletic Academic Advisor

Oklahoma President of AT&T Bryan Gonterman visited with members of the President's Leadership Class



St. Gregory's University and Seminole State College Form Partnership



St. Gregory's President Gregory Main and President Dr. Jim Utterback





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September 5, 2013

Glen Johnson, Chancellor Oklahoma State Board of Regents 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200 Oklahoma City, OK 73104-3603

Dear Chancellor Johnson:

I am writing in response to your letter seeking clarification of the Commission's policies in several respects. These policy considerations have arisen relative to Oklahoma's Cooperative Allineer/Agreement between degree-granning colleges accordised by the Higher Learning Commission and non-degree-granning technology centers according to the Higher Learning Department of Career and the Chemology Education, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education with regard to posisceondary vocational education.

You have raised questions with regard to Assumed Practice B.1, which requires that a minimum number of creditive be carned at the accredited institution and indicates that such crediti could be earned "through arrangements with other accredited institutions or through contractual relationships approved by the Commission."

The first question you have asked is whether "other accredited institutions" would typically include modegree-genting postscendary invitations accredited by a state entity recognized by the federal government. The answer is that they would not. The Commission anticipated by the phones "accredited institutions" institutions that are degree-granting colleges and universities accredited by an agency recognized by the federal government for Titel VI federal financial and purposes and including within its scope the accreditations of degree-granting entities. The technology centers as you have described them do not meet these expectations.

The second question you have asked is whether consortial arrangements continue to be permitted as a vehicle through which credit may apply towards degree requirements. The policy on consortial arrangements defines constrail arrangement is between two rome degreegranting colleges or universities accredited by an agency recognized by the federal government for Tile IV federal financial aid purposes and including within its scope the accordination of degree-granting entities. Arrangements between an institution accredited by the Commission and a college or deductional entity that does not meet this requirement are contractual rather than consortial arrangements.

Both contractual and consortial arrangements are subject to review and approval by the Commission. Contractual arrangements require approval by the Commission when 25% or more of an academic program is provided by the contractual partner whereas consortial arrangements Glen Johnson, September 5, 2013 2

do not require approval unless 50% or more of the program is provided by the consortial partne Because of the nature of the technology centers, as you have described them, a relationship wit a technology center is a contractual relationship.

The Commission may approve such contractual relationships, however, they must meet Commission expectations in the Criteria for Accreditation and Assumed Practices regarding appropriate academic quality. In examining the arrangements with regard to the technology centers, the saft Tilaison for Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology-Okmulgee, Dr. Jeff Rosen, note dismificient control by the accredited institution of the faculty, curriculum, assessment of student learning, and other aspects of the program that seemed to be under the control of the technology centers rather than the accredited institution. Without changes in these arrangements, approval of these relationships seems unlikely.

The third question you have asked is under what conditions would the technology center work be able to most requirements for a constorial arrangement. It does not appear that the relationships with the technology centers could be categorized as constraint leaflorships. Commissions staff suggested in the meeting that the accredited colleges could accept the work of trunsfer credit rounds a degree or corrificate provided that they identify a maximum allowable credit, as noted in the Assumed Practices, (See Assumed Practice B.1.b and B.1.g.)

The final question you have asked is what is a "reasonable proportion" of total credit hours required for completion of the student's program at the institution granting the degree. As noted in Assumed Practice B1, the institution will program of the dease of an Associate's degree, 15 of the 60 credits be from the institution inself. This would constitute approximately 25% as you have noted.

I hope this additional information has helped to clarify further the Commission's expectations. Please contact Karen Solinski, Vice President for Legal and Governmental Affairs, ext. 111 if you have other questions or contact me.

> Sincerely, Sylvia Masning Sylvia Manning President

ce: Jeffrey Rosen, Vice President for Accreditation Relations Robert Appleson, Vice President for Accreditation Relations Karen Solinski, Vice President for Legal and Governmental Affairs

From: Andrew Lootens-White [mailto:alootenswhite@htcommission.org] Sent: Thursday, January 02, 2014 1:07 PM To: Tom Mills Subject: Inquiry re: letter to Chancellor Johnson

Hi Tom,

Thanks for your patience with the delayed response due to the holidays and needing to obtain additional information.

I've attached an electronic copy of the letter to which I believe you referred in our phone conversation (let me know if this isn't the correct letter).

If Seminole State is in an instructional arrangement with any tech centers -- as described in the attached letter -- then HLC approval is required before any such instructional activity continues.

As the letter states, such relationships are "contractual relationships" and subject to HLC review and approval. If is important to note that such instruction must meet HLC expectations regarding appropriate academic quality at the higher education level.

Let me know if you would like to visit on the phone; now that I have the "background," I can speak in more detail about questions you might have.

-andy

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President's Report – Upcoming Activities





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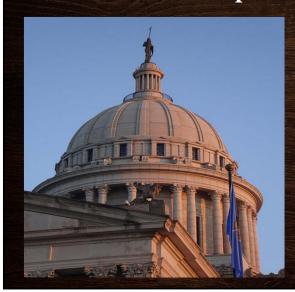
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Trojan Baseball Season Kick-off Banquet

February 8, 2014 – 6:30 p.m. Enoch Kelly Haney Center

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Higher Education Day at the Capitol February 11, 2014

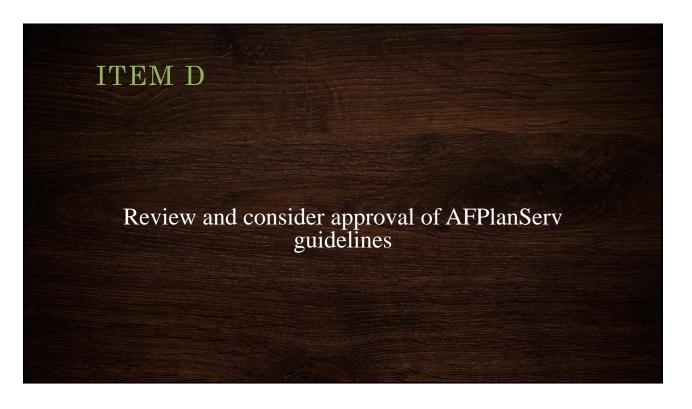
Business Items





Review and consider approval to streamline fees by combining the Hybrid/Online course fee with the Outreach/Non-Campus fee to create a Distance Education/Outreach Fee of \$25





ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: February 20th