

INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2020

10:00am via Zoom

Chairs: Jessica Morales(C), Debra Dart (B)

Recorder: Glenn “Bert” Fox (C)

In Attendance: Michael Blankenship (English-C), Debra Dart (Information Systems-B), Jennifer Ferguson (District), Sydney Gordon (Libraries-B), , Jessica Morales (Natural Sciences-C), Glenn “Bert” Fox (Social Sciences-C), Angela Slaughter (Business Management-P), Steve Litherland (District), Angela Bell (Health Professions-B), Lisa Carter (Information Systems-B).

Absent: None

I. Roll call/ Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 10:08am. Quorum was established at 10:08am.

II. Approval of Minutes from November Meeting

Prior minutes were approved unanimously with minor edits.

III. Chair Updates

Debra Dart reported that PAPC has not yet provided guidance regarding committee charges.

IV. Open Business

Open Business was tabled to provide time to discuss the report of the compressed session subcommittee of the TCCISC.

V. New Business

A. Report of the Compressed Session Subcommittee of the TCCISC

Dean Fairchild and Provost Summers discussed recommendations to change the length of semesters from 16 weeks to 15 weeks, as well as changing the dynamic sessions from 12 weeks to 10 weeks, and from 8 weeks to 7 weeks. A further recommendation was to create five week dynamic sessions and a 3 week session between the traditional Fall and Spring semesters. This presentation was done to solicit feedback; the committee made no motion regarding these recommendations.

The committee and guests discussed the proposals and the committee gave the following feedback:

- 1) That Dean Fairchild share the “reams of research” demonstrating that students have greater success in shortened sessions than in longer ones.
- 2) The committee described a desire for data to be collected regarding student success, both in the shortened courses as well as student success in later courses.
- 3) The committee was concerned about the impact on funding and staffing for intersession courses in areas of the college, particularly the libraries, which typically reduce staffing during intersession to create funding efficiencies.

After the Dean and Provost departed the meeting, the Committee continued to discuss the recommendations.

A Motion was made (proposed: Angela S; second Mike B) to create a list of concerns and recommendations and to disseminate those to the college community. Motion passed unanimously.

The Committee discussed recommendations and compiled a list to be disseminated.

VI. Next Meetings

2020-2021 Academic Meeting Dates. Location: Zoom, until further notice.
January 8, Feb 5, March 5, April 2, May 7

VII. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.