

# Wyoming Community College Commission



## Academic Affairs Council Meeting Notes

**Date: 8:30 AM. Feb. 12, 2015**

**Place: Conference Call –**

### **Members present:**

CC: Tim Wright

NWC: Gerry Giraud

CWC: Ron Granger

President Hicswa

Kathy Wells

NWCCD: Richard Hall

EWC: Dee Ludwig

WCCC: Joe McCann

LCCC: Jose Fierro

Cayse Cummings

Guest: Mary Burman, Dean of Nursing at University of Wyoming

1) Agenda item: Corrections of the prior **meeting notes** – Cayse Cummings removed from attendance. 2). Changed the start date from fall 2016 to January 2016. 3). Removed reference to “diesel” lab facilities and “diesel” course sections.

2) Agenda item: **Announcements and Rumor Clarification** – Gerry Giraud mentioned a rumor at UW that community college degrees were at 60 hours. He discussed it with UW contact and advised that community college degrees were currently at 60-64 hours.

- Richard Hall asked if English 1010 was still transferring to UW. Jose Fierro said that COMP1 still OK but COMP2 was no longer accepted due to lack of communication/ speech components.

3) Agenda items: **Update** –

a) **Legislation**

[HB0001](#) Level 2 funding, second reading

[HB0010](#) with the Governor

[HB0011](#) with the Senate

[HB0071](#) Nursing education programs with the Governor

[HB0101](#) Failed

[HB0103](#) Study Bill

[HB0114](#) Assigned to Senate Education

HB0118 Amended and over to the Senate  
HB0147 Failed  
HB0164 Withdrawn  
HB0188 Failed  
HB0190 Withdrawn  
HB0191 Failed  
HB0192 Received for introduction in the Senate  
HB0196 Failed  
HB0204 Failed  
HB0231 Received for introduction in the Senate  
SF0059 Assigned to H02, Appropriations  
SF0086 Failed  
SF0101 Assigned to HO4, Education

**Discussion:** Dee Ludwig mention EWC's interest in HB 41- Barber Licensing for potential add-on to current Cosmetology Degree. Dr. Hicswa stated there has been interest in HB 83 regarding Religious Freedom. This bill has been received for introduction to the Senate. Also, HB 198 regarding the compulsory age for attendance moving from 16 to 18. This bill has been sent to the Senate as well.

- b) **WIOA implementation-** Discussion delayed due to time constraints
  - c) Feb 25<sup>th</sup> target date for CWC, LCCC, NWCCD, NWC and WWCC input for WCCC for '15, '16 & '17 **Program Review Planner**
  - d) **Report on exceptional faculty appointment** arrangements- Joe McCann suggested questions be directed to President Hicswa and she can get back to the council with answers.
  - e) VPs for work on a **2015 completion conference** - Discussion delayed due to time constraints
4. Agenda item: **ReNew project** status – Mary Burman discussed how the project was moving forward. The curriculum is taking a different approach compared to other states. Looking at a BSN highway with the ADN being a benchmark. Fourth year courses would be offered via distance education. Current trends show 80% will have BSN's by 2020.

**Discussion:** Joe McCann asked if the courses approved for EWC's future ADN are going to need changing. Dee Ludwig advised that the courses would not need changing but will continue to "tweak" as needed while working with the Board of Nursing. Richard Hall mentioned /asked if all colleges were adopting the Renew curriculum in 2016. Kathy Wells stated the One plus One LPN transition to RN could alter Renew curriculum if needed. Gerry Giraud asked if the community colleges would maintain the AA's. Mary Burman stated she was not the expert needed to answer that. Gerry Giraud asked if it would create a seamless transition to a BSN. Mary Burman answered "YES." Kathy Wells

said the Associate Degree Nursing doesn't limit students to UW since the program is accepted throughout the country. Mary Burman mentioned that the AAS currently is not covered under the articulation agreement with UW. Extra steps can be added for the student but can still transfer to UW.

5. Agenda item: Potential **ADN** program requests –

**Discussion:** For some colleges this ADN will be added to the LPN and AAS options. New programs would necessitate a new program request.

There may be colleges that wish to change their present AAS degree to an **ADN**. In those cases the criterion that the AAC uses to determine if a program modification requires a modification request is as follows:

The AAC's practice has been that *“Substantive modification of a Wyoming Community College program, either certificate or degree, requires submission of a formal **Request for Revised Degree or Certificate Program** to the AAC, the EC and finally the WCCC when any of the following apply:*

- *Completer outcomes change (transfer to a four-year college/university or entering the labor market)*
- *Program intent and/or target audience are changed.”*

Community college academic affairs VPs determine if program changes in name or content require AAC consideration. That VP requests the program change is placed on an upcoming AAC regular meeting agenda as a courtesy agenda item.

**Action:** Joe McCann suggested he could discuss each case with the college academic VP after internal college discussions involving the college's program director. The conclusion of each discussion would be brought to the full AAC as either point of courtesy for ratification, or for action on either a program modification request or on a new program request. If a number of the colleges have identical “associate degree nursing” program requests they could be considered as a joint request by the AAC.

Dee Ludwig- Moved that each VP follow the protocol above

Gerry Giraud- Seconded

Unanimous- Motion Passed.

6. Agenda item: Consideration criteria used by the AAC to recommend certificate programs for WCCC inclusion in a program completion metric –

**Action Item:** Joe McCann will schedule a ½ hour special AAC meeting to review this draft recommendation prior to the March AAC monthly meeting.

7. Agenda item: Inquiry from WSCU Associate VP, Terry Schliesman regarding **possible interest in individual program articulation with individual colleges** – Discussion delayed due to time constraints.
8. Additional agenda items: None
9. The next conference call AAC meeting is scheduled for 8:30 AM, 3/12/15.