

VPAA Webex

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 @ 3:00 p.m.

Welcome – Kathryn Hornsby

1. Online Course Survey- Joe Dan Banker and Kathryn Hornsby

Joe Dan: CDL - instead of submitting a request for CDL testing through the lab exception portal, please send email to Josh Mckoon. Include dates that you will be testing. Be sure to follow the guidelines set forth from the GA DDS.

Kathryn: Reviewed Survey –

- This survey will be shared with the commissioner, who will share with the governor.
- The governor will have a news release. Purpose is to show what short-term programs can be offered completely (100%) online during late spring/summer.
- System office will approve NPRs for new program. So far, have received good number of Fast Track program requests.
- Target people who have been laid off, like motel/hotel business who will return to their jobs, need short term. Others will need a new career and look for programs to begin a new path.
- How would labs work on line? Suggestions included simulation, video stream of students practicing with faculty, etc.
- Submit changes to the survey to Kathryn tomorrow and no later than Friday.
- Per Annalise – please highlight any changes that you make in yellow and save with your college name; send back to Kathryn and Annalise.
- Suggestion to add Hope Career Grant designation.
- College received communication from Jim Cleghorn, Executive Dir. GBON; okay for work for pay in the hospitals for students who have completed basic CNA. Joe Dan suggested having health care/nursing deans reach out to local hospitals/health care organizations.
- Again, intent is for short term instruction for dislocated worker. For this survey, they need to be programs that can both start and finish in the summer; spring – you can include if you are already in process, but can you add additional students.

2. Z grades- Derek Dabrowiak

- Proposal has been given to Presidents. Can be used for regular and dual enrollment.
- Equivalent to a withdrawal.
- Financial Aid – allow us to process qualifying waiver that the feds have allowed for COVID-19 crisis. Provide for student
- Non-attendance taking institutions: College has to determine what it means to stop attending. If they stopped attending the course, college can issue Z instead of W. Issue F if you were going to issue an F – did they “earn” the F grade?
- Can turn I into Z. Worked out between student and instructor.
- Attendance: Every earned F grade is an F grade. Administrative withdrawal can be a Z grade.
- Can’t waive GPA for F grade.
- Derek will send language and points to Kathryn to share with VPAAs via list serve.
- You can issue Z grades for some courses and not others. It’s not an “all or nothing”.

3. Blackboard Update/OER- Robert Keown and Pam Warren

Robert: OER cohort dates have been adjusted.

- May 4 applications due
- May 18 applicants receive notifications
- June 1 training starts.
- Oct. 2 – training ends.

Pam: Respondus lock down browser and monitor. Working with Blackboard administrator for codes. Access for colleges next week.

4. ACA – Question: Are we going to have enough hours in the day/week?

Jason: There might be a need for longer hours during shorter periods like 8 weeks.

Per Joe Dan, we can bring Courtney Ware into one of our upcoming meetings. No news that ACA rules have been relaxed.

5. Other Questions- All