



## College Credit Plus Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Ohio Department of Education/Higher Education, 25 S Front Street, Room B 004

August 28, 2019 | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

### Welcome & Introductions: Advisory Committee, staff, and guests

Dr. Larisa Harper called the meeting to order at 10:07 am and welcomed the committee members and guests to the fall meeting of the College Credit Plus Advisory Committee. All attendees introduced themselves, and the following were present:

#### Committee members:

- Dr. Larisa Harper, Director of College Credit Plus, Ohio Department of Higher Education
- Wendy Casterline, College Credit Plus Program Administrator, Ohio Department of Education
- Daniel Jackson, Pymatuning Valley High School
- Sharon Schroeder, Youngstown State University
- Michele Brown, Ohio State University
- Rebecca Gawsyszawski, District Advisor, Ohio PTA (on the phone)
- Tom Woodford, Hilliard City Schools (on the phone)
- Dr. James Smith, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing, Mount Vernon Nazarene University (on the phone)

#### ODE & ODHE Staff:

- Dr. Stephanie Davidson, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, ODHE
- Julia Simmerer, Senior Executive Director, Center for Teaching, Leading and Learning, ODE
- Laura Padgett, Assistant Director, College Credit Plus, ODHE
- Sarah Wilson, Program Administrator, College and Career Readiness, ODE
- Jill Dannemiller, Director, Data Management and Analysis, ODHE
- Jennifer Stump, Policy Staff, ODE
- Aaron Rausch, Director, Office of Budget and School Funding, ODE
- Jason Wagner, Assistant Legal Counsel, ODE
- Elena Sanders, Financial Manager, ODE
- Eben Dowell, Policy Staff, Office of Data Quality, ODE

#### Additional attendees:

- Lauren Jones, Columbus State Community College
- Tom Walsh, Ohio Association of Community Colleges
- Christine Lemon, Parent
- Sonya Haring-Kaye, Parent
- Kelli Reavling-Cobb, Ohio State University

Dr. Harper welcomed Sharon Schroeder as a new member to the committee. Sharon joined the committee as a replacement for Karla Krodell, who stepped down. Dr. Harper mentioned that the Chancellor has provided a certificate of service and letter to Karla, recognizing her service to the committee.

Dr. Harper then read a statement from Chancellor Gardner thanking members for their service and support of the College Credit Plus program. The statement further mentioned the priority of looking for opportunities for growth of the program, particularly for underrepresented students.

#### **Data Updates**

Dr. Harper then moved to the Data Updates portion of the agenda and turned over the discussion to Jill Dannemiller to present preliminary data from the previous academic year (2018-2019). Jill and Eben Dowell also offered responses to questions from the committee members.

Dr. Harper then discussed the draft performance measures document that was distributed to the committee members. She noted that some narrative information has been added and once we receive some additional data points, the document will be ready to post on our webpage.

As a part of this portion of the agenda, some discussion around Innovative Programs, particularly in serving the underrepresented students, was held. Lauren Jones shared about an innovative program at Columbus State; Sharon Schroeder shared about the Future Story program at Youngstown State; Michele Brown offered information on a program at Ohio State.

Dan Jackson asked questions about ACT as a barrier to participation. Mr. Jackson also referenced Appalachian poverty, transportation, distance to local colleges their school district as additional barriers. Students with supports and a small group setting can be successful, but test scores are a challenge for his students. Tom Walsh requested a report on data from the innovative programming. Stephanie Davidson and Larisa Harper noted that ODHE will hopefully have some information to share next meeting. Dr. Davidson stated that the Innovative Program provision in statute is important because student eligibility requirements in House Bill 49 have posed a barrier to underrepresented students. Dr. Harper discussed innovative program reporting requirements moving forward with three reports throughout the academic year.

Dr. Harper then discussed the College Credit Plus report required by Senate Bill 216 from the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly. The Departments of Education and Higher Education are gathering data, which includes results and cost effectiveness of the College Credit Plus program. The report is due in November 2019. The committee members had questions about how tuition dollars are calculated in the reports. Jill Dannemiller indicated that it was based on each college's per credit tuition rate. Additional discussion from the committee continued around the amount of fees waived by the college, as well as tuition rates at a community college as opposed to a 4-year college or university.

#### **Approval of January 23, 2019 and May 1, 2019 minutes**

At this point in the agenda, Dr. Harper requested that the committee members review two sets of minutes from the January 23, 2019 and May 1, 2019 advisory committee members. The minutes were approved without objection.

#### **Legislative Updates**

Dr. Harper then proceeded to the Legislative Updates portion of the agenda. Laura Padgett provided a brief update in reference to the legislative summary documents available on the CCP webpage, including Teacher Credential Grant.

### **Fiscal Updates**

Next, Dr. Harper provided fiscal updates, starting with an overview of the number of students and credits that were awarded through the nonpublic and homeschool funding application process for this academic year. In addition, she noted that the intent to participate form will be incorporated into the funding application, starting in April 2020. The funding application will be due April 1 2020.

Dr. Harper discussed that spring payments to colleges were made in July. Student level data reports have been posted in ODDEX, and additional reports are forthcoming regarding "bad data" where IRN and other numbers are incorrect.

Dr. Harper stated that a data reporting training will be held on September 17 for college and university data reporters with ODE & ODHE staff. ODHE will have options to attend in-person or through a webinar.

### **Discussion – Strong Start to Finish**

Dr. Harper then turned over the agenda to Dr. Tom Sudkamp to discuss the Strong Start to Finish (SSTF) work as the project could impact College Credit Plus students. SSTF is looking closely at correct placement & remediation. Dr. Davidson offered some additional information as to how this work aligns with College Credit Plus eligibility requirements, review of innovative programs, and potential policy changes in the future.

In conclusion of the meeting, Dr. Harper mentioned that the 5-year review for our administrative rules is coming up. We are looking at areas where we can clarify or tweak the rules moving forward. We may be asking the advisory committee members for feedback on any proposed changes to the rules. Dr. Harper announced that the next meeting of the advisory committee has been scheduled on January 29, 2020 at 10 am.

Seeing no further discussion from committee members, Dr. Harper adjourned the meeting at 11:53 am.



Date: 2-26-2020

Dr. Larisa Harper, Director, College Credit Plus, Ohio Department of Higher Education  
Co-chair, College Credit Plus Advisory Committee



Date: 2-26-2020

Wendy Casterline, College Credit Plus Program Administrator, Ohio Department of Education  
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