

**Ohio Department of Higher Education
College Credit Plus Advisory Committee
25 S Front Street
Main Conference Room, 7th Floor
Thursday, April 6, 2017
1:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Larisa Harper, Director of College Credit Plus at the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE), Co-Chair, called the April 6, 2017 College Credit Plus (CCP) Advisory Committee to order. She said that proper public notice of the meeting was posted. She welcomed the CCP Advisory Committee members back to ODHE and asked attendees to introduce themselves. The following members were present:

- Rebecca Gawsyszawski, District Advisor, Ohio PTA
- Dr. Steven Gratz, Senior Executive Director, Ohio Department of Education (ODE) (*CCP Advisory Committee Co-Chair*)
- Dr. Larisa Harper, Director, CCP, ODHE
- Traci Haynes, Faculty Member, Columbus State Community College
- Diane Mankins, Superintendent, Marysville City Schools
- Karla Krodell, Director, Metro Credit Education Outreach, Youngstown State University
- James Smith, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- Matt Smith, Guidance Counselor, Benjamin Local School District

ODHE and ODE staff members present were:

- Wendy Casterline, CCP Program Administrator, ODE
- Dr. Brenda Haas, Associate Vice Chancellor of P-16 Initiatives, ODHE
- Charles See, Assistant Deputy Chancellor of External Relations, ODHE

Individuals who signed in as guests at the meeting can be found on Attachment #1.

Following introductions, Dr. Harper called the roll.

II. Approval of Minutes

Dr. Steven Gratz said that the members received a copy of the draft December 14, 2016, CCP Advisory Committee minutes in advance of the meeting for review and asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none, the December 14, 2017 minutes were approved by general consent.

III. Updated Performance Measures

Dr. Harper said the performance measures that were discussed during the last CCP Advisory Committee meeting were created as a compilation of committee members' feedback on what should be tracked in CCP. She asked meeting attendees to look at Matrix 1, Delivery Mode by Grade Level, which is found in the performance measures handout (Attachment #2). Dr. Harper, James Smith and Dr. Gratz briefly discussed the percentage of seventh grade students who participated in online courses.

Dr. Harper moved on to the next page of the performance measures handout to review CCP Participants by District Type. James Smith asked how the distribution reflected in District Type compares to regular distribution. Dr. Gratz replied that a lot of the individuals in high poverty provided some of the greatest participation. He said high poverty families may say that it is a way to save money that they do not necessarily have.

James Smith asked if we were to include an additional column that shows what percent of the general student population fits into each bin, how similar or disparate it would be to the normal distribution of students. Dr. Harper said she would inquire about it.

Dr. Harper moved on to Matrix 2, GPA Range by Subject Area, and asked if anyone had any observations. James Smith said it was just what he would expect; Math is the subject closest to 10% with those having less than a 1.99 GPA. He also mentioned that students with less than a 1.99 GPA look to be struggling more with general education courses and excelling at more major specific courses.

Dr. Harper said that the bins in Matrix 3 have been revised. She said there are now bins for earning less than 1.99 GPA, failure of one course, and failure of more than two courses. She gave additional details on the Driving Factor: Performance Metrics and Driving Factor: Grade Level. James Smith said a point of concern is that receiving less than a 1.99 GPA hurts a student's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). He said if the amount of twelfth grade students are multiplied in that, there are almost 2,000 twelfth graders who now have entered into college on academic warning. He said we should note that and be tracking the issue as we try to help students. Dr. Harper asked if it is helpful to have both glances in the driving factors, or if one is more meaningful than the other for the group. James Smith said performance metrics and grade level tell different stories. Dr. Harper said perhaps they are more impactful on policy decisions.

Dr. Harper said there were no changes in Matrices 4 and 5. She said Matrix 6 is in progress and parts are highlighted in yellow. She said we had a discussion asking if students are earning degrees in in-demand fields. She said we working on identifying those fields and connecting the codes for those to the codes we have within the HEI system. She said she hopes to have Matrices 6 and 7 updated for the next meeting.

Dr. Harper said while there is no change in Matrix 8, it will be impacted by the last spreadsheet without a matrix number. She said the last spreadsheet shows the number of students who have earned credential during the 2015-2016 year. She said this includes any grade level, not just the graduates. She said to keep in mind that many of the students started earning credits under PSEO or other dual enrollment programs. Karla Krodell asked if there is any definition of certificate. Jill Dannemiller replied that it is a certificate approved by the department that is at least 30 credit hours.

Dr. Harper said with the new additions in the Performance Measures, she is looking for a vote to approve and move them forward. James Smith made a motion to move forward the updated CCP Performance Measures and the motion was seconded by Diane Mankins. All members of the CCP Advisory Committee voted in favor of the motion to approve and move forward the CCP Performance Measures.

IV. Open Discussion, House Bill 49

Dr. Harper said House Bill 49 was introduced by Governor John Kasich in late January. She said it has been within the House Finance Committee for testimony, and then the entire budget went out to various subcommittees. She said CCP has primarily been discussed within the higher education subcommittee, and they have had many testify related to House Bill 49. She then opened the floor for discussion.

Dr. Gratz asked if attendees are familiar with what has been proposed and if anyone had any specific questions. Rebecca Gawsyszawski asked how House Bill 49 is related to CCP. Dr. Harper replied that the one-page document (Attachment #3) outlines the seven areas that were noted for CCP. She said Course Eligibility is asking for rulemaking authority to review the types of courses that are most appropriate for CCP; Underperforming Students is a discussion about adopting rules related to students who are underperforming; Cost Floor and Ceiling would eliminate the ability to go below the floor in negotiations; Aligning Deadlines moves to February 1st (from March 1st) the annual deadline by which a high school must provide information about the CCP program to all 6th and 11th grade students; Student Eligibility is more detailed information about how to determine if a student is college ready, sets a bright line test with remediation scores; Textbooks allows secondary and post-secondary partners to create and negotiate an agreement related to books; and Refining the Appeals Process changes the current process so that if a student does not receive the principal's consent to participate in CCP and misses the April 1st deadline, they can appeal to the district superintendent.

Matt Smith asked in terms of eligibility if all institutions would have the same standard for entry or not. Dr. Harper replied that this would identify eligibility for the student to participate. She said this is the first step that the

student must show that they are college ready in at least one area. She said from there the student would work with the institution for any additional admission and placement requirements that they might have in place.

Karla Krodel asked if any changes to the original bill are likely to occur. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See replied that we have not heard any indication that anything will be changed from the proposal as written. He said with respect to the broader textbook conversation, as the conversation changes, he anticipates it will impact what we do with textbooks around CCP. He said that is the area that has greater potential for change from what was originally proposed.

Dr. Harper said that on or before June 30, we hopefully will have a budget bill that Governor Kasich will review and sign. She said then we will know for sure how this will impact CCP.

Karla Krodel asked if the Youngstown City School District had a specific program for a specific purpose for under resourced students in that district who aren't maintaining a 3.0 GPA, would that program have the opportunity to request a waiver. Assistant Deputy Chancellor See replied that to his knowledge the waiver provision has not been amended. He said if it is for underrepresented students and the program can articulate a reason why it should fall outside the regular parameters for CCP it is something that Chancellor Carey would continue to consider.

James Smith asked if there is legislation that specifies that underperforming students cannot continue. Dr. Harper replied that current legislation does not address that; however, the rule-making provision may allow for discussion of this.

Matt Smith commented on there being no language about FERPA and how it has been difficult to get feedback from schools on how students are performing. Dr. Harper responded by asking if he has addressed it directly with the colleges. Matt Smith replied that he has addressed it with some, and that some are open to it while others are not. Dr. Harper said it is a tricky issue and that she has heard more about it from secondary schools.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said one thing that we have been thinking about more is whether students or parents can sign a waiver for communication between the institutions from the beginning. Diane Mankins said it has not been an obstacle for their parent group. She said an obstacle they have experienced has to do with reporting for athletics.

Karla Krodel said that one conversation she has heard regarding course eligibility has to do with putting some parameters around courses that are eligible to be funded under CCP and the desire for more voices to be included in that discussion. She said someone suggested the way the State manages the transfer agreement might be a workable model to emulate.

James Smith said he is not sure how course eligibility works for private colleges, since they are not part of the TAG system, and wants to make sure they are not excluded. Dr. Harper replied that TAG courses may be one way to go, not necessarily the only way. James Smith said it would be good to find a way to align.

V. Strategic Plan for College Credit Plus

Dr. Harper introduced Dr. Brenda Haas, who has joined ODHE for its P-16 initiatives. She said that she and Dr. Haas have been having some discussions internally about the strategic plan for their group. She said she mapped out a strategic plan for CCP (Attachment #4). She briefly discussed the mission, vision and strategic plan of CCP. She said she has identified four key areas: communication, collaboration, consistency and clarity. She said while working with multiple departments, collaboration is key. She said regarding communication, we want to make sure we have a single point of contact, so information is circulated in a timely manner. She said consistency is important, and we want to refine it now that we are in our second year of CCP. She said clarity involves answering questions about the statute and the rules, and creating an open dialogue so we can make them even better.

Dr. Harper said she had referenced the advisory committee within the strategic plan. She said Dr. Haas had the idea to describe the advisory committee as it assists in the development of performance metrics and the monitoring of the program's progress. She said the strategic plan makes sense to be rested within the advisory committee.

Dr. Harper asked if there was ever any discussion of creating bylaws for the advisory committee or length of membership. She said it is not addressed within the legislation, and the group could discuss creating special bylaws and the usual pieces that fall within it at a future meeting.

Karla Krodel said she is not sure if it fits under Communication, Section 1.4, but as various groups discuss legislation, people are still upset about the financial aspect of it. She said it would be interesting to quantify how much the program costs to help be informed and help justify why things are done. Dr. Harper replied that she made note and will figure out how to work it into the strategic plan.

James Smith said he would like to see the subject of accountability added to the strategic plan.

Dr. Gratz asked the committee what they may want from ODHE and ODE to help them do a better job with CCP. Karla Krodel replied that collecting best practices and having someone who is well-informed on the legislation and will back them up would be great. She said the regional meetings will be very beneficial. She said the more practitioners get to network together, the better CCP will be.

Dr. Harper briefly discussed what the CCP regional meetings will look like the first time around, and what they might look like next year. She also said that a meeting will be scheduled in August for new CCP counselors. She said a monthly CCP newsletter will be sent out this week.

Assistant Deputy Chancellor See said that he and Dr. Harper have talked about focusing on the PTA at CCP events. Rebecca Gawsyszawski replied that the PTA has a summer leadership conference that is provided for all new people on their boards as units and districts, and an Ohio convention where every PTA is invited to attend in Columbus.

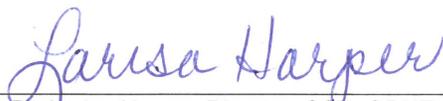
Dr. Harper said if there are any groups that attendees think would be appropriate to present CCP to, she and others at ODHE and ODE would be happy to come and visit.

VI. Future Meeting

Dr. Harper said that the next meeting date for the CCP advisory committee will be August 29, 2017, at 1:00PM. She said the location of the meeting will remain the same.

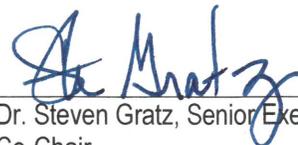
VII. Adjourn

Dr. Harper asked if there were any further questions or comments. There being none, Dr. Gratz declared the meeting adjourned.



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Co-Chair
ODHE, CCP Advisory Committee

8/29/2017
Date



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