

REGIONAL CONSORTIA CHAIRS MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6, 2002
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM
TENAYA LODGE – CCCAOE CONFERENCE
HOST: SOUTH CENTRAL REGION

I. Introductions

Tanya Burke called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

Those present were:

- Bernadette Black, San Diego/Imperial Counties Region
- Tanya Burke, South Central Region
- Janis Caston, North/Far North Region
- Susan Coleman, LA/Orange County Region
- Fred Critchfield, Bay Region
- Sophie Curtin, Desert Region
- Dennis DeRoss, North/Far North Region
- Lyla Eddington, LA/Orange County Region
- Gary Mendenhall, Central Region
- Bill O'Raffertyh, Desert Region
- Claudette Penner, Bay Region
- Kim Perry, CCCCCO

II. Minutes from February 4, 2002

Minutes from the Regional Consortia Chairs meeting on February 4, 2002 were emailed to the group.

III. Old Business

A. Program and Standalone Approvals Training

- Program Course Approval videoconference -- March 15th – 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The videoconference will be held at 14 sites.
- Janis Caston indicated that she has requested from the Chancellor's Office that a videotape be sent out to the colleges on this videoconference and is awaiting their response. She also offered making duplicate copies of the video to send to colleges.
- Lyla Eddington stated that her concern is CPEC as they are returning their program approval packets back to them because of their labor market data. Bill O'Rafferty recommended that the colleges who are receiving their program application packets back should attend the next meeting with the Chancellor's Office and bring up their concerns.
- Gary Mendenhall suggested that the Chairs identify the key issues on the program approval process, and discuss at the next Regional meeting.

- Bill O’Rafferty indicated that “you do not need standalone approval if the course is within an existing program.” Janis Caston asked what happens if a part of a program goes to another college, and Lyla Eddington indicated that a new college “should go through the same process as all other colleges.”
- Lyla emphasized the need for in-service from the Chancellor’s Office on the program approval process.
- Gary Mendenhall emphasized that the Chairs needed to identify global issues, give examples, and then ask for better clarification from the Chancellor’s Office. He stated that each Chair should talk to their region for specific concerns and bring the issues to see if there is a commonality among the regions. It was agreed to email the key issues to Gary Mendenhall by April 1st.

B. Regional Consortium RFAs

There is a new Budget sheet for the Regional Consortium RFA, which Kim Perry will email next week. Unless a region needed to change anything in their workplan, only a budget page and a face sheet are the necessary pages to turn in since all regions are up for a renewal.

C. Economic Development Funds

It is not yet known if the Economic Development funds are still available.

D. Statewide Marketing

Janis Caston indicated that they have a videotape of North/Far North Region’s commercial that they had piggybacked from the Statewide Marketing campaign. They added Computer Technology and Agriculture to the advertisement, and utilized Shasta College. Fred Critchfield indicated that he was not sure what the audience was since the commercial appeared on cable channels, and Janis replied that the audience is designed for businesses.

E. Core Indicator Training and Regional Workshops

Dennis DeRoss asked the Chairs what the faculty response was at their regional Core Indicator workshops, and Lyla Eddington indicated that they did not invite faculty. Bernadette Black indicated that the San Diego/Imperial Counties Region conducted both Core Indicator training workshops last week.

F. Economic Development Forms/Participation Information

Tanya Burke asked if there was further discussion regarding the Economic Development forms that are required to be completed by participants, and it was agreed to “report what we get.”

IV. New/Continuing Business

A. Budgets

Bill O’Rafferty indicated that the May revise may be more “pessimistic” than we expected since there is a \$14 billion shortfall. He stated that the Chancellor’s Office is holding off on making recommendations where to cut money, and further indicated that budget cuts may be in places where people do not vote. He stated that ED>Net is asking to be 100% fully funded. Lyla Eddington stated that the budget should be based on individual campus’s needs.

B. What’s New in the Regions

1. North/Far North Region

Janis Caston indicated that they are creating a website design that will correlate with search engines such as Yahoo and Goggle, so their site appears at the beginning of searches. For example, if someone types in the keyword “job training” their website will appear at the beginning of the list. She stated that it was a \$50,000 development cost to create a hidden website with Gensa.

2. Bay Region

Fred Critchfield indicated that their Career Guide will now be on their website. The Bay Region ITC committee identified adjunct faculty to provide basic training in teacher skills. They are also conducting follow-up studies with the money they have distributed via mini-grant process and determining how effective it was.

3. Central Region

Gary Mendenhall indicated that they are conducting a retreat that focuses on Information Technology. They gave each college four tickets to send faculty to regional statewide workshops/conference at \$600 each. Gary Mendenhall stated that he hoped that this money would help pay for travel, substitutes, etc.

4. South Central Region

Tanya Burke indicated that they are also conducting follow-up studies on the funds they have distributed for mini-grants (i.e. Special Populations mini-grants).

5. LA/Orange County Region

Lyla Eddington reported that the email from Victoria Morrow has a brief paragraph on the Nursing shortage, and Los Angeles/Orange County Regions Project. They are conducting a pilot project in the region using Economic Development funds and

focusing it on re-entry nurses. She stated that their goal is to get 12 nurses employed by July 1st. Lyla Eddington indicated that she will share the curriculum with the other regions.

- Developed www.laworkforce.org for job seekers and employers.
- Developing a website for Vocational Education programs.
- Susan Coleman indicated that their Health faculty is meeting on a regular basis.
- Their region just conducted the Counselor's workshop utilizing the Career Development funds and Barbara Sher was their guest speaker. Approximately 200 people were in attendance.
- Susan Coleman indicated that they made some revisions to their Online Work-Based Learning Course to simplify the course.

6. San Diego/Imperial Counties Region

Bernadette Black indicated that their Counselor's conference is scheduled March 21st at the San Diego Marriott, and mentioned that Dr. Rich Feller is their guest speaker. Tanya Burke requested that our flyer be emailed to the Chairs.

7. Desert Region

Bill O'Rafferty asked that his report be deferred to the next regional meeting since he has been on sabbatical.

Bill O'Rafferty stated that CCCAOE is taking nominations for Secretary, and indicated that they are looking for diversity on the Board.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.