

SOUTHEAST TEXAS HIGHER EDUCATION REGIONAL COUNCIL
April 27, 2015

Meeting Coordinated by Angelina College

Minutes

The meeting of the Southeast Texas Higher Education Regional Council was called to order at 9:30 am by the HERC chair, Dr. Patricia McKenzie of Angelina College at Angelina College's Jasper Higher Educational & Technology Center in Jasper, Texas.

The membership roster was called and recorded with the following attendance:

Present:

- Angelina College: Dr. Patricia McKenzie and Ms. Judith Wright
- Lamar State College-Port Arthur: Dr. Gary Stretcher
- Lamar University: Dr. Paula Nichols
- Stephen F. Austin State University: Dr. Janet Kamps

Absent:

- Lamar State College-Orange: Dr. Gwen Whitehead
- Panola College: Dr. Joe Shannon

Mr. Daniel Wright had planned to join in a conference call to present the annual plan of Lamar Institute of Technology (LIT).

The storms prevented travel in the areas and the electricity was out in the city of Jasper. The members of the Council appreciate the presence of Dr. Nichols, Dr. Kamps, and Dr. Stretcher. The five members present met in a room with the most outside light available because the City of Jasper did not have any electricity.

Dr. McKenzie asked the institutional representatives to present their Annual Off-Campus Instruction Plans.

Angelina College. Mrs. Wright presented for Angelina College. Motion by Dr. Stretcher, second by Dr. Nichols to approve the plan as presented. The plan was approved unanimously as presented.

Lamar Institute of Technology. Dr. Daniel Wright presented for LIT. Motion by Dr. Stretcher, second by Dr. Kamps to approve the plan as distributed. The plan was unanimously approved as distributed. Condition of approval: no new locations.

Lamar State College-Orange. Motion by Dr. Stretcher, second by Mrs. Wright to approve the plan as distributed. The plan was unanimously approved as distributed. Condition of approval: no new locations and request for meeting of health representatives and work to arrange co-existing in those locations in Pt. Arthur.

Lamar State College – Port Arthur. Dr. Stretcher presented for LCS-PA. Motion by Dr. Nichols, second by Mrs. Wright to approve the plan as presented. The plan was unanimously approved as presented.

Lamar University. Dr. Nichols presented for Lamar University. Motion by Dr. Kamps, second by Dr. Stretcher to approve the plan as presented. The plan was unanimously approved as presented.

Panola College. Dr. Shannon submitted a plan for Panola College. Motion by Dr. Nichols, second by Dr. Stretcher to approve the plan as submitted. The plan was unanimously approved as submitted. Plan had been revised to acknowledge that a meeting with Angelina College was required before coming to a location in Angelina College's service area.

Stephen F. Austin State University. Dr. Kamps presented for SFASU. Motion by Dr. Stretcher, second by Dr. Nichols to approve the plan as submitted. The plan was approved as presented.

Dr. McDonald of Stephen F. Austin State University was elected chair for 2015-2017.

Dr. McKenzie will prepare a draft set of minutes for distribution to the membership.

Dr. McKenzie will submit all plans and revised plans to the Coordinating Board and all present expressed preference for face-to-face meetings.

The HERC thanked Dr. McKenzie for coordinating the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Dr. Patricia McKenzie

Addendum

The Chair contacted Dr. Gwen Whitehead of Lamar State College-Orange and shared this message from the Council.

The Council voted to receive the plan as submitted with the condition that no new locations from 2014. However, I now see that you need to modify your plan and make a correction: Change the statement regarding Angelina College to read *will contact Angelina College annually to request to use the clinical sites in their service area. Another change is requested to support a current practice: **health care instructors (representatives) will meet annually and schedule the use of clinical sites by both Colleges in Port Arthur. If there are no new locations, label them as ***.

After all changes are made, please forward the revised plan to all Council members and ask if they have any concerns.

No concerns were received and the vote to approve with changes is recorded.

The other representative who could not attend was Dr. Daniel Wright of Lamar Institute of Technology. The Chair shared this message from the Council.

The Council voted to receive the plan as submitted with the condition that no new locations from 2014. However, I now see that you need to modify your Plan and make these corrections: Add your new programs and label them with ***; change the statement regarding Angelina College to read *will contact Angelina College annually to request to use the clinical sites in their service area; add ** will contact Lamar State College-Port Arthur about all clinical sites in Port Arthur. Another change is requested to support a current practice: **Health care instructors (representatives) will meet annually and schedule the use of clinical sites by both Colleges in Port Arthur. If there are no new locations, label them as ***.

After all changes are made, please forward the revised plan to all Council members and ask if they have any concerns.

No concerns were received and the vote to approve with changes is recorded.

After the meeting, the Chair received a request from Dr. Mary Nelle Brunson, Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate School. The request for new programs at Stephen F. Austin State University is presented as follows:

In accordance with Texas Administrative Code Chapter 5, Subchapter C, Rule 5.44, Stephen F. Austin State University is notifying you that we are proposing the following new degree and certificate programs.

BS in Pre-Audiology
BBA in Human Resource Management
BBA in Sports Business Management

Graduate Certificates
Artist Diploma in Music Performance
Certificate in Occupational and Environmental Health

Please notify me of your acceptance of this proposal at your earliest convenience. I look forward to our continued collaboration with Angelina College in the future.

The request was shared with the five member institution of higher education of the HERC – Region 5.

The only question was answered by Dr. Brunson as follows:

We believe that the proposed offerings will provide new opportunities for students in the region and beyond.

The two graduate certificates are stand-alone certificates that can be earned by anyone holding the proper undergraduate degree. Since the certificates are composed of credit bearing courses, the credits may be used toward the completion of a master's degree should the student decide to pursue a graduate degree.

No other concern was received and the vote to approve is recorded as three new degrees and two new graduate certificates.

No other requests have been received and the HERC-Region 5 has completed all business for 2015.