

**Gulf Coast Higher Education Regional Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**April 25, 2016**  
**Galveston, Texas**

The Spring 2016 Regional meeting was held at Gaidos restaurant in Galveston, Texas on April 25<sup>th</sup> and attendees included:

- Dr. Christal Albrecht – Alvin Community College
- Ms. Tammy Giffrow – Alvin Community College
- Dr. Pam Milsap – College of the Mainland
- Dr. Myles Shelton – Galveston College
- Dr. Madeline Burillo – Houston Community College
- Dr. Dennis Brown – Lee College
- Dr. Steve Head – Lone Star College
- Dr. Austin Lane – Lone Star College
- Dr. Richard Eglsaer – Sam Houston State University
- Dr. Brenda Hellyer – San Jacinto College
- Dr. Donna Lang – Texas A&M University Galveston
- Dr. Elton Stuckly, Jr. – Texas State Technical College
- Dr. Betty McCrohan – Wharton County Junior College

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Review of Off-Campus Plans**

Each college submitted their Off-Campus plans. Discussion included a standardization of what exactly should be included in the plan. Some schools included dual credit and others did not. For those who did not include dual credit information, they will go back and add to their plans. Dr. Albrecht stated that she would review the THECB website for required information and then provide a standardized form for the Off-Campus plans going forward.

A motion was made by Dr. Betty McCrohan to approve all the Off-Campus plans. Seconded by Dr. Myles Shelton. Motion passed unanimously.

**Harris County Department of Education**

The Council declined having HCDE members attend a future meeting.

**TACC Summer Meeting in Galveston Gift Baskets**

Dr. Albrecht stated that in the past gift baskets were provided for all the attendees in their hotel rooms. The gift baskets are not in the budget, however the fund balance is used and each school may need to donate if not enough funds available. Discussion included checking with a vendor to see if they might pay for the baskets. Dr. Shelton stated that he would check with the vendor along with the person who did the baskets last year and have them do it again this year. Need to confirm soon as time is needed to gather all items that will go into the baskets.

A motion was made Dr. Betty McCrohan to approve that the gift baskets be bought by the vendor if he agrees or otherwise by the Gulf Coast Consortium. Seconded by Dr. Brenda Hellyer. Motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Business**

#### **Committee Chair for 2016-2017**

There was discussion about who would chair next year's HERC. Dr. Betty McCrohan will look for the list and let Dr. Albrecht know who the next chair will be. \*Note after the meeting Dr. Shelton found the rotation list and it was determined that Dr. Hellyer, Chancellor, San Jacinto College, will be the chair of the Gulf Coast Higher Education Regional Council.

#### **Year End Reports**

Year-end reports are due soon and need to be submitted. Dr. Albrecht will email a reminder to all college presidents asking for reports to be submitted and for each president to make copies of respective reports for distribution at the GCIC summer meeting.

#### **Dual Credit Issues**

Dr. Donna Lang brought up the emerging topic of dual credit and the compatibility of transferring the hours to a university. Discussion included the large amount of hours dual credit students are taking, sometimes – as many as 80 plus hours, how to handle those situations and that advising could possibly be a part of the issue. Students need to be advised toward their degree plans and not take classes that may not transfer. This is particularly problematic in STEM disciplines.

Dr. Myles Shelton talked about the College Credit Plus plan from the Ohio system. This program provides solutions to most dual credit issues including how to charge/pay for classes, state funding for classes, equal standing with AP classes in the high school, location of classes, and that Higher Education continues to determine admission. He recommended that everyone go to the Ohio Higher Education site to obtain more information.

Dr. Brenda Hellyer discussed that CCISD is going to pull dual credit classes from the college locations and move to high school locations due to the campus carry law that will go into effect.

#### **Date for GCIC Meeting**

Dr. Albrecht suggested that the meeting be held in Galveston during the summer TACC meetings, if possible, since everyone will be coming in. She will send the Council date and time options.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:16p.m.