

Joint Advisory Committee for Career Technical

Education

Minutes

The meeting of the Joint Advisory Committee for Career Technical Education (JACCTE) was called to order by Kay Albiani on June 7, 2007, at 10:35 a.m.

Roll Call was taken with the following members present: Kay Albiani (BOG), Tanna Thomas (BOG), Lance Izumi (BOG), Jim Aschwanden (SBE), and Ted Mitchell (SBE) – calling in by telephone.

Other participants included: Pat Ainsworth, Jose Millan, Ron Selge, Chuck Wisely, Lee Murdock, Dean Smith, Sharon Wong, Cindy Beck, Rus Weikle, Lloyd McCabe, Svetlana Darche, Paul Gussman, Robert Low, and Roger Magyar,

Audience included Ahmad Mansur of the Peralta Tech Prep Consortium and Robert Low, of the Solano Community College Tech Prep Advisory Committee.

Introductions were made by all participants.

As a newly appointed member of the JACCTE, Ted Mitchell introduced himself and gave a brief sketch of his background.

- **Review and Adoption of the Minutes** – Minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and adopted as printed.
- **CTE Resource Group Report** – Svetlana Darche of WestEd gave a summary of the last Resource Group meeting on May 30-31. Program alignment, Program Accountability, and a discussion about “branding” as a start towards the idea of increasing the public’s awareness of CTE. She noted that a draft of the full Perkins IV Plan will be posted on website by August 15, 2007. Public hearings of the Plan will be held in three locations around the state in September. The tentative dates and locations are: September 7, 2007 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education, from 9am to 1pm; September 14, 2007 at Ohlone College in Fremont from 1pm to 4pm; and September 17, 2007, at Fresno City College, from 1pm to 4pm. Each of the hearings will be web cast thereby allowing the public to witness the hearings. Public comments will be recorded archived, and considered for appropriate inclusion in the Plan.
- **Letter from the Legislature** – A letter from the Legislature dated June- , 2007 directed to Kay Albiani as President of the JACCTE, urging the JACCTE to consider creating a comprehensive Plan covering all aspects. of the State’s Career Technical Education (CTE) Program irrespective of funding source. Suggesting that this effort follow soon after the completion of the JACCTE current effort in drafting the Carl Perkins Plan. Several members voiced agreement with this idea

and suggested that it be an agenda item at a future meeting. Staff was directed to draft an appropriate response for Kay Albiani's signature.

- **Proposed Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).** Staff gave a brief presentation of the MOU and the issue in question: In the event of a tie vote on a policy question and in which the representatives of the two bodies could not agree to a compromise, should an additional step be added to the conflict resolution process. After considerable discussion, staff was directed to draft several options and present them to the JACCTE at their next scheduled meeting.

Jim Aschwanden presented, from a written note from member Alan Bersin, another suggested amendment of what constitutes a quorum. That a quorum be a minimum of two members from each represented Board. After, a cursory review of the current MOU by members and staff it was generally agreed that the current MOU does not provide an adequate definition of what constitutes and quorum. While there appeared to be no objections to the suggest amendment, it was not officially on the agenda and as such could not be presented for a vote. Staff will include the suggested amendment on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the JACCTE.

- **Briefing: Split of Funds between Secondary and Postsecondary.** Ron Selge gave a short history of the issue and briefly described the data sources and process that are used in determining the community colleges share of the federal allocation. An information sheet was distributed to the members. Lee Murdock also distributed a handout to the members that described the process used over the years in determining the split of funds. He emphasized that the allocation of funds should focus on "where the students are" and how best to use the funds. Considerable discussion of the issue ensued between Committee members and the presenters. There were also a number of comments from the audience. A decision on the split of funds needs to be made soon as it needs to be included in the Plan: Should the current formula and process be continued or a new one developed – now or in the immediate future?
- **Tech Prep and 10% Reserve:** The Carl Perkins Act of 2006 gives the State the option of continuing to operate a separate Tech Prep program or folding it into the larger program. Key questions concerning this issue are identified on the agenda.

Ron Selge gave a briefing of the current Tech Prep program focusing on a cost/benefit analysis including the results of independent evaluations such as the one done by the US Department of Education; articulation agreements, increased accountability, and noting that Tech Prep offers considerable support for career pathways.

Lee Murdock reviewed the information that was presented in the Committee members meeting packet. He indicated CDE is supportive of Tech Prep and went

on to identify a number of issues that need to be addressed if the program is to be continued. He also acknowledged that combining the funds would free up CDE and COCCC staff for monitoring and other technical assistance. Articulation agreements can also be done with SB 70 funds and Programs of study contain the same Tech Prep requirements.

Two members of the audience representing local Tech Prep programs spoke strongly in favor of continuing the funding.

It was generally acknowledged that some of the Tech Prep programs are successful and some are not. Further more, that in view of the current strong interest in CTE that discontinuing the funding for Tech Prep might be interpreted as sending the wrong message. However, continuing to fund a program that has some significant issues that need to be fixed would not be consistent with the stewardship responsibilities of the Committee and the two Boards they represent.

Motion: Continue Tech Prep as a categorical program for one more year beyond the transition plan funding year 2007-2008 to 2008-2009. Staffs of CDE and COCCC were directed to develop an outline of a program improvement plan (with appropriate benchmarks) and presenting it at the next meeting of the Committee. The JACCTE will re-evaluate the Program at the end of 2008-2009 funding year to determine if significant improvement has been made in which to base continued funding of the Program. Motion unanimously approved.

Staffs of the two agencies were directed to prepare a summary on the uses of the 10% Reserve and to develop some ideas for the use of the funds for the next meeting of the JACCTE.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Next Meeting: July 24, 2007, Tuesday, 10:30am – 3:00pm