RACEA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: September 13, 2013
Meeting Location: Conference Call
Approval: Draft
Recorded By: B. Donta Truss, Secretary
Meeting Start: 9:01 AM  
Meeting Scribe: B. Donta Truss

- Review Minutes from August 09, 2013 Meeting  
  - Send feedback on minutes to B. Donta Truss via email (trussd@fvsu.edu)

- Chair for Data and Benchmarking?  
  - Jason Huffman (Chair) and Adam Wyatt (Co-Chair) have both left RACEA and we need replacements. Michael suggested that we don’t need this task force (Data and Benchmarking Taskforce) because not much has come out from the system on the data warehouse and/or academic program review. Juliana agreed with Michael.
  - Action Item: Allan will contact Adam to find out who is on that taskforce. RACEA leaders will possibly disband the taskforce if a plan is not developed.

- USG Policy Review Task Force  
  - Bryan recommended getting clarification about the recommendations made by this task force.
  - General Questions:
    - What is the status of the recommendations generated by this task force?
    - Should RACEA have a role in implementing at least some of these recommendations?
Questions about specific issues:

- **Issue: New Models for Learning**
  
  - Recommendation: Convene an expert group to develop strategy for new models and the associated policy changes; Establish faculty group to define teaching effectiveness.
  
  - Questions:
    
    o SACSCOC President Belle Wheelan has said that institutions should not rush to adopt outcomes-based learning models without considering the implications for complying with SACSCOC and Federal Regulations relating to the granting and transfer of credit. In this context, has the person(s) responsible for implementing this recommendation considered including assessment a SACSCOC compliance experts in the discussion of policy changes?

- **Issue: Online Collaborative Degrees**
  
  - Recommendation: Establish policy and procedures that guide formation of online collaborative degrees.
  
  - Questions:
    
    o Have any policies been established or recommended?
    
    o If so, have the policies been examined for compliance with SACSCOC principles of accreditation?
    
    o Have procedures for Comprehensive Program Review of online collaborative degrees programs been considered?
    
    o Have procedures for sharing information that is necessary to the accreditation of participating institutions been considered in implementing this recommendation, such as faculty credentials and assessment results?
    
    o How will online collaborative degrees impact the new funding formula?

- Action Item: Susan will attempt to get someone from the system office that is involved in implementation of the task force recommendations to attend the Fall meeting.

- **Academic Program Inventory and Productivity**
  
  - Susan helped pull together some data for Marci Middleton who prepared the actual Academic Program Inventory Report. Susan has heard many concerns about the accuracy of the inventory data and the process of identifying so-called “low producing programs.” The concern expressed that other factors should be involved in prioritizing programs beyond a three-year rolling average of graduates. Some suggested factors include program credit hour production and program cost. Allan suggested the Board might consider a system-wide practice of assessing the cost of running a degree program. Since this issue will be an agenda item at the Fall meeting, discussion moved on seamlessly to the next agenda item.
• Fall meeting
  o Allan invited Dr. Linda Noble to speak and she declined.
  o Dr. Houston Davis will be at another meeting on the RACEA meeting date of October 25, but he might be available on November 1. It was discussed whether the Fall meeting should be rescheduled or whether a small contingent from RACEA could meet with Dr. Davis on November 1. The latter course was chosen, so Allan, Bryan, and Mickey, the CPR Committee Chair, will meet with Dr. Davis on November 1. At the Fall meeting on October 25, the whole membership will discuss what we should say as a group to the Vice Chancellor.
  o David Gribbon expects to have more survey results. He now has 16 responses. The deadline is September 30, 2013, and he should have a preliminary report for next RACEA Executive Committee meeting. We should expand Agenda item V to include a discussion on the College Completion Plans. We should invite the person responsible for pushing the college completion agenda to our meeting in Macon. Susan said it might be multiple people. Meg Moore is the CEO of eMajor and only one institution has joined and that school was Dalton State. Allan volunteered to work with Bryan to come up with an agenda for the day. Leigh suggested that we come in starting at 10 am so people can drive in that morning. Suggested we run from 10 to 3. Susan stated that she would be in attendance. Allan will get a notice out to full membership notifying of times and date of meeting. Also he will work with Bryan and Susan on the flow of the day.
  o Action Item: Susan will schedule a meeting at the system office for RACEA with Dr. Davis.

Meeting ended at 9:58 AM

Next Meeting: October 11, 2013 at 9:00 AM