

Early College Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2018

Present: D. Coates, D. Bertch, S. Ott, R. Garthe, R. Kraas, J. Stasiuk, N. York, S. Pernie

Absent: P. Eagen, B. Reynolds, E. Martin, E.J. Bast, K. Dockerty, N. Dickerson, K. Lavender, J. Stotz-Ghosh

1. Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by D. Coates at 1:00PM.
2. Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2018 were approved.
3. Updates
 - a. Schoolcraft High School
 - i. Faculty decided to no longer offer ENG 111 to students off campus. As a college writing course they wanted students to have a college experience and take the course on campus. This caused Schoolcraft to then go to Glen Oaks, who are now offering ENG 110 and ENG 111 at Schoolcraft. D. Coates stated that this is a huge barrier for students- hard to transfer credit at the end of the semester in time for students to enroll in necessary classes.
 - ii. Discussion about the pros and cons of not offering the course on campus at Schoolcraft. What if Schoolcraft decides to go and work solely with Glen Oaks?
 - iii. Schoolcraft changed their academic school calendar to mimic KVCC's. There will be two 15 week semesters, followed by a "skinny semester."
 - b. Comstock made a commitment to have each student take at least one KVCC course before graduating.
 - c. Changes in State Laws
 - i. D. Coates reported that the state law has changed to now allow early college students to take summer classes IF the courses are in the students' degree program.
 - ii. Students are now also allowed to fail one class and have it be forgiven. The student may need to take it again, but they would not have to pay it back to the school district.
 - d. New Courses in Schools

- i. D. Coates spoke to S. Walman about the potential of putting business classes in high schools- like how ACC 101 is articulated with high schools in Kalamazoo County.
 - ii. D. Coates spoke of how if we were able to vet teachers, being able to offer direct credit courses may increase enrollments.
 - iii. N. York and D. Coates spoke about the potential of a rotating 2-3 year schedule for Schoolcraft and/or Comstock. This would give the schools more structure as to what courses they offer, rather than offering whatever is available.
- e. Other
 - i. Bangor High School is not entirely happy with their relationship with LMC. D. Coates spoke of a potential course being offered there, given there is a willing and able instructor.
 - ii. Mattawan High School is starting an early college program and sending all of these students to classes here at KVCC.
 - iii. Texts are going out to students regarding spring break so that they realize that they are still to report to class during the high schools spring break.
 - iv. Portage High School parents are eager to learn about early college as a way to give their children a head start on their education- that is paid for!