

## EMC Meeting Notes

March 18, 2021

2:00PM

Zoom

Present: D. Coates, R. Kraas, T. Labadie, S. Ott, B. Reynolds, J. Stasiuk, J. Stotz-Ghosh

1. Call to Order at 2:03PM
2. Approval of 10.8.20 Minutes
  - a. S. Ott approves
  - b. T. Labadie seconds
3. New Business
  - a. EMC Advisory Committee is now an official charter
    - i. Will need to look at memberships going into the fall semester
    - ii. Current official roster: K. Dockerty, P. Eagan, R. Kraas, T. Labadie, N. Lovely, E. Martin, S. Pernie, B. Reynolds, J. Stasiuk, D. Stevens, J. Stotz-Ghosh
  - b. LMC and SMC do not need to use Accuplacer testing to place students and are using GPA assessment for placement
    - i. Big push in Van Buren county to begin adopting GPA for EMC and dual enrolled students
      1. The argument is that students do not test well and that it is not an accurate placement and takes time
    - ii. What is right for KVCC's students?
    - iii. Is this a part of a larger post-COVID movement?
    - iv. Currently all EMC students take reading, writing, and math Accuplacer testing and when it is time to take a math class the students take the ALEKS math test six months prior to taking the first math course
      1. Causes some concern for the math faculty, since once they take Accuplacer for math and they score high, they could automatically register for higher level courses without having to take the ALEKS test
  - c. N. Lovely and A. Lathan are starting their virtual school advising days in May when registration opens for the fall
4. Updates
  - a. HELEN is a collaboration of all the higher education administrators
    - i. D. Coates has had two meeting sessions thus far to discuss the future of EMC and information sharing

5. EMC completers
  - a. 85 students exiting the EMC program this spring
    - i. 36 are earning an Associate's degree
    - ii. The rest are completing a certificate of achievement
    - iii. All are receiving Michigan
  - b. The EMC Completion Ceremony will be on May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM via Zoom
    - i. Will be an interactive experience for the attendees
    - ii. Having yard signs printed indicating that they are KVCC EMC completers
    - iii. Are also sending them a goodie box with a Sherpa blanket, honor cords, popcorn, and old fashioned themed invitation to the EMC Ceremony
  
6. CARES Act Funds
  - a. The first round of CARES Act funds was not eligible to use on high school students
  - b. The second round of funds are able to be used on high school students, which allows to give to those students in need
  
7. Fall 2020
  - a. EMC grades slipped to an average of a 2.91 GPA
  - b. Dual enrollment had an average of a 3.3 GPA
  
8. Winter 2021
  - a. Would like to have a CASPER style reporting system for EMC and dual students
    - i. D. Coates sent out an email to all faculty members that had an EMC and dual student this semester
    - ii. This process has paid off greatly in the increased use of early alerts
    - iii. D. Coates has also started pulling a withdrawal report each month to help track students
  - b. Incoming Cohorts
    - i. Van Buren has 109 new students
    - ii. Gull Lake has 30 new students, but the application period lasts through August
  
9. Requests for Fall
  - a. A local Christian academy would like to have BUS 101 and ECO 110 taught in the high school by a KVCC adjunct (Scott Zondervan)
    - i. Will pass on information to ALC for approval of new location
  - b. MOU2 classes
    - i. Schoolcraft has requested 6 courses
    - ii. Van Buren has requested up to 3 sections thus far
  
10. PSAT

- a. Partners would like to have PSAT as a multiple measure with the SAT
  - i. If a student is ready for the PSAT then they are also ready for the SAT
- b. Would want to put some parameters around this method of measurement
- c. D. Coates will send out some research and the group can discuss pros and cons at the next meeting

11. MOU

- a. It is time to update KVCC's MOU with KRESA, Gull Lake, and Van Buren
- b. The only change would be a new fee structure with the new tuition rates
- c. D. Coates will share out the MOU so that the group can take a look at what is currently on the MOU

12. Questions?

- a. What is being done in the high schools for the fall?
  - i. Everything will be virtual as of right now

13. Next Meeting

- a. Will meet sometime in October/November 2021

14. Motion to Adjourn at 2:59

- a. S. Ott approves
- b. J. Stasiuk seconds