

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs
Working Group on Online Learning for Partway Home Students
Thursday, October 29, 2015 12:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

The Working Group on Online Learning for Partway Home Students met Thursday, October 29, 2015 in Executive Conference Room 279 of the UNC Chapel Hill Center for School Leadership and Development in Chapel Hill, NC. Committee members present included Mr. Kotis, Ms. Nelson, Mr. Knott, Dr. Gonzales, Mr. Rascoff, Dr. Gallimore, Chancellor Everts, and Chancellor Martin. Others in attendance included Ms. Deb Hurley as a presenter, Dr. Stephen Leonard, Chairman of the Faculty Assembly, and Dr. Ford, Mr. Cohen-Vogel, Dr. Soler, Ms. Matthews, Ms. Henz, Mr. Sims, Ms. Artis, and Mr. Moore as staff.

The September 2015 minutes were approved.

Dr. Gonzalez and Mr. Sims introduced Ms. Deb Hurley, Registrar of UNC Greensboro, to present on the advantages and limitations of a degree audit tool called Degree Works, which is used by many UNC System Schools.

Dr. Gonzalez introduced Ms. Henz, Associate Vice President for Academic Policy, to present on the initial success of the Reverse Transfer Program. So far, over 1400 students have received an Associate's degree through the program. Currently, former students must opt-in to the program. Mr. Kotis asked if it would be possible to send qualifying students an Associate's degree without them opting-in. Ms. Henz reported that the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) does not allow for such. She added that she and Kimrey Rhinehardt, UNC GA Vice President for Federal Affairs, have begun to discuss a strategy for advocating for a change to FERPA that would remove the necessity of opting-in. She is optimistic that this change will be made soon, as a number of other universities and university systems are advocating for it as well.

Mr. Kotis stated that he would like to see a presentation on changes to federal law necessary for the working group to achieve its goals.

Chancellor Everts and Chancellor Martin updated the committee on the changes they would like made to the "Partway Home Student Campus Profile." Dr. Everts requested more detailed options in the "Race" category, an average number of course above a 2.5 GPA, as opposed to an average GPA, a category that would show students that left despite having no financial need or having their financial need met, an expansion of the most common majors list from five to ten, and a distinction between out-of-state students and in-state students. Dr. Martin added that a range of GPAs, as opposed to an average; the amount of financial aid used; and the amount of general education requirements met would also be useful metrics.

Mr. Rascoff presented on the Alumni Finder tool, which allows UNC GA staff to find past UNC students with outdated contact information. This tool could be used to market partway home and reverse transfer programs.

Mr. Rascoff introduced Ms. Antonia Matthews, the new marketing director for UNC Online.

The meeting adjourned at 12:57p.m.

Marty Kotis, Chairman
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