

Higher Education Coordinating Commission  
Credit for Prior Learning Advisory Committee

October 20, 2015  
9:00-12:00pm

Chemeketa Community College  
4000 Lancaster Drive NE, Salem, OR 97309  
Building 3, Room 120

MEETING NOTES

**Members attending in person or by phone:** Craig Kolins, Marilyn Davis, Chris Brantley, Lee Ayers-Preboski, Kathy Calise, Lynn Brown, Rebecca Mathern and Karen Stewart.

**Staff Present:** Donna Lewelling, Committee Administrator

**Public Testimony**

No public testimony was given.

**Minutes**

Chris Brantley moved to approve the minutes, Karen Stewart seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Accelerated Learning and CPL Discussion**

The CPL Advisory Committee was joined by Marla Edge, Lisa Reynolds, Erin Weeks-Earp and Hilda Rosselli to participate in a joint conversation related to accelerated learning and credit for prior learning.

Lisa Reynolds provided background information related to the Community College Council of Instructional Administrators and University Provost Council Accelerated Learning Workgroup.

Marilyn provided an overview of the CPL Advisory Committee for the guests in attendance.

Discussion took place regarding the importance of assessment in the area of CPL. The group also discussed that although challenge exams are historically developed by faculty at the institution, they have variability within the institution itself.

Many institutions are moving away from transfer and articulation agreements because they lock the students in. There is a movement towards the use of “transfer guides” to allow institutions to be more fluid and nimble for students. Articulation agreements are clunky and take time. Sometimes by the time they are “approved” at the institution – the curriculum has changed and the agreement itself becomes obsolete.

After an at-length discussion, everyone agree that it all comes down to evaluation by the institution and the clearest way to look at it is what CPL is designed to do. And while CPL is generally not considered for high school students, it is a matter of what it does, not who is eligible to do it.

The Accelerated Learning Workgroup meets on October 22<sup>nd</sup> and Chris Brantley will join the conversation on behalf of the CPL Advisory Committee. The CPL Advisory Committee also invited the Workgroup to come back for further conversation in the future if necessary.

### **CPL Pilot Project Report**

Donna walked the group through the preliminary findings from Year One of the CPL Pilot. Highlights included for those institutions who indicated that the types of CPL offerings had not increased, two themes arose, the lack of resources as a barrier and institutions using the pilot to strengthen existing processes and policies. The meeting frequency of the Cross Functional Teams appears to have a direct correlation on the coordination of CPL on campus and the raising of CPL awareness on campus. Donna also noted that of the nine institutions who completed Year One in the pilot, all nine have indicated an interest in participating in year two.

### **CPL Strategic Framework & Work Plan Review**

The group reviewed the Strategic Framework which is included in the appendix of the CPL report. 2015 has been a strong year in gaining valuable knowledge and understanding regarding the similarities and differences between CPL and proficiency based learning.

### **2015 Legislative Report Draft**

The Advisory Committee reviewed the legislative report draft. Technical and grammatical edits were suggested and Donna will incorporate those for the next version. Committee members were encouraged to send Donna their suggested edits and she will work with Co-Chairs Davis and Kolins to finalize the report before it goes to the HECC: Student Success and Institutional Collaboration Subcommittee for review in November.

### **Membership Recruitment for 2016**

Donna indicated that she had heard from a few members regarding their interest to remain on the Committee. Those who do not wish to retain their membership should let Donna know by November 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Next Meeting Planning**

The group discussed the agenda for next meeting which will include a final review of the legislative report and beginning conversations related to the 2016 work plan.