

MINUTES

College and Career Readiness Commission

Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Ballroom A
2 Poydras Street
New Orleans, Louisiana
September 27, 2019

The College and Career Readiness Commission met on Friday, September 27, 2019, at 9:09 a.m. in Ballroom A of the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, 2 Poydras Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. The roll was called.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Robert “Paul” Baker
Ms. Emily Broussard
Ms. Angelina Drago
Mr. James Garvey, Jr.
Dr. James Henderson, Chair
Ms. Buffie Singletary (proxy for Ms. Shannon Howard)
Ms. Cheramie B. Kerth
Ms. Melinda Mangham
Ms. Kim Mims
Mr. Donald Songy (proxy for Ms. Bambi Polotzola)
Ms. Katherine LeMoine (proxy for Dr. Janet Pope)
Dr. Kim Hunter Reed
Dr. Nathan Roberts
Mr. Jason St. Pierre
Representative Christopher Broadwater (proxy for Dr. Monty Sullivan)
Ms. Kellie Taylor-White
Ms. Doris Voitier
Dr. Lisa Smith Vosper
Mr. Ken Bradford (proxy for Mr. John White)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Keith Courville
Mr. Michael Faulk
Dr. Gary Jones
Mr. Todd McDonald
Senator Dan “Blade” W. Morrish
Ms. Elizabeth “Beth” O’Quinn
Mr. Jim Randels
Mr. Thomas Roque
Mr. Darren Rutledge
Ms. Christal Sylvain
Ms. Jamie Tindle

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Regents

Ms. Mellynn Baker
Mr. Terrence Ginn
Mr. Matthew LaBruyere
Dr. Lupe LaMadrid

University of Louisiana System

Dr. Jeannine Kahn
Mrs. Carol Slaght

Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes

Chair Jim Henderson welcomed the members to the meeting and thanked them for being amenable to the change of location. The minutes of the October 10, 2018 meeting of the Commission were unanimously approved.

The following handouts were distributed:

- Enrolled version of SB 243, Senator Dan “Blade” Morrish, 2019
- Notes on Dual Enrollment Opportunity
- Notes on Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force
- Louisiana Prospers: Driving Our Talent Imperative

Louisiana Prospers: Driving Our Talent Imperative

Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Commissioner of Higher Education, first presented a brief video that showcased the recently approved Master Plan developed by Board of Regents. Next she commented on the entire plan, *Louisiana Prospers: Driving Our Talent Imperative*. She indicated that three challenges are being addressed: (1) expanding access and success in completing postsecondary education; (2) eliminating persistent and damaging equity gaps; and (3) significantly increasing the education level of adults. She also said that, to address the talent shortage in Louisiana, the goal is to double the number of credentialed recipients in the state by 2030. The paths to reach the goal will include education, innovation, and collaboration, and Commission members engaged in dialog about ideas to accomplish the objective.

Some ideas that were stated include:

- Relevant high school courses to heighten student interest.
- Innovative partnerships with local businesses to boost student success.
- Solid skills being taught to high school students along with adaptability to the continually changing workplace.

Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force

Dr. Reed discussed the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force that had been created by Act 128 of the 2019 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The purpose of the Task Force is to address funding, program integrity and credit transfer, outreach and communication, student access and eligibility, centralized website and process, and application deadlines/logistics. She recognized Commission members who additionally serve on the Task Force: Mr. Ken Bradford, Mr. Michael Faulk, Dr. Jeannine Kahn, Dr. Janet Pope, Dr. Kim Hunter Reed, Mr. Donald Songy, and Ms. Doris Voitier.

Financial Components Associated with Dual Enrollment

Mr. Terrence Ginn, Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Administration with the Board of Regents, was joined by Ms. Mellynn Baker, Institutional Research Associate, and Dr. Lupe LaMadrid, Senior Policy Analyst, in narrating a powerpoint that described the proposed dual enrollment uniform pricing structure.

Mr. Ginn stated that nearly 30,000 high school juniors/seniors are eligible for dual enrollment because of their GPA and/or ACT scores. All Louisiana public postsecondary institutions currently offer dual enrollment courses, but pricing varies among school districts. It was stated that, under SB 243, the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force is authorized to “establish a uniform pricing structure which may include a maximum tuition for dual enrollment courses offered by each public postsecondary education institution and which may differentiate between courses taught on a postsecondary campus, online, or at a high school, and may differentiate by the qualifications of the instructor.”

The proposed uniform pricing structure for General Education courses taught at a postsecondary institution calls for \$100/credit hour; on the high school campus by a postsecondary instructor the cost would be \$100/credit hour; online as well would be \$100/credit hour. The proposal also calls for the cost for General Education courses taught by high school teachers to be \$75/credit hour. For Technical Education courses taught at a postsecondary institution, the cost would be \$200/credit hour.

A variety of responses were given by Commission members including: the need for access to dual enrollment for all eligible students; the hurdle that finances cannot be a barrier to dual enrollment; the need for professional development for dual enrollment teachers; opportunity and training for high school teachers to become eligible to teach dual enrollment courses; and consideration for flexibility at the local level.

Dr. Henderson said that he would forward a summary of the meeting discussion to the Dual Enrollment Framework Task Force as they continue their work.

At 11:15 a.m., upon motion of Ms. Mangham, and a unanimous second, the Commission voted to adjourn.