

MINUTES
2017-18 College and Career Readiness Commission
Claiborne Conference Center
1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
Thomas Jefferson Room – 136A-B
Monday, November 27, 2017

The College and Career Readiness Commission met on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 9:10 a.m. in the Thomas Jefferson Room of the Claiborne Building, 1201 North Third Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The roll was called.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Emily Broussard
Dr. Keith Courville
Ms. Angelina Drago
Mr. Michael Faulk
Mr. James Garvey, Jr.*
Dr. James Henderson, Chair
Dr. Gary Jones
Ms. Cheramie B. Kerth
Ms. Melinda Mangham
Ms. Elizabeth “Beth” O’Quinn
Ms. Bambi Polotzola
Mr. Scott Richard (proxy for Dr. Janet Pope)
Dr. Joseph Rallo
Dr. Nathan Roberts
Mr. Jason St. Pierre
Dr. Monty Sullivan
Ms. Kellie Taylor-White*
Ms. Jamie Tindle*
Ms. Doris Voitier
Dr. Lisa Smith Vosper
Mr. Ken Bradford (proxy for Mr. John White)

**Arrived after roll call*

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dr. Robert “Paul” Baker
Representative Christopher Broadwater (available by phone)
Ms. Nicole Learson
Mr. Todd McDonald
Ms. Kim Mims
Senator Dan “Blade” W. Morrish
Mr. Jim Randels
Mr. Thomas Roque
Ms. Christal Sylvain

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Board of Regents Staff

Dr. Karen Denby
Dr. Larry Tremblay

Senate Education Staff

Ms. Aimee Richard
Ms. Cheryl Serrett

Louisiana Economic Development

Ms. Susie Schowen

University of Louisiana System Staff

Dr. Jeannine Kahn
Mrs. Carol Slaght

Welcome, Roll Call, and Approval of Minutes

Chair Jim Henderson made opening remarks and welcomed the members and other attendees to the meeting. Included in the folders for review were the following:

- A copy of the Board of Regents *Report to the College & Career Readiness Commission*;
- A copy of the revised Proposed Academic Affairs Policy 2.22 Minimum Requirements for Dual Enrollment; and
- A copy of draft minutes from the October 13 meeting of the Commission.

Upon motion of Mr. Michael Faulk, and seconded by Ms. Doris Voitier, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the October 13 meeting.

Presentation of Draft Policy by Board of Regents and Discussion

Dr. Henderson indicated that the one item under consideration was the Dual Enrollment Policy being proposed by the Board of Regents. He thanked Dr. Rallo and Regents staff for diligently working to make adjustments upon receiving the concerns of the Commission in recent weeks and said that Dr. Larry Tremblay and Dr. Karen Denby were available to describe the details of the latest revision. Dr. Henderson also indicated that Representative Broadwater had requested to be available via phone.

Dr. Tremblay distributed a slight revision to the proposed policy that had been recently emailed to members. Dr. Tremblay mentioned a national perspective of dual enrollment, Louisiana dual enrollment, data on the growth of dual enrollment, concerns by the accreditor regarding the faculty qualifications, and inequity among students served.

Dr. Tremblay described the latest version of the policy and stated that it would be submitted to the Board of Regents at its December 11 meeting. He also reiterated that a policy can be amended at any time.

Other discussion focused on unfunded mandates, end-of-course exams, ACT scores, technology courses, special needs students, exceptional students, alternative students, technical skills courses, remedial courses, etc. Mr. Richard distributed a handout about *Early College Academy* and *Early College Option – Ascension Parish Schools* for members' information.

Dr. Joseph Rallo reminded members that the goal is to establish a framework, maintain rigor and high quality, and offer identical classwork. Dr. Tremblay stated that he would work to discuss exceptionality, alternative work skills scores, and special needs immediately with Dr. Sullivan and Department of Education.

Representative Broadwater commended Dr. Rallo and Dr. Tremblay for making significant adjustments to the previous policy. However, he stated that he continues to have concerns about two-year programs and career readiness. He questioned whether such a proposal must be jointly approved by Board of Regents and Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Dr. Rallo stated that the policy allows for identifying areas that can be changed. He said that he intends to continue to converse and consider feedback and comments.

Mr. Courville recommended that the Commission continue discussions in January about dual enrollment issues. Dr. Henderson reminded members that the Commission will consider all matters related to college and career readiness.

Recommendation of Council

Upon motion of Mr. Courville, seconded by Dr. Jones, the College and Career Readiness Commission recommends that a recommendation be issued to the Board of Regents regarding the proposed Dual Enrollment Policy that (1) acknowledges the work of the Board of Regents, (2) thanks the Board for its willingness to work collaboratively to address this issue, (3) identifies the continuing concerns of the Commission as a body, and (4) authorizes the Chair to draft the recommendation to be forwarded to the Commission for feedback.

The Commission voted to approve the motion.

Discussion of Future CCRC Work

Chair Henderson reported that, beginning in January the Commission will begin to broaden its scope of work to other challenges, including educational attainment, developmental education, etc.

2018 Meeting Schedule and Adjournment

Chair Henderson informed the members that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2018 in the Claiborne Building.

One last suggestion was given by Mr. Richard, who asked that the number of affected students be provided to the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education and Board of Regents should the policy be enacted.

At 10:46 a.m., upon motion of Dr. Monty Sullivan, and seconded by Ms. Emily Broussard, the Commission voted to adjourn.