

DES PLAINES VALLEY REGION
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL
APRIL 16, 2015

MINUTES

Dr. Anne Cothran called the meeting of the Des Plaines Valley Region Administrative Council to order at 8:38 a.m. on Thursday, April 16, 2015 in Room M118 at Triton College. In attendance: Dr. Anne Cothran (DVR), Dr. Fran Brady (Leyden Dist. 212), Ms. Marcia Bernas (Elmwood Park Dist. 401), Mr. Phil Prale (Oak Park & River Forest Dist. 200), Dr. Tracy Lett (Proviso Dist. 209), Ms. Sheri Costello (Ridgewood Dist. 234), Ms. Patti Farlee (Riverside-Brookfield Dist. 208), Dr. Chuck Bohleke (Triton College), Ms. Denise Yaneck (DVR).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Costello moved, Dr. Bohleke seconded the motion to approve minutes of the March 5, 2015 meeting. All ayes; motion carried.

STATUS OF GRANT CLAIMS

Council members received the status of their grant expense claims to-date. Districts can submit expense claims to the DVR office as soon as their boards take action to pay invoices. Perkins expense reports are submitted to ISBE monthly, and CTEI reports are submitted to ISBE quarterly. The Board of Control receives an update on expense claims monthly.

HEALTH CAREERS RESOURCE

The Administrative Council information on a health careers MOOC (massive open online course) launched this week. This free MOOC was developed by Northwestern University for high school students and includes video clips, lectures, and other resources. It is recommended that science teachers (biology and chemistry) be made aware so they can evaluate or incorporate it into science programs, or simply introduce it to students for individual use.

COHORT POS EXAMPLES

Our approved dual credit list now includes courses required for four possible student cohorts. The Administrative Council received copies of the cohort programs including anticipated costs for FY16 tuition and industry certifications available. These programs have been approved by the Board of Control. Cohorts can be comprised of students from just one school or combined schools. Points of discussion included number of days per week classes would meet, student access to teachers, marketing approach to focus on cohorts/programs as opposed to focusing on Triton, the value of students attending classes on the college campus as opposed taking these classes in their high schools, students make a two-year commitment. Dr. Cothran will discuss cohorts with the Student Services Committee at their meeting tomorrow. Administrative Council members agreed to obtain feedback from members of their districts and bring that information to the May meeting.

CAREER CAMP REGISTRATION

Registration for this year's career camps opened on April 13th. Brochures are available online through the DVR website.

GRANT ACTIVITIES REPORTS

To report FY15 grant activities as well as identifying FY16 activities projections, everyone is to use the document that was developed last year. Dr. Cothran must enter all of this information into IWAS in order to submit the FY16 grants. At this time, reports have been received from Elmwood Park.

SCHOOL/COLLEGE ALLIANCE WORKSHOPS PARTICIPANT COUNT

At the previous meeting it was requested that Council members provide the DVR office with their lists of attendees for the October 23, 2015 School/College Alliance Workshop. Lists are still needed from several districts.

CONSOLIDATED REGIONAL CALENDAR

Council members received the FY16 regional calendar.

CAREER SPOTLIGHTS

The Council agreed to the following FY16 Career Spotlights.

Sept. 15 – Engineering (OPRF)

Oct. 13 – Information Technology (EP)

Nov. 12 – Healthcare (Proviso)

Nov. 17 – Finance (Leyden)

Manufacturing will be held either October 6th at Riverside-Brookfield or November 3rd at Ridgewood. Ms. Costello and Ms. Farlee will determine which school will host and then the date will be finalized.

Follow-up field trips will be determined at a later date.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES AND LOCATIONS

The Council agreed to the following FY16 meeting dates.

Sept. 17 (DVR)

Oct. 1 (OPRF)

Nov. 5 (EP)

Dec. 3 (Leyden)

Feb. 4 (Ridgewood)

Mar. 3 (RB)

Apr. 21 (Proviso)

May 12 (Triton)

PROGRAM COMMITTEE PRIORITIES

Council members were asked to begin identifying priorities for the FY16 program committees. Ideas included student success stories, internships, certifications, and use of Virtual Job Shadow.