

Blinn College District

Schulenburg Campus Advisory Committee Meeting

Meeting Date: Thursday, April 20, 2023

Time: 12:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Location: Liberal Arts Building, Room 120

Minutes

Present: Bill Wagner, Chris Hooper, Melissa Dietrich, Wendy Fietsam, Jon Wunderlich, Chris Sodek, and Kimberly Newton

Representing Blinn College: Dr. Mary Hensley, Leighton Schubert, Jay Anderson, Dr. Becky McBride, Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Karla Flannagan, Susie Shank, Dr. Becky Garlick, and Sarah Nickel

The Schulenburg Advisory Committee meeting was called to order at 12:19 p.m.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Dean Karla Flannagan provided information regarding the non-credit offerings on the Blinn College, Schulenburg Campus. She mentioned that the Schulenburg Campus is the only campus that offers the dietary manager's program, medication aide course as well as the non-credit Czech courses. She explained that the need is growing in the Schulenburg area for different AAS degrees. There are currently 245 students enrolled in the Schulenburg area. Dual-credit welding is currently the most popular. She believes that the ACCSS program is the driving factor for the increases in enrollment in this area.

Dean Flanagan also mentioned the United States Department of Labor grant that was obtained by the Smithville Workforce Training Center. This \$4.2 million grant designated for Lee, Fayette, and Bastrop counties will fund workforce courses in healthcare, technology, and building and construction trades. It is likely that we (Blinn) will partner with them to help provide the courses in Lee and Fayette counties as needed.

Sarah Nickel and Susie Shank provided an ACCSS update. Susie Shank explained that sustainability is the priority right now for the grant. Susie Shank let the committee know that there was \$20,000 in scholarship money provided to ACCSS students. Sarah Nickel works closely with the students whom she serves to build relationships with and to provide academic support. Susie Shank mentioned some of the programs the ACCSS grant has been assisting with on the Schulenburg Campus including the TSI boot camps, the If I Had a Hammer Program, and Career Quest. Sarah Nickel told the committee the ACCSS program currently has a 98.9 percent passing rate for the Fall 2022 term.

Dr. Becky McBride gave an enrollment report for the Schulenburg Campus. She provided a handout to the committee with the following information. The Schulenburg Campus currently has 43 students enrolled in on campus courses for the Spring 2023 term. There are 126 students in the Schulenburg area currently taking the majority of their courses online. There are 193 students taking dual-credit courses in the Spring 2023 in the Schulenburg area.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59 p.m.