Northern Virginia Community College  
Articulation Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 18, 2009  
Brault Building, Large Board Room

**Attending:** Ms. Julia Brown (CS), Ms. Carolyn Davis (LO), Mr. Mike Donnelly (AL), Dr. Ellen Fancher-Ruiz (PTB), Ms. Mindy Hemmelman (MEC), Mr. Titus Lane (LO), Dr. Bob LeRosen, Ms. Carol Oandasan, Mr. Doug Rhoney, Dr. Sheri Robertson (CS), Ms. Fran Troy (AN), and Dr. Mary Vander Maten (AN)

**Guests:** Dr. Eric Grosse, Dean of Academic Affairs, DeVry University, Dr. Peg Pankowski, Associate Dean, College of Engineering & Information Sciences, DeVry University, and Mr. James Moses, Associate Dean of Business Programs, Devry University, Dr. Christine Burge, Regional Director, Atlantic Region, Troy University, Mr. Les Wright, Site Director, Washington, D.C./Northern Virginia, Troy University, Ms. Jill Pritzker, UVA College Guide, AN, and Mr. David Sexton, UVA College Guide, AL

- Committee members and guests introduced themselves.

- Dr. Christine Burge discussed the background, offerings, and benefits of Troy University, Troy, AL for our students. She emphasized that they focus on degree completion, especially via their eCampus. Regional courses are offered at rates close to in-state rates. We have a general Guaranteed Admission Agreement with Troy signed in the fall of 2008. Dr. Berge is working with Dr. Robertson and Ms. Brown on two new agreements for Business Management with Hospitality and Tourism concentration and Interpreter Training (via Distance Learning). Mr. Les Wright invited committee members to visit the Arlington location.

- Dr. Grosse, Dr. Pankowski, and Mr. Moses described the history, resources, and academic offerings of DeVry University. Many returning military students are entering DeVry. Community college graduates with a GPA of at least 3.2 are eligible for a transfer scholarship. They are in process of updating the 2007 articulation agreement for their Bachelor of Science in Technical Management degree and working on new agreements for the areas of Management, Accounting, Network Engineering, Information Systems, and Database Specialist with Dr. Sheri Robertson and Ms. Julia Brown. They are hoping to articulate more credits; Dr. Pankowski thinks our IST students will be able to transfer up to 93 credits. Ms. Davis asked that the IT AS degree also be considered as work continues on articulation. DeVry is ABET accredited, so there was some interest in also considering articulation of Engineering. Mr. Moses noted that he had many NOVA students and can bring in up to 95 credits. Because so many areas are involved in articulation with DeVry, the committee suggested that Ms. Brown and Dr. Robertson work with DeVry to develop a transfer guide that has a section showing how programs transfer and another showing how individual courses transfer.

- Dr. Sheri Robertson discussed the recent Instructional Programs Advisory Committee meeting (a SCHEV committee with representatives—mostly provosts—of the senior Virginia institutions plus 4 VCCS representatives) at which the recent SCHEV report on transfer was
discussed. Dr. Robertson requested that Articulation Committee members email her with ideas on the definitions of “transfer student” and “transfer success.” For assessment purposes and clarity in general, we need a uniform definition for communication among the community colleges and universities across the state.

• Dr. Bob LeRosen and Ms. Carolyn Davis shared concerns about the George Mason University’s School of Management changes in requirements for NOVA students. With ITE 140 added, counselors encourage the NOVA IT discipline to consider offering at least one more section at Alexandria or Annandale campuses. Even though the NOVA section is 3 credits while the Mason section is 1 credit, many students will prefer to take the newly required course before they leave NOVA. Few sections are offered at this time because so few students have enrolled in ITE 140 in the past; Ms. Davis said that more sections will be offered if enrollment increases. Ms. Brown and Dr. Robertson agreed to add a note about ITE 140 to the general elective footnote in the NOVA Business Administration advising sheet.

• New Agreements recently completed:
  1. George Mason University/Art and Visual Technology
  2. The Catholic University of America’s Metropolitan College

• New Agreements still in process:
  1. ECPI College of Technology/Advising Sheet for Network & Security Management
  2. Frostburg State University/Recreation and Parks Management
  3. Gallaudet University/B.A. in Deaf Studies
  4. James Madison University/Geography & Geographic Information Systems
  5. George Mason University/ Geography & Geographic Information Systems
  6. Savannah School of Art and Design/Photography
  7. The Catholic University of America’s Metropolitan College
  8. University of Maryland Eastern Shore/Construction Management Technology
  9. University of the District of Columbia, School of Engineering
  10. UMES – Hospitality
  11. UMES – Construction Management

• VCCS Agreements in process:
  1. Old Dominion University
  2. Kaplan University

Next Meeting: Friday, November 13, 2009, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m., in the Large Board Room of the Brault Building.

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