

WEEKEND MEMO

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TO: WCCCD Board of Trustees

FROM: Dr. Curtis L. Ivery

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The Board of Trustees of the commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools met Thursday, June 22, 2000, in Chicago. At this meeting the board approved the continued accreditation of WCCCD. The date of the next comprehensive evaluation will be in 2009-2010. No focused evaluations are required as a part of the commission's action. The District will file two progress reports with the commission in fall 2001 on the following:

1. A report on how the assessment plan is linked to the strategic plan.
2. A report delineating the development and implementation of a technology plan.

As I have reported in the past, the November 1999 NCA evaluation team report cited the strengths of the District:

1. "The faculty-driven assessment of student outcomes plan is moving forward with the result of revitalizing both the faculty and curriculum and leading to the improvement of teaching and learning at the institution".
2. "The District has made a strong commitment to providing the necessary human and fiscal resources to support the development of an effective student outcomes assessment program".
3. "The leadership at the District has resulted in strong community support as evidenced by the passage of the first permanent tax millage to assure a stable financial base for the District".
4. "The Board of Trustees is a dedicated group of community leaders who appropriately fulfill their roles at the policy-making level and strongly support the District's mission".
5. "The District has a chancellor who is a committed leader and is highly regarded within the college and community at large.

The Adult Education Program recently received additional funding for 1999-2000 from the Michigan Department of Career Development to provide additional service options.

As we continue to double our efforts in providing education to all by providing education to all segments of our community, I thought it appropriate to give an update on the Adult Education Program. The purpose of the Adult Education Program is to help students reach their potential by goal setting and strengthening their basic skills within a college environment. The program is currently offered at the Downtown and Northwest campus locations.

Additionally, on Friday, a graduation ceremony for Adult Education students was held at the Downtown Campus at 3:00 p.m. The guest speaker for the occasion was James Austin Womack, MD. who is a graduate of Dillard University and Meharry Medical College. Dr. Womack retired from a full-time medical practice and is studying for a Masters of Divinity degree. My congratulations are extended to Mary McKissic and staff for their excellent work associated with program development and implementation.

On Saturday, SEMAA students will travel to the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland Ohio. Our students will join other SEMAA students from the mid-west region for a day of exploration and learning. The students will leave from the Downtown campus at 7:00am and return by 7:00pm. We expect 120 students, 12 teachers, and 12 parents to participate in this educational experience.

On Tuesday, Willie Acosta, Ethel Cronk-Todd, James Jackson and I met with the directors of security for the MGM Grand Casino and the Motor City Casino to discuss the possibility of establishing training for security certification.

On Wednesday, Jonathan Cartwright and I met with Ed McNamara, to discuss ways to expand job training opportunities county wide. Mr. McNamara shared with me his continued support for the District and his commitment to work with us in our effort to improve services to the students we serve.

On Thursday I met with two officials from the Nebraska Bookstore. Our discussion centered on expanding bookstore activities and ways in which the bookstore would improve services to students. We discussed quality services, which in return would provide for our students a quality learning environment.

Educational Affairs – Dr. Joann F. Pieronek, Vice Chancellor:

- On Tuesday, Deborah Fiedler attended the monthly meeting of the Virtual Learning Collaborative, which was hosted by St. Clair County Community College. This meeting focused on additional student services and workforce development issues relative to the VLC.
- On Thursday, Dr. Magalene Hester attended an invitational conference presented by Homes for Black Children, entitled “celebrating a Legacy and Building for the Future”. Keynote speakers included Dr. Andrew Billingsley and Dr. Robert Hill.

- On Thursday, Dr. Jacqueline Hodges met with Dr. Hammonds of DPS to discuss a potential exchange agreement with WCCCD that would allow for paid student internships within the Enrollment Management and Student Services division for the next academic year. The partnership would call for WCCCD second year students with interest in guidance and counseling or other related fields to be given a work experience at DPS and senior status DPS students to be given the same opportunity at WCCCD.
- On Friday, Deborah Fiedler conducted a workshop for the faculty who will be developing and teaching the Fall online courses. This workshop focused on course development and features our new course management system, Blackboard Course Info.
- On Saturday, Ronald Dowe, Mary Mahoney, and Beatrice Talpos presented an interactive session at the American Association of Higher Education Assessment Conference 2000. Mary Mahoney led a breakfast round Table discussion on the topic “Assessment of Remedial/Developmental Education”.

Administration and Finance- Mark Lang, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance:

- On Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, the Educators Preferred Corporation met with college employees to discuss the new Voluntary Incentive Leave Program being offered through the District. Mark Lang, Kim DiCaro and Mark Sanford assisted in the presentations.
- Also on Friday, Christina Munson met with Abbie Philips, Principal and Executive Director for the Urban Education Coalition Task Force. The meeting was for finalizing negotiations for an off campus work-study agreement to place students as tutors in the America Reads program this fall.

Workforce and Economic Development – Willie R. Acosta, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor:

- On Monday and Tuesday, Cynthia Craft, Raquel Garcia and Joanne McArdle attended a grant writing workshop to build skills in the areas of analyzing request for proposals, project planning, request for proposal components and finding funding sources.
- On Wednesday, Dr. Smith attended the Nursing Advisory Committee Meeting at the Northwest Campus. On Wednesday, Dr. Smith and Dr. Hester, co-chairs, met with the Task Force for the upcoming Michigan State Department of Education on-site monitoring visit scheduled for the 2000-2001 academic year.
- Also on Wednesday, Dr. Mary Smith attended the membership reception hosted by the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Smith will be attending future meeting that will forge linkages between WCCCD-WEDD, Detroit Chamber of Commerce and the local business community.
- On Thursday, Dr. Mary Smith and Joanne McArdle attended a luncheon to introduce participating agencies and discuss Project Bennu, a three-year 1.3 million dollar federal grant proposal submitted to the US Department of Education Correctional Division. The

participating agencies are WCCCD-WEDD, Wayne County Sheriff's Department, Eleanor Hutzel Recovery Center, Employment Central of Detroit and Michigan State University.

- On Thursday, Joanne McArdle attended a ceremony for adult students who completed the Ambassador's Curriculum for the Schools of the 21st Century.
- Also on Thursday, Annette Martin attended the "Learning Network Group" luncheon sponsored by the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce. The Learning Network focuses on shared learning and implementation as well as understanding and developing processes and procedures that will connect the urban disadvantaged to work and ultimately onto a career ladder leading to economic self-sufficiency.
- On Friday, the WEDD sponsored a Work Keys seminar to provide an overview of the Work Keys System to WCCCD's administration, faculty and staff. This system will enable the institution and businesses to work together to strengthen achievement of workplace skills.
- On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dr. Smith and Nancy Higgins attended a Tech Prep Retreat in Port Huron.

Institutional Research, Planning and Development – Dr. Kenneth A. Harris:

- On Wednesday, Dr. Kenneth Harris met with Dr. Mary Smith and other members of the Perkins Planning Group.
- On Friday, Dr. Kenneth Harris attended the Work Keys Planning Group sponsored by the WEDD.

Government Relations – Jonathan Cartwright, Director:

- On Tuesday, Jonathan Cartwright hosted the Education First radio program with Dr. Carolyn Wade, Deborah Watson, and Ella Lynch as guests.
- Also on Tuesday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Rufus Beal and Bill Smith of WQBH, Karen Love of the Michigan Front Page, and Alicia Giddens of the Michigan Chronicle, concerning various community educational issues.
- On Wednesday, Jonathan Cartwright attended the annual Wayne County Commission Chairman Ricardo Solomon's Leadership Breakfast.
- Also on Wednesday, Jonathan Cartwright met with Rev. Wendell Anthony President of the Detroit NAACP, concerning recruitment and educational issues
- On Thursday, Jonathan Cartwright attended the 14th & 15th Congressional District reception. Over 200 elected officials and community leaders represented the city, county, and state at the annual affair.

Downriver Campus – Paul Loeber, Provost

- On Thursday, Provost Loeber and Dr. Golshan met with Michael C. Kell, Assistant Superintendent for Southgate Community School District, to explore the possibility of an educational partnership for the Electrical Apprentice Program.
- On Thursday, Provost Loeber attended a presentation entitled “Expansion of the Airport” with parallel ties to Economic Development presented by Andrea Fischer Newman, Vice President of Public Affairs at Northwest Airlines.
- Also on Thursday, Provost Loeber attended “After Business Ours”, sponsored by the Southern Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.
- On Friday, Provost Loeber and Dr. Golshan met with Terry Taylor from the Taylor School District, to pursue a partnership for Vocational Training in Automotive Service Technology for Fall 2000.

Downtown Campus – Dr. Carolyn Wade, Provost

- On Monday, the Downtown Campus hosted the Mayor’s Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect.
- On Friday, the Adult Education Department hosted a graduation ceremony and reception for the students who have completed all program requirements.

Eastern Campus – Annie Comor-Jacobs, Provost:

- On Wednesday, the Eastern Campus hosted a job fair sponsored by Detroit's Employment Connection JOBnet Job Fair 2000.
- On Thursday, the C.L.E.A.N. Team Meeting was held at the Eastern Campus
- On Friday, Donnell Mason attended the kick off of the 1st Safe Community in Detroit and Wayne County sponsored by Parkside Safe Community Coalition and the Y.E.S.S. Project. The purpose is to encourage youth seatbelt use and safety. The guest speakers were 36th District Court Chief Judge Atkins, and Wayne County Sheriff Ficano.
- Also on Friday, Pamela Broaden attended the Detroit Celebrity Kick-off Race for the Kmart Kids Race Against Drugs sponsored by The Empowerment Zone Coalition. The Kmart Kids Race against Drugs seeks to raise awareness about drug abuse affecting children between ages 7 and 12.

Western Campus – Dr. Marjorie Oliver, Provost:

- On Monday, Dr. Marjorie Oliver met with Barbara Cumming, owner of Express Personnel Services, in order to discuss job opportunities for WCCCD students.

- On Tuesday, Frank Romba and Dr. Mary Smith attended the Career Summit 2000 job fair hosted by Employment Central of Detroit. The goal was to assist individuals in gaining insight into career paths that will lead to rewarding careers.
- On Friday, Dr. Marjorie Oliver attended a training session with Dr. Smith relating to Work Keys.
- The Western Campus will be offering CIS 110, Introduction to Computer Information Systems, as a "pilot" E-Learning course for the fall 2000 semester. Students will have the option of taking the class at the campus, at home or at work if they have a computer and Internet access. Students will be provided with a headset and microphone (as part of their lab fee) which will allow them to hear the instructor's lecture "live" and also allow them to ask questions "live".