

WEEKEND MEMO

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This week, we embarked upon a major initiative to address several issues that are deemed critical as we approach teaching and learning for the fall 2002 term. A Continuous Quality Improvement Team was identified to beginning a planning process to temporarily redirect our focus to short-term objectives to assure a successful fall semester. These short-term objectives do, however, interface with the long-term goals as well. Various teams have been charged with the responsibility of assuring immediate quality improvement. Three team leaders, Mark Lang, Dr. Jacqueline Hodges, and Dr. Dick Galant, along with the process staff (referred to as process consultants) will meet each Monday morning with me to report on the progress toward the immediate execution of plans.

Throughout the week, the Continuous Quality Improvement Team addressed the improvement of basic procedures, systems, and operations of the District. The focus was on the immediate District and campus matters that require resolution and system improvement.

As of our "Count Date", last Friday, we had a record Spring 2001 registration. We have enrolled 10,556 students, exceeding last year's registration of 9,656 by 9.3%

The Downriver Campus enrollment is 1,896. This is 8% more than last year's total.

The Downtown Campus enrollment is 3,756. This is 5% more than last year's total.

The Eastern Campus enrollment is 1,485. This is 2% more than last year's total.

The Northwest Campus enrollment is 2,936. This is 21% more than last year's total.

The Western Campus enrollment is 483. This is 8% more than last year's total.

All the campus provosts are to be congratulated for their efforts.

This term 22 telecourses were held with a total enrollment of 708, generating 2,184 credit hours. This total represents a decrease in telecourse enrollments of 8% compared to Spring 2000. Five online courses were offered and held with a total enrollment of 145, generating 435 credit hours. These totals represent an increase in the number of online courses from two to five (150% increase) and an enrollment increase 195.9% when compared to Spring 2000.

On Wednesday, Dr. Mary Smith, Annie Comor-Jacobs, Paul Loeber, Dr. Rahmatollah Golshan, Thomas Hill and Duane Roundtree, a representative from Ford Motor Company, met at the Eastern Campus to discuss forming a partnership. The partnership will provide automotive technician training to economically disadvantaged youth. This community-based program will meet the needs of business and communities for an ongoing source of trained, entry level automotive technicians for dealerships and for maintenance and light repair outlets.

Currently, there is a shortage of over 80,000 trained technicians. The goal is to provide business and industry throughout the state with qualified technicians.

Along with learning how to replace brake pads, diagnose electrical problems and repair front suspensions, the students will also learn important life skills. Upon completion of training, the student will be employable as skilled automotive technicians. The curriculum is designed to allow students who desire advanced automotive training to progress into specialized automotive programs.

With this partnership we are creating an opportunity for students to learn life and entry level technical skills. These skills can be used to help them build a solid future and to help them become members of the permanent workforce.

- On Wednesday, I met with Albert Stokes, author of a recent publication entitled “You Can Get a Better Job,” and other representatives to discuss fund-raising ideas.
- On Thursday, I attended the “State of the City” address by the Mayor of Taylor, Gregory Pitoniak. Dr. Joann Pieronek and Paul Loeber were also present. The Mayor devoted considerable attention to our Downriver Campus and our working relations with the City. The Taylor Rotary sponsored the event, which highlighted achievements in city government over the past year and the Mayor’s views for improving the future of the community.

Educational Affairs- Dr. Joann Pieronek, Vice Chancellor

- On Tuesday, Dr. Pieronek, Dr. Jacqueline Hodges and Glenda Norris met with MariAnne Stella of the American Red Cross to establish and maintain a Steering Committee responsible for increasing blood donations. The Steering Committee will be composed of staff, faculty and students.

- On Tuesday, Ronald Dowe participated in the third meeting of the Carl D. Perkins III Work Group in Lansing.
- Also on Tuesday, Debbie Fiedler and Tony Arminiak met with three Downriver fire chiefs to provide a demonstration and discussion on how the Blackboard delivery system could be used to meet their training needs.
- On Wednesday, Nancy Higgins attended the Career Initiatives Alignment meeting of the Planning Board for Wayne and Monroe counties. Members include the EAG, SEMCA, Wayne RESA, Monroe ISD, Wayne County, Henry Ford, and Monroe Community Colleges, Wayne-Westland Schools and The Downriver Career and Technical Consortium.
- On Thursday, Nancy Higgins attended the Detroit Region Education Advisory Group meeting.
- Also on Thursday, Nancy Higgins served as a judge for the public speaking contest of the Regional FAA Student Organization hosted at DPS's Golightly Career Center.
- This week, Ronald Dowe and Mary Mahony received confirmation of the selection of their proposal for a session at the 106th Annual Meeting of the North Central Association in April. They will present a session entitled “The Day After a ten-year Reaccreditation: Using the Levels of Implementation to Refocus and Reconnect Assessment.”

Public Affairs- Martha J. Grier, Assistant to the Chancellor for Special Projects and Public Information

- This week, David C. Butty was invited by Efiong Eniang, Director of the African World Expo, to be the keynote luncheon speaker at the one-day seminar sponsored by the African World Expo to be held during Black History Month celebration. The U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Small Business Administration, the State of Michigan, One Stop Capital Shop, Booker T. Washington Business Association, and Michigan Minority Business Development Council supports the event.

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

- On Tuesday, Dr. Mary Smith, Dr. Ken Harris, and Nancy Higgins participated in the Michigan Department of Career Development Postsecondary Services Community College Unit Work Group to revise Perkins Procedures.
- On Thursday, Ethel Cronk met with representatives of Visteon and The Palladin Group to discuss additional strategies related to our training partnership and plans to pursue an Economic Development Job Training grant.
- This week, Dr. Jacqueline Hodges and Ethel Cronk completed planning activities related to the District participating in a U.S. Department of Labor Rewarding Youth

Achievement program in partnership with the City of Detroit Employment and Training Department. If funded, this program will provide approximately 450 in school youth positive incentives and college preparation experiences designed to aid in high school graduation and college enrollment rates. The District plans to offer students who meet academic achievement and attendance standards, enhanced math and science courses.

- This week, Ethel Cronk received notice that the first step of the Economic Development Job Training application process was approved for our training partnership with Ford Motor Company. Ford Motor Company, The Palladin Group, and Ethel are currently working on refining information required for the second step in the process. Plans are to submit step two information by February 5, 2001.
- This week, Dr. Mary Smith announces a \$79,000.00 grant from the state for Video Teleconference Equipment for the CVS Regional Training Center.

Government Relations- Jonathan Cartwright, Director

- On Monday, Jonathan Cartwright and Velva Burley met with Bill Ayers, Regional Director of the U.S. Census Bureau concerning educational projects with the District.
- On Tuesday, Jonathan Cartwright and Velva Burley co-hosted the Education First Radio Show with Vernon Allen, City of Detroit Deputy Clerk concerning educational issues.
- On Thursday, Jonathan Cartwright and Velva Burley met with Karla Kish from WDRQ radio concerning the partnership with WDRQ, the Red Cross and the District for awareness and education projects.
- On Friday, Jonathan Cartwright met with State Representative Mary Lou Parks concerning educational projects, recruitment, and projects in the District.

Downriver Campus- Paul Loeber, Provost:

- On Wednesday, Karen Dukatz from Ford Motor Company advised the approval of a \$55,000 expenditure to upgrade the Downriver Auto lab. Preparations are underway and the work is expected to be completed during Easter Break.

Eastern Campus- Annie Comor-Jacobs, Provost:

- On Monday, Provost Jacobs attended and chaired a regularly scheduled meeting of the Greening of Detroit's Education Committee to discuss plans and activities for the year.

- On Tuesday, Provost Jacobs and Dr. Rahmatollah Golshan met with partners of the Bridges Partnership to Manufacturing Technology to discuss implementing the Bridges Program.
- Also on Tuesday, Provost Jacobs attended a YWCA Metropolitan Board of Detroit Capacity Building meeting.
- On Wednesday, Donnell Mason represented the District at a Career Fair sponsored by Career Works Institute of Technology.
- On Friday, John Bolden hosted an Annual State Wide meeting of Mid-America Association of Educational Program Personnel (MAEOPP) at the Eastern Campus.

Northwest Campus- Dr. Hattie Johnson-Norris, Provost

- On Wednesday, Dr. Johnson-Norris hosted a “Student Chat” and a “Ice Breaker” with students, faculty and staff.
- Also on Wednesday, Dr. Johnson-Norris attended the Warren Avenue Community Organizations monthly meeting.
- On Friday, Joann Nyquist received notice that 100% of the Summer 2000 Dental Hygiene graduates successfully passed the Northeast Regional Board Licensing Examination.

Western Campus- Dr. Marjorie Oliver, Provost

- On Monday, Toni Arminiak and his staff began three days of fire safety and rescue training for correctional officers in the Wayne County Sheriff's office. Over 90 correctional officers will be trained. We are hoping to expand the program and offer it two or three times a year.
- On Tuesday, Dr. Oliver attended a meeting of the Belleville Rotary Club to hear a presentation by members of the Cozad Foundation.
- Also on Tuesday, Frank Romba met with William Musham, Director of Romulus Technical Education to discuss expanding the scope of our current articulation agreement to enable the District to offer advanced HEM courses to Romulus High School students in the Fall of 2001.