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1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Wendy Link convened the meeting on March 28, 2018 at 3:07 p.m. with the following members present and answering roll call: Governors Lautenbach, Levine, Link, J. Patel, and Tripp. A quorum was established.

2. Minutes of Committee Meeting

Chair Link asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2017 committee meeting. Governor Tripp moved to approve the minutes, Governor Lautenbach seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

3. Improving 2+2 Articulation Implementation Plan: Work Group Progress Report

Dr. England provided an overview of the activities of the Improving 2+2 Articulation Work Group since the Committee's last meeting on November 19, 2017. She reminded the Committee of the three Board-approved strategies from the Improving 2+2 Implementation Plan: to develop a web-based advising tool, to encourage universities to develop and expand 2+2 enhancement programs and to develop criteria for effective 2+2 enhancement programs, and to develop and implement a 2+2 data and information toolkit. Dr. England reported that the work group had been working on the first strategy since last August. The work group developed and finalized a list of key content areas for the critical user groups of students, advisors, university staff, and parents and reviewed existing websites to determine which of the content areas already existed. Dr. England stated that the work group had done a preliminary assessment of the content to determine what resources were appropriate for the various user groups in their current form, which resources needed some revisions, and which did not exist at all.

4. 2+2 Enhancement Program Updates

Dr. England provided an overview of an updated list of 2+2 enhancement programs. She stated that every Florida college has at least one state university program partnership in place or under development. Dr. England also noted that Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University and the University of West Florida have significantly expanded their programs and that Florida Polytechnic University is in the process of developing its first 2+2 enhancement program since the list of programs was first compiled for the Board's Select Committee on 2+2 Articulation in January 2017.

Governor Lautenbach asked if there is any way to tell how well the programs are working. Dr. England noted that under the second strategy assigned to the work group, key criteria of successful programs will be identified and then each university will use the criteria to assess their programs.

Governor Tripp asked if there was a mechanism for gathering feedback from the students themselves in order to determine the effectiveness of the programs. Dr. England noted that time to degree is one measure that is already available and that she would ask CAVP if the universities have collected any additional information from students.

Governor Tripp asked if prospective students are aware of what their chances are of being accepted by a university if they are not participating in one of the enhancement programs.

Governor K. Patel stated that the students who get accepted are probably happy, but that the students who do not get accepted are the ones to follow up with. Governor Patel also suggested that the president of the Florida College System student organization might be able to assist with identifying and addressing any issues.

Chair Link stated that the Florida College System chancellor and the chair of the FCS president's council will be invited to the Committee's next meeting in June as a way to further solidify partnerships with the FCS. Governor K. Patel also suggested that the president of the Florida College System student organization be invited.

Chair Link then asked the university presidents to suggest future topics for the Committee to discuss relative to the statewide 2+2 agreement. She noted that while Florida's 2+2 system is strong, there is always room for improvement and that there are opportunities for improving the student experience.

University of West Florida President Saunders agreed that the system works well and that it doesn't stop with admitting students but that students need to complete the baccalaureate degree as well. President Saunders shared that they are focusing on the

high demand programs and assessing how well FCS students are doing so they can provide feedback to their primary feeder colleges.

Governor Tripp cautioned that we need to be sensitive to our partners when providing feedback. Governor Lautenbach stated that we need to be straightforward with our partners too, and keep the focus on student success. Chair Link stated that feedback should be offered in the right spirit and that it should be specific, helpful and useful to the colleges. University of North Florida President Delaney stated that they have used data to identify consistent problem areas and provided feedback to their partners.

Chair Link asked the University of Central Florida about the status of the online 2+2 enhancement program for transfer students. University of Central Florida Provost Whittaker reported that it is a unique online program for AA students who are place bound. He stated that students receive specific advising to ensure their credits will transfer. Provost Whittaker also noted that the program is still fairly new and that initially about 450 students enrolled, and this spring over 1,600 students were enrolled suggesting some pent-up demand exists in the system.

Florida International University President Rosenberg stated that financial aid for transfer students could be more structured and seamless.

Governor J. Patel asked if AA transfer students needed a specific GPA to be admitted to a state university. University of South Florida Provost Wilcox stated that a 2.0 GPA is the minimum requirement for all universities but specific programs may have higher GPA requirements.

Provost Wilcox asked if the data suggested a problem with students not being admitted to a state university. Chair Link stated that in a previous presentation by Dr. Jan Ignash, only one incident had been reported to Board staff during the past several years and that the matter had been quickly resolved.

Governor Tripp stated that place bound students may have a more difficult time accessing a program close to them but that online programs can help fill the gap for those students.

Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University Board of Trustee Chair Lawson stated that while they have significantly expanded their programs as a result of conversations with Governor Levine, who chaired the Board's Select Committee on 2+2 Articulation, they learned that programs outside their geographic region require additional work. Chair Lawson also noted that the agreement alone is not enough and as a result, FAMU has sent staff and students to Florida college partner campuses to ensure the programs are working.

Having no further business, Chair Link adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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