



**Minutes of the Wednesday, September 16, 2009
COS Tech Prep/School-To-Career Consortium Meeting
Middle School Career Exploration Training**

Consortium members present: Sandra Oxaca, Brandi Blankenship, Jaynie Castillo, Jeannie Iriye-Mead, Larry Dutto, Manuel Martinez, Gracie Lovenburg, John Winterton, Sandy Valenzuela, Valerie Fisher, Paula Murray, Stan Isaac, Travis Hambleton, Lisa Waters, Elaine Rubio, Andrew Vasquez, Ryann Ropozo, Katherine Nunes, Rose Slater, Rosa Arellano, Virginia Garrido, Larry Buenafe, Pam Zschau, Katie Greenburg-Trujillo, John Werner, Ed Kotoian, Marie Pinto, Randy Wallace, Linda Thornton, Lori Lackey, John Ramirez, Eldonna Caudill, Dustine Borges, Lisa Mendes, Glenda Woolley, Ron Johnson, Duncan Graham

Consortium President, Paula Murray, Corcoran High School, called the meeting to order at 12:13pm. Welcome & Introductions were made. Elaine Rubio moved to approve the minutes as e-mailed, it was seconded by Randy Wallace.

John Winterton , Instructor, College of the Sequoias, shared the College of the Sequoias Career Pathways Project. He explained the project as a vehicle that will help post-secondary and potential students research and learn more about career pathway areas of interest. The COS Career Pathways website does just that in a five step process helping develop a career plan for students. Through this website students have the capability to explore careers, including take surveys of personal and academic interests based on their likes and dislikes. Based on survey results the website will generate a list of “hot” careers, tying it to a career pathway. Educational counseling in the career pathway interests is included in part of the five step process. The website also includes networking resources in the community as well as interview and resume preparation. Another facet of the website is that it includes information on Articulation linked to career pathways including a list of local articulation with COS and agreements at all high schools that coincide with the selected area of interest. The Career Pathways Project is designed to enhance existing career counseling and advising, not supplement it. The website is: <http://careerpathways.cos.edu>

Sandra Oxaca, Outreach, All Student Loan – Career and College Network, discussed opportunities with the Career & College Club available to middle schools, partnered with COS Tech Prep Consortium and Kings & Tulare County Office of Education. All Student Loan is the largest non-profit student loan provider and offers free workshops to high schools. For the second consecutive year, the Career & College Club project has been made available to middle schools in the area. The Career & College Club targets middle schools with the mission to help middle school retention. The club entails a ten course program, consisting of one mentor/coach selected by the middle school and participation from fifteen to twenty students in 7th and 8th also selected by the school. These students will participate in the ten session program, the middle school coach will be trained and facilitate the Career & College Club curriculum. There are currently 87 schools that have been funded \$500 to participate. For more information on how you can get involved please see Randy Wallace, TCOE; Jaynie Castillo, COS Tech Prep Coordinator; and/or Peter Martinez, All Student Loan.

Randy Wallace, School to Career Director, Tulare County Office of Education, spoke about the Career & College Club pilot project with All Student Loan, tied together with the COS Tech Prep Consortium and Tulare & Kings county partners. Randy explained the process for middle schools interested in participating with this opportunity; schools will need to complete the Intent to Participate form and Career & College Club application provided by Jaynie Castillo, Tech Prep Coordinator. There is \$1000 funding available to participants. Randy stated that COOL Night is right around the corner held on October 6th. Tech Prep Consortium and TCOE will provide funding for bus transportation to this event.

Glenda Woolley mentioned that her new office is located in Lemoore and is adjusting well to her new location and position.

Brandi Blankenship, Tech Prep Specialist, reminded the consortium of the valuable opportunity that students have with taking college course classes at no cost to them through articulation. She mentioned that she has been making visits to high schools to help enter faculty and student data into the CATEMA

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database. CATEMA houses the articulated credit that students receive and is imperative that high schools enter in this information as soon as possible. She looks forward to visiting your high school soon.

Larry Dutto, Dean of Academic Services, introduced Duncan Graham, Vice President of Academic Services. Larry stated that this is the time students need to get serious about their education. New graduation requirements are coming down the pipeline that will require college algebra and English to graduate. Students will no longer be able to satisfy requirements with only taking a competency exam. Larry commented that UC's have increased tuition by 30% and Fresno State University has already announced 5 furlough days. Students are continuing to attend college and attendance is growing; CTE programs used to run 18-22 students in a classroom; today we have approximately 56 in a classroom during the day and 35 at night. The IT program at COS has grown by 70%. The Police and Fire Academies are moving to Hanford. Larry stated that generally in years past approximately 14-15 students in the Police Academy are able to obtain jobs before they graduate, this year only 3. The job market is very competitive. COS has a new Dairy Processing program starting. Hospital Rock is open and will host their Open House on December 10, 2009. The new COS Farm in Tulare is scheduled to open in 2012. COS is currently 800 FTES over cap that equates to over 300 classes. Larry sympathizes with the consortium understanding that everyone is in the same boat with budget issues. Due to budget issues at COS; the commitment with Bridge course offerings is bare minimum.

Jaynie Castillo, Tech Prep Coordinator, thanked Randy Wallace for the opportunity to host the Tech Prep Consortium meetings at the Tulare County Office of Education, Education Center. She reviewed information in the consortium packets explaining the content. 1. The Intent to Participate Forms – in order to continue participation in the Tech Prep Consortium, members need to complete and identify current courses being taught at your campus, as well as obtain appropriate signatures from all parties at the high school/middle school/organization and return form back to the Tech Prep office as soon as possible in order. 2. Articulated Course List entailing a complete list of course agreements with each high school. 3. End of Course Assessment List – compiled list of the type of EOC required for articulated courses based on articulation agreement. 4. Articulation Day will be held on October 28th at the Holiday Inn. Jaynie mentioned that the goal this year is to streamline the event focusing on certain industry sectors, this year the sectors are 1. Agriculture and Natural Resources and 2. Finance and Business. Please share with your faculty that need to renew and/or may be interested in articulating in these areas. If there are requests for other sectors, please see Jaynie individually. Registration information can be found in your consortium packets, and online. 5. Spring Bridge Course list – current list of course offerings in Spring 2010. It is very important that you get the information to students out immediately and high school permission forms turned in as soon as possible. Students can begin to apply and turn in permission forms beginning September 14th, then enrollment will be open to students on Dec. 15th. Bridge courses have been pushed back to begin instruction two weeks after the COS start date – if those classes are not filled they will be canceled. Jaynie mentioned that 324 students received articulation certificates in the 2008-09 school year. Jaynie brought Counselor Kits provided by State Center Consortium. One for each middle school and high school that had not received one yet and passed them out at the end of the meeting. Jaynie explained the kits. Jaynie announced Articulation Day being held on Wednesday, October 28th and discussed the two pathways for articulation agreements that will be reviewed at this event: 1. Agriculture and Natural Resources and 2. Finance and Business. She noted that registration information is available in the consortium packets and online at: www.cos.edu/techprep. Lastly, Jaynie announced to save the date for Tech Prep EXPO on Thursday, March 25, 2010.

Meeting adjourned at 1:17pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jaynie Castillo
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