

Collegiate Re-structuring Steering Committee (CRSC)  
Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Richard Newrock, Chair of the CRSC committee, addressed the committee.

- Asked the committee which discussion the committee wanted to address first - associate programs and the regional campuses or the “One University Model”. Dean Newrock outlined some possibilities:
  - We can recommend that we do nothing – leave all the associate degrees where they are. This is really not an option because the Provost wants them off the Uptown campus.
  - Regarding the CAS associate programs:
    - Move them entirely to the branch campuses, which would imply that the branch campuses laboratories would create the teaching laboratories and hire the necessary faculty -- a costly option.
    - Move them logically to the regional campuses which would then issue the degree. They would be taught by CAS faculty using CAS labs.
    - Stop teaching the programs all together and let Cincinnati State do it. They already have the programs and the labs. We could do 2+2 program with Cincinnati State. Currently, we have some programs in place already with Cincinnati State. We would work to optimize the transfer from Cincinnati State to the University of Cincinnati.
- One University Model should be the focus of this Committee. This decision impacts the sub-committees decisions regarding the merger of CAS and CoE since some of CAS programs which would not be in CoE/CAS, but in other colleges. But it also impacts these associate programs
- How many degree programs and how many students would be impacted by this change? Caroline Miller gave a report of 276 students would be impacted. The retention rate of the associate degree students is about 50% after the first year.
- Is there enough revenue to offset the cost that will be associated with this move? Who would be losing the revenue? Central Campus would be losing the revenue. RWC and Clermont along with Cincinnati State will be picking up the revenue. Even if it is a One University model, do we leave it the way

it is funded. Do we say that RWC and Clermont sit on their own or does it all become one budget. How do we sustain the financial loss? It is OBRs decision if we can merge these budgets because they are separate within the USO. They are funded 3 different ways – one for the regional campuses, one for the main campuses and one for the community colleges.

- What is the advantage to sending students to Cincinnati State? Sometime in the not so distant future, Cincinnati State may become part of the University of Cincinnati. Location is also an issue for the students. They may not want to travel to Raymond Walters or Clermont. There are some programs that are more costly and losing money at UC and it might be more effective to send them to Cincinnati State. If they do become 2+2 programs, then UC will have some control over the curriculum. They have created 2 tracks – one for associate degrees which enable to student to go ahead and enter the workforce, and one for students who would like to continue at get their baccalaureate degree. By creating these tracks, most the problems have been solved.
- The Provost wants the associate programs moved off the main campus and is not concerned about revenue loss. By doing this, UC would get more students and transfer students into the programs and make them up down the road. Many students, who have financial and academic trouble at UC transfer to Cincinnati State for a year, then come back and graduate from UC.
- All of the associate degrees should be linked to baccalaureate degrees. The state wants a pathway for associate degrees to be linked to baccalaureate degrees. There is also a real need for terminal associate degrees in the community and enter the workforce.
- Where are we going to move the associate degrees – all to Raymond Walters and Clermont, are we going to include Cincinnati State, and what benefits the students the best? Most of the students are going to Cincinnati State.
- Associate Programs and the number of students as reported by Caroline Miller (*Caroline Miller will send the head count and credit hours report*):
  - Architectural Technology– 32 students
  - Business Management Technology – 27 students
  - Chemical Technology – 12 students
  - Civil and Construction Technology – 62 students
  - Electrical Engineering Technology – 33 students

- Horticulture - 0 students
- Information Technology – 54 students
- Mechanical Engineering Technology – 79 students
- Pre-Business – 2 students
- Technology Access Program (not an associate program) – 26 students
- Total number of students = 276**
- Fire Science (distance program) – 37 students (not included in the original 276).

How many of these students could we accommodate at RWC and Clermont that already have labs (if they are needed): IT, Business Tech, Chem Tech. About 190 students. Cincinnati State also has the labs currently.

- There should be someone from the Business College to attend one of the meetings (Will McIntosh) to discuss what can and cannot be done.
- There are high level discussions with Cincinnati State that are non-academic, i.e., shuttles, facilities, residence halls, rec-center.
- In the culinary program through CAS, a student can attend Cincinnati State for 2 years, be registered at UC, which at the end of their 2<sup>nd</sup> year, and will transfer to UC seamlessly.

Next meeting will be on **Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at 7:30am in Van Wormer, Room 320.**