



Cooperating Raleigh Colleges

Chief Academic Officers Meeting Minutes

Saint Augustine's University, Prezell Robinson Library

Tuesday, October 20, 2015, 3 p.m.

Convener/Committee Chair: Yvonne Coston

In attendance: ; Saint Augustine's University--Dr. Yvonne Coston, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Wake Technical Community College--Mr. Bryan Ryan, Senior Vice President for Curriculum Education; Shaw University--Dr. Patrena Benton, Vice President for Academic Affairs; NC State University--Dr. Mike Mullen, Vice Chancellor and Dean, Academic and Student Affairs; CRC--Ms. Jenny Spiker, CRC Director.

Welcome and Introductions: Dr. Coston welcomed the members to Saint Augustine's University. The members introduced themselves and welcomed the newest member, Dr. Patrena Benton from Shaw University. Each of them then shared some information about their background and updates about their institutions:

- **Dr. Benton:** She started her position at Shaw on Sept. 1. She grew up in North Hampton County, NC and is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill. She worked at that university and also at Langston University in Oklahoma and Hampton University in Virginia. At Shaw they've just had a site visit connected to their seeking a doctorate program for their divinity school. Shaw is celebrating its 150-year anniversary this year with Founder's Day on Nov. 6th featuring U. S. House Rep. Alma Adams as speaker. Shaw also has welcomed its 17th president, Dr. Tashni DuBroy, new this year. They are looking at sustainability projects, which could have some implications for CRC collaborations.
- **Mr. Ryan:** He has been at Wake Tech since 1992 and held his current job since 2007. He is originally from Ohio and worked in Michigan and taught ESL courses. Wake Tech has recently revised its Comprehensive Articulation Agreement with both state universities and the independent colleges in North Carolina. They also now have a program for reverse transfer from the four-year state universities to the community colleges. Dr. Mullen asked about students who are attempting to pull into the three-year window, and Mr. Ryan said that's one of the issues they are working hard on. He also talked about the MOOC courses they have started particularly to help students who aren't prepared for college level work in certain subjects. These are free, online, non-credit courses open to anyone. And they are increasing the number of online courses for credit. He said one of the offerings through CRC cross-registration that their students appreciate is the opportunity to take part in bands on the other campuses.
- **Dr. Mullen:** He has been in his position as Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Division of Academic and Student Affairs (DASA) for just over three years. He came here from the University of Kentucky. In recent years NC State has reorganized many of its programs, putting the academic and student affairs functions under one umbrella when they were previously decentralized. For example, they now have a university college program. Its goal is the following: "...to create a University College that brings together the First Year College, unaffiliated academic departments in the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, interdisciplinary undergraduate degree programs not currently housed in a college and provides an administrative home for interdisciplinary minors and certificates not currently housed in a college."

He talked about some other changes including how NCSU students no longer pay extra for online courses. And he said now all internal transfers are handled through the admissions office, and they want to increase the number of external transfers to the university. They are also exploring more interdisciplinary study programs. The topic came up about whether CRC cross-registration students can now take online courses without paying a fee. He said he would check on that and Ms. Spiker said the CRC registrars were meeting later that week and she would bring that up with them.

- **Dr. Coston:** She has been at Saint Augustine's for 29 years and has worn many hats including starting as math instructor, and moving through the faculty ranks to full Professor, Vice President Research and Innovative Programming, VP for Academic Affairs and now the Provost for the last nine months. Her university also has a new president, Dr. Everett Ward, who had been interim president and will have his inauguration at the end of the month. On Oct. 27th they will have Michael Lomax, CEO of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) as a speaker on campus. They are getting started with online courses and will be changing to Blackboard. They are also starting a Maymester program like William Peace has—a three-week summer session. They continue to partner with NC State with their study abroad program in China. That Confucius Classroom initiative has been operating for six years and grew out of a discussion at a CRC meeting. They are also developing proposals for increasing the level offering to masters' degree programs. She said they are interested in exploring career services collaborations with the other CRC institutions.

Reports on other CRC projects---from packet---by Ms. Spiker

- **Adjunct Faculty Professional Development:** She talked about the adjunct professional development project progressing well with four workshops in the last several years. The most recent one on Sept. 24 on technology and teaching. (See the page in the packet.)
- **March 2nd community event on training and retaining teachers:** The newest project is bringing together the leaders of the education departments of the CRC schools to connect with the community in addressing issues of training and retaining teachers in the community. The committee has met three times and its proposal for the event was in the packets. On March 2nd people from the colleges and the community most interested in the issues will come together for an 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. event at the Friday Institute on the NCSU Centennial campus.
- **Librarians and Registrars:** Both of these groups are still very active and the library workshops have now taken place in July for eight years.
- **Emergency Management project:** This project formed two years ago has now had four workshops or trainings, including the one this summer with a trainer from the national Homeland Security department.
- **Transportation:** CRC continues to work with the County and City on public transportation expansion. We have been involved in the County's Transit Advisory Committee and the City of Raleigh is going to meet with the CRC Board in December to talk more about expanding Go Passes to more campuses.
- **ACL Book Chapter:** Ms. Spiker pointed out the copy of the chapter she wrote for the national college consortium organization's book this year. It's titled "A Consortium Approach: Connecting to the Local Community."

Other projects to move forward: The community recommended exploring the following new or revised projects:

- **Undergraduate research collaboration:** Dr. Benton said she thinks it would be very helpful to get students from different colleges together to work on undergraduate research projects. Ms. Spiker said this kind of proposal came up several years ago when some CRC science professors met with researchers at the NC Museum of Science and she would check in with them again. Several members said that granting agencies are always interested in collaborative projects so this may have potential for funding. The group suggested possibly starting with one or two pilot teams.
- **Career Center collaboration:** It's time to look again at possibilities for more sharing and collaboration with all of the career centers.

- **Summer and Online Course Options:** The committee suggested we consider also allowing CRC students to take courses during the summer in the same way that they take them during the academic year. It was also discussed that we allow students to take online classes through CRC using the same exchange process.
- **Study abroad:** The committee suggested we revive the group that had been working on getting study abroad programs in communication for possible collaborations.
- **Student Government Leaders:** Ms. Spiker said getting students together has been particularly challenging so she welcomes the idea of getting these leaders together.

The group agreed to schedule another meeting for the spring semester, preferably in February.

--Submitted by Jenny Spiker, CRC Director