Members Present
Raul Alcala, CSU Stanislaus, HECCC Executive Director
Ann Andersen, Merced College
Elsie Bruno, Columbia College
Jean Mallory, Columbia College
Ruth Cranley, Modesto Junior College, Chair
Rosa Lemos, CSU Stanislaus
Jack Saunders, San Joaquin Delta College

Welcome and Agenda
The meeting was called to order by Chair, Ruth Cranley at 9:15 A. M. at Columbia College. Some items were moved to a later time due to the delay in arrival of Raul Alcala but are presented here in the order of the original agenda. It was suggested that the Articulation and Transfer Committee title on the agenda be changed to delete the Transfer Committee name. A newer draft agenda did not include the Transfer Committee in the title. Some items were added to the agenda.

Introductions
Raul Alcala, new Executive Director of HECCC was introduced and welcomed. Raul is in his seventh week as director. Raul gave a brief history of his background.

Minutes
Minutes of December 11, 2006 were moved (Elsie), Seconded (Ann) and approved with the correction of two typographical errors.

Campus Updates
Columbia College
• Still in transition with a new president, three relatively new deans and an interim dean of Arts and Sciences
• No news re the hiring of a permanent Articulation Officer
• A new science building is in the works with the passage of a recent bond
• Curriculum Committee is looking at software for our curriculum database
• Completed submissions for LDTP
• Contract negotiations completed

Merced College
• Two dean positions are open
• Looking at retirement of two administrators which means loss of a lot of history
• New administrative position created
• Los Banos Center open for summer possible in early June and will have 9 week session
• Five courses were submitted for LDTP
• An off campus team conducted a basic skills audit; waiting for a report on their observations
• Changes in non-credit courses transitioning to transfer credit
• Some proposed changes in Title 5 re Curriculum
• Opened new Learning Resources Center (Library)
• Looking at renovation of old Library for Student Services

Modesto Junior College
• Strong possibility of adopting CurricUNET as the curriculum management software
• A new district Chancellor was selected and announced earlier this week
• Work is continuing on the new construction/renovations from the recent passage of a bond (for both CC and MJC)
• The 2007-08 catalog is available
• Contract negotiations have been settled
• Completed submissions for LDTP

CSU Stanislaus (Rosa and Raul)
• Rosa is serving as interim Articulation Officer as well as doing her old job of evaluation work
• University is changing to PeopleSoft software
• Next goal is to use an automated degree audit system
• Still working on electronic transcript capabilities starting with native students, then transfer students from feeder schools, then high schools; have already done some testing with some of the feeder community college transcripts (part of a Title V grant)
• There will be a HECCC conference at CSU Stanislaus on April 30 from 9 – 1:30 hosted by the Executive Board to discuss the history of HECCC, future goals and to assess resources; the campus presidents have been invited and asked to select additional instructors and student services personnel to attend.
• Working on new Title V grant for Supplemental Instruction for migrant students in a cohort program to help them in their first year of college
• Looking at more Title V collaborative projects with the desire to build more partnerships with other colleges, developmental courses, etc.

San Joaquin Delta College
• New campus in Tracy
• Mountain House is functional and should open in early 2008
• Looking at properties in Lodi and Galt
• Planning to enlarge the Manteca campus
• Looking at doing reconstruction on older building

HECCC
• New catalog production
• Still in contract negotiations
• Looking at a pilot program with UOP coordination for potential transfer students
• Looking at Cal Grant B’s transfer option for improving basic skills

Review/Discussion/Approvals
• Role of the HECCC Articulation Committee Subcommittees:
  o Because of the changes in the HECCC Executive Director position, neither the Transfer Committee nor the Evaluations Committee met with us this year.
  o Several of the other Articulation Committee goals were put on hold for the reason noted above.
• The HECCC 2006-07 Articulation Committee Goals were reviewed and updated. Some goals were removed and some added. It was moved by Jack, seconded by Ann and passed to approve the Committee Goals for 2007-08. Ruth will send us a draft of the Articulation Committee Goals for 2007-08.
• The HECCC 2006-07 Articulation Committee Work Plan was reviewed and updated. Several items were removed, edited and/or added for the months of September and October. It was moved, seconded and passed to approve the changes made thus far to the Articulation Committee Work Plan for 2007-08. Ruth will send us a draft of the Work Plan for 2007-08. The Committee Work Plan for 2007–08 will appear as a September 2007 agenda item in order to update the remaining months.
• The HECCC support staff will update the HECCC grids for 2007-08 and post information as soon as Ruth directs her to do so. The current HECCC support position ends in on June 30, 2007.
• Committee members turned in their AA/AS Degree Grids, CSU General Education Grids, and IGETC Grids updated for 2007-08.
• Other grids will be submitted as per the 2007-08 Work Plan.
• The HECCC Articulation Committee Meeting Calendar for 2007-08 was reviewed. Several changes were suggested. Members will check their college calendars and submit any additional changes to Ruth. Ruth will send out the new calendar as soon as everyone has responded to her.

Review/Discussion
• The Counselor/Evaluator Survey regarding utility and value of the HECCC Grids was moved to the September 2007 meeting.

Old Business-Discussion and Planning
• AO’s from MJC and Columbia distributed the reports identifying specific information why courses were denied the TCSU descriptor approval.
Articulation Officers Committee
Minutes of April 16, 2007

- Added to Agenda: The Region 10 Articulation Officer and Transfer Center Directors e-mail was distributed. It stated negative concern re: LDTP. Region 8 wanted to withdraw from LDTP and not participate.
- Added to the Agenda: Roberta Delgado is working with Jack Scott on a transfer bill to have the legislature review current status of the LDTP to see if it is meeting their original mandates and how it can be improved.
- Agenda item deferred: Meetings since last HECC meeting (NCIAC, March 16, 2007 agenda item was moved to the September, 2007 meeting.
- Ann moved and Jack seconded and the group approved the minutes of February 13, 2006 (not a typo)
- Agenda item CVHEC agenda item was moved to the September, 2007 meeting.
- Other comments/concerns raised by the group during the meeting (see Other)

**OTHER**

- Great concerned expressed by several members of the committee to Raul re: the status of the HECC Articulation Committee. Several members shared with him some committee history such as its development and updating of a number of grids including the AA/AS, Grid, the CSU General Education Grid, the IGETC Grid, the Liberal Studies Grid, the AD Nursing Prerequisite Grid, the CAN Grid, the Radiology Grid, the Pre-Licensure Nursing Grid and the US History/Constitutions Grid. These grids have proven invaluable to the counselors and students at its member colleges. It created a Reciprocity Agreement between member schools to assist students in smooth transitions from one college to another in their pursuit of degrees and certificates. The committee has coordinated meetings with our committee and consortium Transfer Center Directors and Evaluators. We had met with consortium English and Mathematics faculty to review course content and assure that each college is teaching the same thing in like courses. It has served as an excellent example for other college regions in our state and elsewhere, and similar committees have been created to emulate our products. In recent years, changes in HECCC leadership and the load that the Director has been assigned have thwarted the publication of our products and the progress of the committee. This has been particularly detrimental to our students and counselors, as they have not had World Wide Web access to the grids in a timely manner. It is our hope that the Executive Board and director will take these concerns in consideration when allocating leadership time and clerical efforts to the committee.

Respectfully submitted:

Elsie Bruno  
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