Verde Valley Board Advisory Committee

Valley Academy for Career & Technology Education
Approved Minutes
May 6, 2015

VVBAC Members present: Paul Chevalier, Bill Regner; Carolyn Fisher; Randy Garrison; Janet Aniol; Leona Wathogoma
VVBAC Members absent: Amber Marchant-Lee
DGB Members present: Al Filardo, VVBAC Liaison
College employees present: James Perey, Executive Dean; John Morgan, Dean of Career & Technology Education; Verde Valley Campus; Linda Buchanan, Community Education coordinator

Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 8:29 a.m. with Chair Chevalier presiding.

Approval of April 15 2015 Meeting Minutes
Motion by Garrison, second by Regner, to approve the Minutes as corrected. Motion carries unanimously.

Committee member reports on information/activities
- Member Chevalier will draft presentation format for upcoming VVBAC presentation(s) to be used systematically by all Committee members; Member Fisher will convert to digitized format
- Member Aniol
- DGB Liaison Filardo states that VVBAC must advise Council and public audiences that Committee does NOT represent DGB and/or Yavapai College.

Executive Dean Update
Compile feedback from SWOT analysis into thematic units; met with students yesterday, match to Board Ends (goals). Next step will address internally analyzing synchronous or asynchronous content delivery. Preliminary plan will likely be available for Committee review in late June. Administration, faculty, staff and students all provide input. Enrollment remains flat compared to 2014; Verde is up 15 students, 330 credit hours; students may sign up for multiple sections, and drops are likely. July 15 is deadline for payment; drops occur if students not on payment plan. Therefore, July 15 is more realistic date to validate enrollment. Working with Marketing to create printed class schedule for release late May.

Twelve students currently accepted into YC Verde LEAD program, from MUHS and CVHS; no students from SRHHS applied. First Year Experience (FYE) and PSY 101 will be taught in 8-week block; tutoring time and study time. Applicant responses indicate that entering students may be unprepared for intensive study habits required at college level. M/T/W/TH 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.; program concludes July 23. Work and study “Generation next” is impacting work and study expectations.

College is changing from Blackboard (online) format to synchronous system. ITV sites are places where students congregate, and require significant bandwidth to receive programming.

Vice Chair Regner questions if 1st year class LEAD recruits may be involved in continuing program success.
DGB Liaison Filardo states national data indicates 78% incoming freshmen fail math and science at entry-level college.

Chair Chevalier questions $45 million in 10-year plan spending for Allied Health in Prescott Valley. Dean Perey clarifies levels of planning (faculty/department/administration) which factor into Strategic Plan. The Chair also questions scholarship application and availability for LEAD students.

VACTE Presentation

Lois Lamer, VACTE Executive Director, and Steve Dockray, VACTE Board President

Vice Chair Regner introduces VACTE representatives. Lamer provided VVBAC with background information and informal history of pre-VACTE; pre-90’s referred to as Vocational Education, and was delivered in gender-restricted programs. Dual credit did not exist until late 90’s. VACTE voted into existence in 2000, with program comparison provided for 2000/2008/2015. Dual credit means high school instructor credentialed to teach at community college; course delivered at HS, for college credit. Curriculum alignment between state standards whereas college coursework is driven by industry standards. “Crosswalk” approach determines if all standards are met. Dual enrollment must lead to college certificate, Associate’s degree OR industry certification resultant from passing assessment instrument. There are now 14 Joint Technology Education Districts (JTEDs) state-wide. Ms. Lamer states that MUHS welding lab is state-of-the-art, with student completers eligible for AWS certification.

Vice Chair Regner welcomes guest Dean Morgan to discussion. Morgan states that program completions standards required by State of Arizona are driving higher dropout rates. Regner suggests Committee focus on information and program areas which might impact Committee recommendations to DGB. What is future of CTE in Verde Valley? How can YC become a more productive partner with VACTE?

Lamer further explains that Verde community operates with 2 central programs (by legal definition, classes generally can’t be delivered at HS and must include 2.5 instructional hours daily, 5 days per week). To grow or offer more industry-based programming, the facility issue is restrictive, and all equipment must be industry standard. Space, place and/or partnership(s) will drive program growth. Radio/TV program will move from MUHS to YC-Verde. Transportation and scheduling are the biggest barriers to move students amongst local high schools. JTEDs do not receive bussing dollars.

Vice Chair Regner states his understanding that K-12 superintendents are willing to provide transportation to ensure success of centralized delivery. Lamer further explains that high school scheduling impositions and limited electives are driven by time and money restrictions.

Lamer clarifies that adults are allowed to participate in night classes delivered on high school campuses, but generally restricted from attending high school classes during normal school-day hours of operation. Lamer suggests following recommendation to DGB, “CTE programs are very important component of higher education, which allows students to potentially work their way through college and participate in the workforce with a livable wage.”

High schools conduct exit interviews and CTE conducts placement interviews to determine if graduates/completers are following their chosen CTE.

Chair Chevalier requests clarification on resources contributed by JTED, college and high schools. Fire science is located at Verde Valley Campus, and Nursing is located at Verde Valley Medical Center. Educational Services Contract defines resource alignment between YC and Mountain JTED. Lamer states that business partnerships assist success of YC/Mountain JTED.
Lamer laments potential legislative action to cut all government funding for satellite JTED services in 2016-17 budget. Garrison reviews political history of Verde Valley wherein local school boards prefer satellite delivery (for revenue generation). VACTE Board has workshop scheduled in Fall 2015 to discuss budget and planning. Open invitation will be issued for community participation. Garrison seeks partnership between YC, VACTE and municipalities to ensure greater community access. Garrison gave brief description of his understanding of “Move On When Ready.” Garrison states that collective, community-based campus would better serve students of all ages, as well as taxpayers. Garrison favors centralized campus.

Vice Chair Regner suggests VACTE initiate and lead community-based initiative to change delivery model and align process with centralized campus.

Review of VACTE Presentation
Vice Chair Regner suggests Committee make recommendation to DGB to engage in changing process to assist VACTE and Verde communities in accepting and appreciating centralized model.

Chair Chevalier states his understanding that both Dean Morgan and director, Lamer, favor centralized campus.

Member Wathogoma states appreciation

Review of Campus Master Plan
Chair Chevalier says he has been overwhelmed with public comment favoring removing potential sale of Sedona Center from 10-Year Plan. Member Aniol moves and Garrison seconds motion to make a Committee recommendation to remove sale of Sedona Center. DGB Liaison Filardo wants to check language of current contracts. Motion passes unanimously.

Ownership Linkage
Chair Chevalier introduces discussion of proposed facilitator to assist in compiling a summary of Committee research and recommendations. DGB President McCarver is requiring joint meeting between DGB and VVBAC. DGB Liaison Filardo requested written statement from DGB, and read into record (see attached). DGB requests meeting be scheduled prior to DGB June 9 meeting. Chair Chevalier suggests altering June 3 meeting agenda to accommodate this request. Chevalier states that he is concerned that certain matters require further investigation before recommendations would be validated.

Member Aniol feels that the community already voted and favors change. Vice Chair Regner states his concern that individual input from Committee members may be misconstrued as Committee recommendation. Regner is uncertain whether DGB patience or time frames are driving tight deadline for feedback. He feels that Committee is being forced to move more quickly than desired.

Member Aniol moves and Garrison seconds motion to make a Committee recommendation to select a Committee retreat of W May 20, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m, site at VACTE. Motion passes unanimously.
Vice Chair Regner makes motion and Fisher seconds providing response to DGB Chair McCarver that Committee accepts invitation for facilitated joint meeting. Motion carries unanimously. DGB Filardo states appreciation of Committee work, and further focus on access issues and defining centralization. What are desired outcomes of facilitated meeting? Chair Chevalier favors moving quickly using same selection protocol to replace Amber Marchant-Lee.

Chair Chevalier leads discussion of proposed summary and recommendations for DGB. Chair Chevalier will provide clarification to DGB that Committee is requesting delay of approval of capital budget-specific items; not delay of entire budget approval. Member Garrison requests that YC President report to DGB regarding feedback to Committee recommendations. DGB Liaison Filardo states concern that there is insufficient information regarding capital expenditures for culinary, Sedona Center, and Performing Arts. Chair Chevalier believes that college is misrepresenting Carver Model and is unconstitutional.

Future Meeting Schedule
- May 20 8:00 p.m. – 12 p.m. ½ day retreat at VACTE
- May 21 8:30 a.m. Verde Valley Campus M-137 presentation from Verde Valley Medical Center, Barbara Dember, CEO
- June 3 8:30 a.m. Verde Valley Campus, presentation regarding online learning from Stacey Hilton, Dean for Computer Technology & Instructional Support. Amend to accommodate DGB facilitated meeting
- June 17 8:30 a.m. Sedona Center, Room #34, presentation from Craig Ralston, YC Dean of Arts & Humanities
- July 1 8:30 a.m. TBD, invite Dean Scott Farnsworth, HPER
- July 15 8:30 a.m. TBD, invite CATS/LYNX

Adjourn
Motion by Member Fisher, second by Member Garrison, to adjourn. Motion carries unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.