

10/2/2015 MERIT Meeting

1:30 - 3:00

In attendance:	Absent:
Christy Stevens Richenda Hawkins Sally Widenmann Andrew Feldman Katie Winder Pam Gordon Dorothy Moran Justin Smith Ann Buchele Dave Henderson Bev Dunigan	Bruce Clemetson Darci Dance

Agenda:

1. Review and approve if appropriate, proposed revisions to the goals of each council (Progression, Workforce and Economic Vitality and Diversity and Civic Engagement)
2. Discuss Councils' roles and decision-making structure
3. Accreditation - MERIT as readers of self-study
4. ATD core team proposal
5. Membership - look around, do we have the right people at the table?

Meeting notes:

Katie - Educational Attainment Objectives & Goals MERIT Recommendations

- Definition of cohort changed, suggestion= take out ATD replace with VFA in most places
- Suggested changes are mostly because we had no way to measure the goals
- What percent of CTE students do not take GEN ED courses? Programs report that students take hands on courses and then leave for a job offer prior to taking GEN ED.
- Measuring will be difficult until we have a degree tracking software/program
- MERIT agreed with Progression Council's proposed changes to the report card

[Educational Attainment Objectives & Relevant Goals](#)

Ann - Workforce Economic Vitality Report Card

- A - Aspirational - does everyone have 2 sources? Answer: create a source if not. Also consider adding a list of sources, commonly used national/state recognized sources
- B - change Aspirational from 50 to 75% on second bullet
- Wording for C Aspirational:
"80% of transfer programs will maintain annual meetings with closest university partnership AND maintain accurate advising guides" - tracked by Sonya (ANN)
- D - Check in with employers, create a list of all employers - Actionable - work around advisory committees shows we are acting on suggestions
- Is there some way to measure the effectiveness of advisory committees? i.e. have a student intern if you are on the advisory committee

- Aspirational - graduate follow-up surveys are done- do we do employer follow-up surveys. Ask employers “have you interviewed any of our graduates and how was your interaction with him/her”
- E - Actionable -rather than defining “significant or change to “statistically significant”

Richenda DCE -

- Numbers goals were selected randomly because we don't have baseline data for each of these
- [Cultural Richness Core Theme -DCE's suggested changes to goals](#)

Other Business: These agenda items tabled until the next meeting:

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Next meeting: Friday, November 20th

Action items specific for Ann: Look into: 80% of programs maintain annual meetings with closest university and partnership and maintain accurate advising guides

Documents used during the meeting:

[Educational Attainment Objectives & Relevant Goals](#)

[Cultural Richness Core Theme DCEs Suggested Changes to Goals](#)

[Economic Vitality Report Card](#)

Edited Version of [Workforce Report Card](#)

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