Board of Trustees

Education and Workforce Development Committee Meeting

Tuesday, November 08, 2016

2:45 p.m.

Ann Richards Administration Building, Board Room
Pecan Campus
McAllen, Texas

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AGENDA

"At anytime during the course of this meeting, the Board of Trustees may retire to Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.071(2) to confer with its legal counsel on any subject matter on this agenda in which the duty of the attorney to the Board of Trustees under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct of the State Bar of Texas clearly conflicts with Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code. Further, at anytime during the course of this meeting, the Board of Trustees may retire to Executive Session to deliberate on any subject slated for discussion at this meeting, as may be permitted under one or more of the exceptions to the Open Meetings Act set forth in Title 5, Subtitle A, Chapter 551, Subchapter D of the Texas Government Code."

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, October 11, 2016 Committee Meetings

The Minutes for the Education and Workforce Development Committee meetings of Tuesday, October 11, 2016 are presented for Committee approval.

**South Texas College
Board of Trustees
Education and Workforce Development Committee
Ann Richards Administration Building, Board Room
Pecan Campus, McAllen, Texas
Tuesday, October 11, 2016 @ 2:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

The Education and Workforce Development Committee Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in the Ann Richards Administration Building Board Room at the Pecan Campus in McAllen, Texas. The meeting commenced at 2:39 p.m. with Mrs. Graciela Farias presiding.

Members present: Mrs. Graciela Farias, Dr. Alejo Salinas, Jr., and Mr. Gary Gurwitz

Other Trustees present: Mr. Paul R. Rodriguez

Members absent: Mr. Jesse Villarreal

Also present: Dr. Shirley A. Reed, Dr. David Plummer, Dr. Anahid Petrosian, Dr. Laura Sanchez, Mr. Pablo Cortez, and Mr. Andrew Fish

Approval of Minutes for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 Committee Meetings

Upon a motion by Mr. Gary Gurwitz and a second by Mrs. Graciela Farias, the Minutes for the Education and Workforce Development Committee meetings of Tuesday, September 13, 2016 were approved as written. The motion carried.

Presentation on Regional Accreditation: *Preparing for the 5th Year Review*

Dr. Laura Sanchez, Associate Dean of Institutional Research and Effectiveness, presented on the upcoming Regional Accreditation 5th Year Review of South Texas College by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

In 2010, SACSCOC reaffirmed South Texas College's accreditation through 2021. As part of this reaffirmation, SACSCOC conducts a standard 5-year review of the institution to ensure accreditation standards are being met. The upcoming visit by SACSCOC is a normal part of the accreditation process.

Dr, Sanchez reviewed the purpose and significance of the accreditation process and its importance to South Texas College's students and communities.

Dr. Sanchez also reviewed the accreditation process and the principles of accreditation:
- Core Requirements
- Comprehensive Standards
- Federal Requirements
- Policy Compliance

Dr. Sanchez was joined by Mr. Pablo Cortez, Associate Professor of Developmental Math, and they discussed South Texas College's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which called for an overhaul of the Developmental Math program at South Texas College, improving the teaching of developmental mathematics to help students become college-ready in fewer hours than before the QEP.

Dr. Sanchez and Mr. Cortez reviewed the QEP goals, the changes to and positive impact of the plan on student success, and the lessons learned from the QEP.

No action is requested.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Education Workforce Development Committee Meeting of the South Texas College Board of Trustees adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

I certify that the foregoing are the true and correct Minutes of the October 11, 2016 Education and Workforce Development Committee of the South Texas College Board of Trustees.

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Mrs. Graciela Farias
Presiding

Presentation on South Texas College Online Programs

Dr. Erasmus Addae, Dean of Distance Learning, and Mrs. Darci Cather, Assistant Professor of English, will present on South Texas College Online Programs.

Dr. Addae last presented on the South Texas College Online Programs to the Education and Workforce Development Committee on February 16, 2016. At that meeting, Dr. Addae provided a background on the history of distance education at South Texas College, and the development and marketing of new programs and student services offered online in recent years.

Dr. Addae and Mrs. Cather will now present the learning data as of Fall 2015, which included 5,925 students, taking 526 course sections within 32 online programs.

They will review the course development process and course design requirements used by South Texas College Online faculty, which includes a collaboration between traditional faculty and specialized Instructional Designers to ensure that online courses meet traditional standards and are delivered effectively online.

Dr. Addae and Mrs. Cather will review student success and completion metrics and overall South Texas College Online Program statistics, and will discuss the training for all faculty teaching online, and the support services provided to help students succeed in their online programs.

Finally, they will provide the Committee with a demonstration illustrating how online courses function for students at South Texas College. South Texas College Online includes comprehensive programs designed to help students meet their academic and workforce goals.

This demonstration will help how student connect, learn, and succeed online at South Texas College.

No action is requested.

South Texas College Online Programs

Presentation for Education & Workforce Development Committee
Tuesday, November 8, 2016

Presenters:
Dr. Erasmus Addae, Dean of Distance Learning
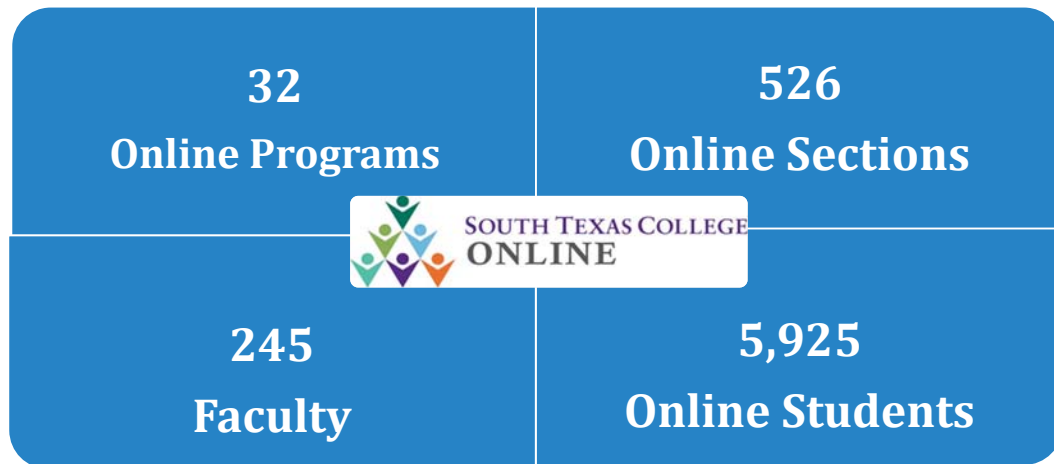Professor Darci Cather, Assistant Professor of English

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Outline

- **Distance Learning Data – Fall 2015**
- **Overview of Course Development Process**
- **Course Demonstration**

Fall 2015

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE ONLINE

32 Online Programs	**526** Online Sections
245 Faculty	**5,925** Online Students

SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE ONLINE

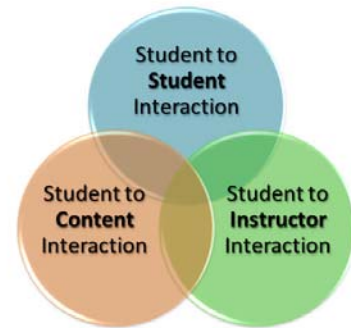# Online Course Development Process

- **Collaboration between Instructional Designer and Faculty**
  - Instructional Designer develops course shell in Blackboard Learning Management System
  - Faculty develops course learning content
- **Course Approval Process for New Faculty**
  - Course is reviewed by Department Chair
  - Reviewed by Division Dean
  - Reviewed by instructional designer to ensure accreditation elements are present

Blackboard mobile WHEN AN APP ISN'T ENOUGH

Course Design

- Courses must meet the following requirements
    - **Student to student interaction**
    - **Student to faculty interaction**
    - **Student to content interaction**

Student to **Student** Interaction

Student to **Content** Interaction

Student to **Instructor** Interaction

Student Success and Completion

- We are comparable to other large community colleges in Texas
    - 88% average completion rates
    - 63% average success rate from Fall 2011-2014
        - Houston Community College 62.7%
        - Austin Community College 61.1%
        - Lone Star College 57.6%
- Fall 2015 online success rate – 65%

Support for Faculty and Student

- **Faculty Training**
  - Quality Matters training
  - Online course accessibility training
  - Faculty instructional design/technical support
  - Instructional design and course redesign consulting
  - Online Course Redesign Academy
- **Student Support**
  - Online student advising – Student Success Specialist
  - New online student orientation
  - Student technical support

Course Demonstration

Demo Course

Connect   Learn   Succeed!

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