

All College Assembly
Minutes
October 5, 2009
12:00 – 1:30 p.m. TC103A, L240

Terry Cargan, Chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 12:10 pm.

Approval of April 13, 2009, ACA meeting minutes.

A motion to approve the minutes of April 13, 2009 was made by Gail Stewart and seconded by Barbara Stackiewicz. All members voted in favor.

NEASC Update:

Discussion by Andrew Morse and Lis Espinoza regarding Phi Theta Kappa.

Andy mentioned that the National Honor Society currently has 2 million members and chapters located Nationwide. He said we are currently working on an opportunity to have NECC involved in Phi Theta Kappa so that our students would be able to be a part of this great community. We are in the early stages of this process and will be sending in an application for membership approval.

Lis spoke briefly about the benefits of our students being involved in this organization. Phi Theta Kappa recognizes students' achievements in various ways, including accessibility to scholarship assistance, and getting students involved in other recognized programs and philanthropic areas, as well as provided many more opportunities.

CCSSE Results Update:

Tom Fallon provided an update:

- There has been good news regarding our degrees and certificate information. Our English 101 completion rates increased as did Basic Writing, College reading and Basic Algebra II.
- As far as students at the college, male students <25 and Hispanic students rose in attendance.
- The number of degrees and certificates conferred also saw an increase from 2008 – up 18%.
- Regarding enrollment figures for Fall 2009 – it has increased 19% compared to 5 years ago.
- The average age of our students has lowered to 27 years old.
- Enrollment by gender, the male population has continually increased, while female attendance saw a small increase.
- The Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) surveyed NECC students to measure their participation to determine the amount of time and energy students invest in their educational practices. Tom shared some results.
- An ACA member raised the issue of bias reflected in the specific areas of measurement. Some of the measures seem arbitrary and not necessarily a true gauge of how engaged students truly are.

Terry Cargan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

A motion to end the meeting was made by Gene Wintner and seconded by Allison Cody. All members voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.