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**North Texas Regional P-16 Council Meeting Minutes**

**April 9, 2024**

**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

**Members Present: Jill Adams, Cadie Allen, Leslie Birdow, Rossana Boyd, Ranato de los Santos, Melissa Desimone, Kaddy Donaghey, Annette Duvall, Rusty Freed, Javier, Garza, Lisa Harrison, Lisa Huffman, Alexander Ibe, Jean Keller, Tiffany Kirksey, Raul Martinez, Sara Medina, Emory Miramontes Eldridge, Bobby Morris,** **Suzanne Murr, Monica Paul, Anita Perry, Patsy Robles-Goodwin, Traci Thomas-Bragg, Richard Vela, Rosalyn Walker**

**Guest: Drs. Anette Duval, Michael Esquivel, and George Mollick**

**Greetings and Welcome**

Jean Keller welcomed Council members and guests and thanked them for participating in the final North Texas Regional P-16 Council meeting for the 2023-2024 academic year. She thanked Lisa Harrison for arranging the program.

**Approval of February 6, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes**

Lisa Harrison moved to approve the minutes. Bobby Morris seconded the motion to approve. Council members approved the motion. The minutes will be posted on the Council’s website.

**Program and Discussion**

***Transitions***

***Dr. George Mollick –*** *Department of Engineering Technology; Tarleton State University*

***Dr. Annette Duvall-*** *Executive Director of CTE. Post-Secondary Partnerships, and Program Evaluations; Crowley ISD*

***Michael Esquivel –*** *Interim Dean for Business & Industry; Tarrant County Community College NW at Alliance*

Lisa Harrison introduced the panel of guests and led them in a Q&A session about transitions in secondary and higher education.

Dr. Duvall was asked about Crowley ISD’s Early College High School (ECHS) and P-Tech programs and what it is like and different from traditional high school dual credit. Dr. Duval answered that they have several ways that students earn dual credit within Crowley ISD. One of those is their ECHS which offers students an opportunity to earn about 63 hours of core (general education) credits that transfer and help students earn a four-year college degree in most disciplines. The P-Tech is the Crowley Academy of Aviation, Transportation and Logistics. Students will earn certificates and go into the workforce or continue studies at Tarrant County College. Some students will earn an AAS degree in logistics and supply chain management. Additionally, other degree and certificate programs are articulated with Tarrant County College and Lamar State College at Port Arthur.

Dr. Esquivel addressed the topic of the Crowley ISD partnerships. He shared there are differences in student and faculty expectations about classroom and assignment behaviors. Dr. Esquivel wants students to have content knowledge and problem-solving, critical thinking, and communication skills, written and oral. Dr. Esquivel noted study habits of students need continued development.

Dr. Mollick shared a slide deck about cross-walking certificates to four-year degrees at Tarleton State University. 

Panel members indicated high school students earning college credit is becoming more popular and it is complex. Dr. Duvall indicated strong relationships with higher education partners are essential with both parties understanding the differences between students and systems. Dr. Esquivel agreed with Dr. Duvall and added that faculty need to understand the students are high schoolers. Dr. Mollick pointed out that there are two education systems in Texas, the Texas Education Agency and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, and each has different policies and procedures. He stressed more cooperation and collaboration are needed. Lisa Harrison added that this is a reason the P-16 Council exists.

Panelists responded to what they have seen post-COVID-19. Dr. Mollick stated that after COVID students became fragile when it came to failure. They did not like to hear that they were not doing well and would often leave. He noticed the students were not as social. Dr. Esquivel agreed and indicated some students prefer remote learning. Dr. Duvall mentioned since COVID, some students expect support and assume changes and exceptions can be made. She shared that flexibility is the new normal.

Council members discussed the new dual credit legislation and its impact on partnerships and planning. There was general agreement that alignment, pathways, and communication were important for student success.

**You and the 2024-2025 Council –**

Jean Keller led the discussion on the future of the North Texas Regional P-16 Council. She shared the Council’s Values, Vision, Mission, and Goals. Jean asked Council members about what they would like to see the Council do in the 2024-2025 academic year. The Council discussed the committee structure and the Council membership. The question of do we have the right people on the Council was asked. The discussion turned to how the Council was offering professional development more than working to solve alignment challenges. There was discussion of the inconsistent representation of members at Council meetings which created continuity challenges. Council members suggested a survey to learn what is of interest to the members.

Jean asked the Council members about meetings and questioned the days, times, and format. Did the group want to meet in person or virtually? After discussion, Tarrant County Community College graciously agreed to host the first in-person meeting at the Trinity River location with Tarleton State University being a co-host. Dallas College agreed to facilitate the March in person meeting. The two other meetings would be virtual.

**Updates and Information Sharing**

Christine Hubbard, who was the President of the North Texas Community College Consortium, has taken another position and is no longer in the North Texas region. Christine was thanked for her long-term service on the Council.

**Adjourn and Thank You**

Jean then thanked Lisa Harrison for a wonderful program along with thanking George Mollick, Annette Duvall, and Michael Esquivel for their participation in the panel as the Council enjoyed hearing from them. She thanked the Region 11 Education Service Center for their willingness to host the Council. Jean thanked the Council members for working to make a difference in students' lives. She wished all a pleasant and safe summer.

**Tentative**

**2024-2025 NTRP-16 Council Meeting Dates and Programs**

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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| Date | Place | Host | Topics | Program Facilitator |
| September 17, 2024 | Trinity River Campus 4212-C | Rosalyn Walker and  Javier Garza | TBD | Bobby Morris |
| December 10, 2024 | Virtual |  | TBD | TBD |
| February 11, 2025 | Virtual |  | TBD | TBD |
| March 25, 2025 | Dallas College | Tiffany Kirksey | TBD | TBD |