

Community College *of* Philadelphia

MEETING MINUTES
Institution-Wide Committee
Monday, January 24, 2011
2:30 p.m.
Isadore A. Shrager Boardroom
Community College of Philadelphia
1700 Spring Garden Street
Philadelphia, PA 19130

Committee Delegates Present

Mary-Lynn Brown, Judith Gay, Kevin (Mike) Hatchell, Charles Herbert, Valerie Vaincoeur

Committee Alternates Present

Mary Anne Celenza (voting), Jane Grosset (voting), Bea Jones (voting), James Osborne (voting)

Guests Present

Miles Grosbard, Pete Watkins, Walt Yakabosky (ECA)

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mary-Lynn Brown.

II. Approval of Minutes

The IWC unanimously accepted the minutes of December 20, 2010.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

(a) **Proposal for New Program: Academic Certificate in Energy Conservation and**

(b) **Proposal for New Program: Associate of Applied Science Degree in Building Science**

Discussion: Miles Grosbard introduced the proposals. He explained that the Architecture, Design and Construction (ADC) Department has had a long standing Construction Management Program. The Academic Certificate in Energy Conservation creates a timely specialization. The AAS degree in Building Science basically follows a medical model. It is now possible to tell how a building is performing, how efficiently it is operating. The field has grown in the last few years and will continue to grow. The goal is to prepare people for 21st century jobs. In preparing the proposals, they conducted a research project and consulted industry representatives. Many of the courses needed already exist and students are already interested in signing up for the program.

The one year academic certificate can link to an apprenticeship program. Walt Yakabosky, Director of Training at the Energy Coordinating Agency, agreed that

the intention is to seek recognition as an official apprenticeship from the Department of Labor. Walt Yakabosky briefly explained the components of an apprenticeship program. He stated that, if successful, this should be the first federally approved program in the nation, and certainly the first in Pennsylvania. Miles Grosbard stated that even if the recognition is not forthcoming, the program at CCP can stand on its own.

An additional part of the plan is to create a 2 + 2 + 2 opportunity for students. Four high school partners have been identified for the first 2 years; the students could continue at CCP for the second 2 years; the final 2 years would be as part of Drexel University's Applied Engineering Technology degree program. Miles Grosbard described this as a win – win – win opportunity. He also stated that they may pursue some grants.

Chuck Herbert stated that NSF has some funding that may be available to support their efforts. He had four questions. First, was there any coordination with Corporate Solutions? Miles Grosbard stated that Corporate Solutions has been deeply involved. Second, shouldn't the technological competency requirement which is met by a combination of courses in ADC, be mentioned in the document. Miles Grosbard stated that it is in the curriculum grid but he has no problem with having something added in the document. Third, will the courses that are new be ready before the program is offered? Miles Grosbard responded that the department has already been working on the courses and he guaranteed they would be completed by March 15, 2011. Fourth, who is responsible for program coordination? Miles Grosbard responded that the offerings fall under Construction Management but the department is engaged in a conversation about who takes responsibility for what.

Chuck Herbert said he spoke to the faculty representatives who were not present and there was unanimous support for the programs. Mary-Lynn Brown also expressed support for the proposals.

Action Item: Recommend the Proposal for a New Program: Academic Certificate in Energy Conservation (Herbert/Celenza)

Vote: Nine (9) in favor. Motion approved.

Action Item: Recommend the Proposal for a New Program: Associate of Applied Science Degree in Building Science with the inclusion of language about technological competency (Herbert/Jones)

Vote: Nine (9) in favor. Motion approved.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

After the meeting, it was decided that there is a need for an expedited review of the proposals.