

## ACADEMIC ISSUES COMMITTEE

Friday, March 14, 2008 – 2 P.M. Teleconference

### Minutes

#### Present

Raymond	Yannuzzi, Chair	Camden County Community College
James	Burkley	Rutgers University
Richard	Lynde	Montclair State University
Patricia	Donohue	Mercer County Community College
Carlos	Hernandez	New Jersey City University
Vinton	Thompson	Kean University
Sr. Theresa	Martin	Felician College
Dana	Knox	NJIT
Sr. Francis	Raftery	College of St. Elizabeth
Mordechai	Rozanski	Rider University
Edward	Yaw	County College of Morris
Marguerite	Beardsley	CHE

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 p.m.

#### I. Approval of the Minutes of the February 8, 2008 Meeting

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2008 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

#### II. NEW PROGRAMS (Action Items)

##### A. Gloucester County Community College

##### 1. Associate of Science (A.S.) in Marine Science

After review and discussion of the program, it was decided not to forward the new A.S. degree on as the consultant did not make an on-site visit to the campus. The AIC Manual requires a consultant visit as listed under section II. A. 1., Steps in the Process. The committee asked that the consultant visit Gloucester County Community College and amend his report to include the results of the on-site visit. This additional information can then be sent to the Chair of the AIC and it will be placed on the agenda for review at a later date.

##### B. New Jersey Institute of Technology

##### 1. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Interior Design

It was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously with the abstention of Dana Knox.

##### 2. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computing and Business

It was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously with the abstention of Dana Knox.

**3. Master of Science (M.S.) in Computing and Business**

It was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously with the abstention of Dana Knox.

C. Richard Stockton College of New Jersey

**1. Master of Social Work (M.S.W.)**

It was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Professional Science Masters (P.S.M.) in Environmental Science**

After some discussion regarding the new degree designation of a Professional Science Masters, it was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously.

D. Union County College

**1. Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Automotive Technology**

There was discussion on the 73 total credits in the program being so high. The high number of credits is due to the Automotive Technology course requirements and this program is an Associate in Applied Science degree and can exceed the 60 to 66 credit limits if necessary for accrediting purposes.

It was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) in Game Design Creation**

It was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously.

**III. ACTION ITEM**

A. Rutgers University - Request to offer a joint degree program originally approved to be offered by only one institution:

**1. Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) at Rutgers-Camden with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey**

It was moved and seconded to recommend the program to the President's Council. The motion carried unanimously with the abstention of James Burkley.

**IV. INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Camden County College  
*Termination of a program*

• Engineering Technology/Electrical-Electronic Engineering: Technical Studies Option  
**Information acknowledged.**

B. Middlesex County College  
*Initiation of a Certificate Program*

• Event Planning Management Certificate  
**Information acknowledged.**

C. Ocean County College

*Termination of a program option*

- Business: Marketing/Public Relations Option, Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Dr. Yannuzzi informed the committee that the Letter of Intent to Terminate had been sent and was done after the submission of the packet to the AIC.

**Information acknowledged.**

V. **Old Business**

No old business was introduced.

VI. **New Business**

A. Stockton asked the Committee's opinion on its plan to offer separate Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Computational Science. Stockton was approved at the AIC meeting on December 2, 2005 for a Five Year Dual-Degree Program in Computational Science. This was recommended to the President's Council and they prepared a Board Resolution for a *Five Year Dual-Degree Program in Computational Science*.

1. Can Stockton allow students an "Exit Strategy" – graduation after 4 years with a B.S. degree in Computational Science? Would they forfeit their rights to have any graduate degree credits count later on toward a future Master's degree in Computational Science?
2. Can Stockton offer a Master's degree in Computational Science separately since it was approved as a dual-degree program? Could Stockton offer a free-standing Master's degree program for employees in high-tech industry in southern New Jersey?

The committee requested additional information from the original packet submitted to the AIC in December of 2005. The committee would like to review the packet to see if the B.S. and the M.S. had separate course requirements and also to see if the consultant reviewed each degree separately. The chair of the AIC will contact Stockton for the necessary information and report back to the committee.

Once that determination has been made, the answer to question two would be that the Master's degree can be offered at an off site location as long as some of the courses are held at the approved campus location. If the entire degree were to be offered at the industry site, application would have to be made to the Commission for approval of the site as an off campus location.

Dr. Yannuzzi thanked everyone who participated in the teleconference meeting and reminded everyone that the next AIC meeting is scheduled for April 11, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Dr. Raymond Yannuzzi, Chair AIC