

Present:

Name	Institution	IC/ATF Represented
Regi Munro	CGCC	Exercise Science, Health & Physical Education, Recreation Wellness (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Donna Thompson	CGCC	Women's Studies (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
William Wolter	CGCC	Art (Co-Chair/Curriculum Contact)
Martha Bergin	GWCC	Sociology
Marie Fenske	GWCC	Health Care Integrated Educ System (HCIES)(Co-Chair) (Allied Health IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Donald Hall	GWCC	Humanities (ATF Lead)
John Kelly	GWCC	Automotive/Diesel-Hvy Equipment Tech (IC Chair)
Carol Jenkins	GCC	Sociology (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Cheryl Dellai	GCC	Physics, Physical Science Astronomy (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Susan Campbell	GCC	Drafting (ATF Lead)
Frederica Johnson	GCC	Reading (IC Chair)
Carmela Arnoldt	GCC	English (IC Chair)
Derek Borman for Susan Karpinski	GCC	Psychology (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Jim Reed	GCC	Communication (ATF Lead)
Gretchen Berning	MCC	Journalism/Telecommunications (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Debra Campbell	MCC	Philosophy (ATF Lead)
Brian Dille	MCC	Political Science
JD Neglia	MCC	Applied Technology (IC Chair)
Shereen Lerner	MCC	Anthropology (IC & ATF Lead)
Jennifer (Gingher) Leyendecker	MCC	Art (ATF Lead)
Tina Rangel	MCC	Dance (IC Chair)
Elizabeth Ursic	MCC	Religious Studies (ATF Lead)
David Yount	MCC	Philosophy (IC Chair)
Scott Massey	PVCC	Chemistry (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Cindy Cloud	PC	Business/Management & Computer Information Systems (IC Chair & ATF Lead for both)
Beverly Jenkins	PC	BUS/MGT Alternate
Greg Simpson	PC	CIS Alternate
Patricia Zaccardo	PC	Humanities (IC Chair)
Beatriz Cohen	RSC	Counseling (IC Chair)
Diana Abel	RSC	Family & Consumer Sciences (IC Chair)
David Brown	SCC	Parks & Recreation, Tourism & Non-Prof Mgt ATF(ATF Lead)
Ted Coe	SCC	Math (Incoming IC Chair)
John Shaffer	SCC	Environmental Sciences (Campus voting member)
Jenny Vargas for Nikol Price	SCC	Library (IC Chair)
Larry Williams	SCC	Hospitality (IC Chair & ATF Lead)
Marshall Logvin	SMCC	Environmental Sciences (IC Chair and Campus voting member)
Guillermo Zepeda	SMCC	Languages (IC Chair & ATF Lead)

Academic and Student Affairs Division Representatives: Vice Chancellor Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, Andrea Buehman, Rose Rojas, Nora Aguilar and Molly Baird.

Curriculum Development Facilitators (CDF): Barbara Fahey (SCC), Diane Geddis (PC), Christine Moore (GCC), Skip Pollock (MCC), Jennifer Shantz (RSC), Nancy Short (CGCC), Kerry S. Vrabel (GWCC)

Meeting Agenda Items

- District Curriculum Committee (DCC) Meeting Topics and Outcomes
 - Interdisciplinary Curriculum
 - Recommended Program Sharing Criteria
 - Advising Guides
 - Common Messaging about AGEC and degree completion
 - College-Level Examination Program (CLEP)

- IC Role in Curriculum Process
- IC Handbook Enhancements
- Articulation Task Force (ATF) Issues and Updates

Dr. Maria Harper-Marinick, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, welcomed the group and thanked everyone for their service. She acknowledged the important role that Instructional Councils play in curriculum development and transfer articulation.

University Update

Dr. Harper-Marinick updated the group on the financial conditions that have impacted the state universities. These conditions have not impacted Maricopa as badly. The question is what will happen in 09/10 considering increasingly negative economic projections. The good news is that enrollment is up, but we will need to be able to continue to meet demand for programs and services. Maricopa is in regular communication with ASU regarding changes and will communicate as information becomes available.

ASU Alliance Agreement (MOU)

Maricopa and Arizona State University (ASU) have signed a new MOU which will expand the ASU/Maricopa Alliance that was originally developed in 2004. The previous MOU included the following alliances: Honors, Nursing, Teacher, BIS, AAS-BAS. The expanded agreement will include well defined degree-to-degree pathways for our students, incentives for students who complete AGEC, associate's degrees, and program pathways, and increase the number of successful transfer students from the Maricopa Community Colleges to Arizona State University. There are disincentives for students to transfer with few credits because data show that these students are not successful. Dr. Harper-Marinick indicated that ASU has shifted their philosophy on transfer students since several studies show that the more credits a student transfers, the better he or she performs at the university.

Several participants asked questions about problems with courses losing general studies designations. Dr. Harper-Marinick indicated that Maricopa made the decision to align our general studies courses with ASU many years ago, and currently does not have an alternative plan for not aligning with ASU. We would need to fully understand the impact on students of separating from them. ASU and Maricopa courses are evaluated for general studies in the same way and have the same approval rates. We should, however, continue to pursue viable alternatives.

Maricopa continues with the agreements with Northern Arizona University (NAU) which has a presence on every campus. For example, Glendale Community College (GCC) has a very strong B.S. in Speech Communication with a very successful student completion rate.

The University of Arizona (UofA) has renewed their interest in developing better transfer relationships with Maricopa Community Colleges. This is due to the new provost who wants to increase transfer enrollments. Maricopa will advocate for agreements that have clear benefits for our students.

District Curriculum Committee Updates

Andrea Buehman reported on, and solicited feedback about, new proposals to support development of interdisciplinary curriculum. DCC is still discussing how best to accommodate the need. There was discussion of the pros and cons related to a proposal to establish an Instructional Council for Integrated Studies. The VPAA's are currently not supportive of the proposal. Faculty are ready to develop several interdisciplinary courses on sustainability, but there is no "home" for approval of the courses. Dr. Harper-Marinick indicated that we need to find an appropriate structure to address interdisciplinary curriculum.

Andrea Buehman provided an update on new guidelines for Program Sharing developed by the Occupational Deans and approved by DCC. Andrea will send the guidelines to the chairs.

Andrea Buehman updated the group on the new option of creating Advising Guides for programs that do not have a transfer pathway through the statewide transfer system. IC's will be asked to review proposed Advising Guides.

The DCC Common Messaging group is working with the marketing department to develop messages to promote AGECE and degree completion among students.

We need to review and update CLEP charts on a regular basis. The CLEP charts will be sent out to the appropriate IC's annually for review.

IC Role in Curriculum Process

Barbara Fahey, Curriculum Development Facilitators (CDF), led a discussion about how CDF's can best support and coordinate with Instructional Councils in the curriculum development process. She asked for recommendations to make curriculum run more smoothly and efficiently. Several ideas were proposed:

- Early Alert "System" (from initiator to IC) or from CDF
- Need calendar of IC meetings
- Encourage more communication between the CDFs and the Instructional Council chairs.

A survey will be developed by the CDF's to gather more information from the IC's about improving the process.

IC Handbook Enhancements

Rose Rojas presented a brief demonstration on the IC Handbook Enhancements. The handbook has two new features: The Meeting Manager and the Calendar. These enhancements have been requested by a number of IC Chairs. Rose will provide user manuals and training throughout the year.

Articulation Task Force (ATF) Issues and Updates

Rose provided an update to the group on the following:

- Budget Climate and ATF Travel – Because of the budget impact, some ATF meetings may be done virtually at least once a year.
- Common Course Numbering – The consensus of the ATFs charged with exploring Common Course Numbering indicated that they do not wish to pursue this at this time.
- Academic Reorganizations