

# Montana Association of Collegiate Registrars & Admissions Officers

## Fall 2008 Meeting Minutes

### UM-Missoula

#### **Thursday, October 23, 2008**

Association President Cheri Johannes began the meeting with introductions of those present.

Cathy Swift (OCHE) and David Aronofsky (legal counsel at UM) reported on issues relating to residency for tuition purposes as follows:

- The D-Angelo lawsuit is winning at the district level, however, a rehearing has been requested to the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court. A discussion followed on what is required to overcome the presumption of non-residency – i.e., marriage, family ties to Montana, property ownership, etc. The cornerstone to the residency policy is the physical presence of twelve months or the qualification for an exemption. David Aronofsky suggested the policy be revisited for those who have left the state for more than one year.
- The language for the new military exception is very narrow – former Montana residents may be re-classified as in-state without serving a 12-month period of physical domicile in Montana if the student is unable to be present in Montana for the required 12-months due to his or her service in an active duty military assignment. The student must demonstrate re-establishment of Montana residency in all other ways required of the policy for a period 12 months prior to the application for residency.
- Undocumented students are considered lawful residents of the US if they are born here and illegal residents if they crossed the border with their parent(s). The law is in a state of flux. The case to watch is in California where out-of-state students have challenged the policy that allows all high school undocumented students to receive in-state status. The case is currently at the California Supreme Court.
- Refugee status – Cathy will send written information. David mentioned these students clearly are not here for educational purposes.
- J Treaty – As members of tribes in MT, they have the right to be in the US but this does not necessarily give them residency.
- Visas – permanent residents can achieve residency. Students with H visas have been granted residency at UM.

Cathy also discussed issues related to BOR tuition waiver policies:

- The American Indian fee waiver has raised questions on the number of credits available to a student and the computation of Indian status. Limitations are being reviewed at the federal level.
- New forms for veterans and senior citizen fee waivers are on the OCHE website. Campuses should review and provide feedback/comments to Cathy.
- There is proposed legislation to grant in-state hunting licenses for out-of-state students attending postsecondary schools full time. A discussion followed on how FWP could verify a student's status.

Mary Moe (OCHE) provided an update on two year education. The proposal submitted to the Lumina Foundation is to increase the utilization of our two year colleges. It is difficult to enter a marketing campaign with the current differences across the state – i.e., tribals, COTS, community colleges. A “consortium (CCs of MT)” would resonate and could be branded as a quality education that is affordable. OCHE is exploring the development of an integrated information system which would allow us to look at ways to better serve students on our campuses. It was pointed out that our market is shrinking with the decline in high school students. We should be developing ways to market non-traditional students or to expand dual enrollment programs.

Brad Eldridge of OCHE reported that the new IPEDS Race/Ethnicity codes are mandatory Fall 2011. OCHE is considering a resurvey of codes or a possible crosswalk to convert existing categories to the new categories.

Bill Macgregor gave an update on the transfer initiative. Common course numbering for twelve disciplines will be completed by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> with an additional ten by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Issues that have emerged include how to handle 200/300 course designations, getting the word out to students and providing support to advisors.

Jan Cljnard (OCHE) reported on math, writing and developmental education:

- Math – Scores are being raised Fall 2010, however, campuses can use the 15% exemption. The committee has discussed developing a math placement policy using test scores.
- Writing – More high schools have signed up to offer the exam and approx. 7,000 students tested this year. MSUWA scores are available online at OCHE's website, however, it is not clear if high schools are posting scores on their transcripts.
- Developmental Education – Coursework must be clearly identified as remedial; numbering will be determined by common course numbering.

### **Friday, October 24, 2008**

Mick Hansen (UM) presented information on financial aid and veterans' issues:

- Sweeping changes to HEOA and many new reporting requirements – cost of books must be included, more detail required for drug/alcohol violations and tuition and fee increases must be reported.
- Federal Pell Grant - \$6,450 for 2010
- Veterans issues – watch for new rules effecting members on active duty
- Federal Work Study – 7% must be in community service
- Perkins Loan – raised to 5,500.
- Title III – 100% funding for work study student
- Admissions – more latitude with ability to benefit for students without GED or diploma
- Best situation is Pell grants/70% of aid is now loans instead of grants
- ACG & Smart Grants-Additional \$700 and \$1,300 next year
- New Teacher Grant – can receive \$4,000/yr if student files a FAFSA designating education in high needs/critical subject areas. Must teach four of eight years or reverts to a loan

### **Old Business**

- An amendment to the Bylaws will be put to a vote at the Spring 2009 meeting
- Bonnie Ashley is attending PACRAO & AACRAO in April and will bring back any pertinent information.
- Ed Johnston is now at Stillwater Mines.

### **New Business**

- Cheri Johannes asked if members had any ideas for possible presentations/professional development.

### **ASSOCIATION BUSINESS MEETING**

Association President Cheri Johannes opened the MACRAO Business meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of the Spring 2008 meeting and Treasurer's report was approved.

Spring 2009 meeting dates were approved: April 2-3, 2009. UM-Helena COT agreed to host the conference.

Meeting adjourned.