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Meeting the Short-Term Needs of Students Currently Enrolled at Cape College Center and Career & Technical Education Center

Coordinating Board for Higher Education
April 19, 2022

BACKGROUND

As described in Agenda Item 1, Mineral Area College and Southeast Missouri State University have a dispute about the delivery of community college services in Cape Girardeau.

In the immediate term, students are enrolled in both career and technical education programs offered at the Cape Career & Technology Center and an Associate of Arts program currently offered at the Cape College Center.

CTE Programs. DHEWD staff's interpretation is that MAC can continue to offer the CTE programs, including the lower-division coursework. Staff acknowledged that this is disputed but encouraged SEMO to acquiesce in writing to MAC's continued delivery of this programming, with the stipulation that MAC will not enroll any additional students until the disputes outlined above are resolved. If SEMO does not provide such stipulation, DHEWD staff will make a recommendation for the board's consideration at the April 19, 2022, meeting.

Associate of Arts Program. DHEWD staff encouraged MAC and SEMO to work together to find a short-term solution that will meet the needs of students enrolled in the AA program. Those students must have an opportunity to complete work toward the degree without experiencing a significant increase in cost. The commissioner asked the parties to send her a joint proposal or, if they are unable to reach an agreement, their individual proposals no later than April 12, 2022. If the parties cannot reach an agreement, DHEWD staff will present a proposed resolution to the Coordinating Board during the April 19, 2022, meeting.

CURRENT STATUS

Both SEMO and MAC have submitted individual plans to meet the needs of students currently enrolled in the AA program. Details of the plans:

	SEMO	MAC
Summary	SEMO proposes it offer the AA courses to the current CCC students, at either its main campus or already established campus.	MAC proposes it offer the AA program and courses to students through either the Perryville Campus and online. MAC will not offer the courses in-person in Cape County unless the program request is approved.
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students at the CCC may already be familiar with SEMO SEMO already offering courses in Cape County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students would be able to receive an AA If receiving A+ Scholarship, cost to students would be \$0 Students eligible for A+ Scholarship
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students would not be able to receive an AA Minimal cost to students the 1st year is \$420 (this will increase in subsequent years) Students not eligible to receive A+ Scholarship SEMO only offers two associate degrees, so it is not clear what programs students would be enrolled in at SEMO 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students at the CCC may not be familiar with MAC MAC would need to "start up" courses in Cape County, or if not approved to offer in Cape, students would have to complete online or at the Perryville Campus.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend for students that want to complete the Associate of Arts degree, MAC be approved to teach the courses online or through its Perryville campus, while acknowledging this will not be ideal for students who cannot travel or may not be successful in online study. It is important as many students as possible do not face a disruption in service, are able to receive the A+ Scholarship and be granted an Associate of Arts degree at the completion of their courses, if they wish.



MINERAL AREA COLLEGE

April 14, 2022

Zora Mulligan, Commissioner
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Re: Request for “Teach Out” plan for current Associate of Arts degree seeking students attending the Cape College Center.

Dear Commissioner Mulligan,

Dr. Mara Woody requested a plan for how Mineral Area College would serve the 79 students currently being served by Southeast Missouri State University and Three Rivers Community College at the Cape College Center.

We have limited access to these students at the moment, but we are offering the following for those 79 and any additional students who planned to attend the Cape College Center and utilize A+ funding in the near future. At this time, since the decision on offering in-person programming is pending, we can only offer courses at our outreach site in Perryville, MO, or online.

- All students will be accepted regardless of academic progress or ability.
- All students will be charged the out-of-district rate of \$171/credit hour, plus fees.
- MAC will waive the \$45/course online fee for 2022 summer and fall enrollment.
- Total cost of tuition and general fees will be covered by A+.

If a decision could be reached on our program request in a timely manner, we would offer in-person courses to students in Cape Girardeau at the next possible term.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Gilgour".

Dr. Joe Gilgour, President