

**OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
ACADEMIC COUNCIL  
Tuesday, February 23, 2021  
Zoom Meeting**

**AGENDA**

- Synchronous Multi-Location Instructional Model – Dr. Dusty Childress, Mr. James Ackerman, & Ms. Maggie Shelton
- Student Success Redesign Update – Dr. Abby Benz
- **Action Item:** Approval of Policy 2.75 – Student Disability Accommodation (New) – Dr. Megan Weaver
- **Action Item:** Approval of Policy 2.04 – Transfer and Exam-Based Credit (Revision) – Dr. Gavin O’Connor
- Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Calie Holden
- Z-Degree Development – Dr. Lance Renner & Dr. Julie Coltharp

<b>Members:</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Resource Members:</b>	<b>Attended</b>
Lacey Ellis	3/3	Andrew Aberle	Yes
Cheryl Feller	2/3	Kim Cary	Yes
Rima Freeman	3/3	Dusty Childress	Yes
Jamie Hall	0/3	Julie Coltharp	Yes
Michelle Hudgens	2/3	Scott Fiedler	Yes
Kerri Huff	1/3	Robyn Gordon	Yes
Faith Keithley	1/3	Rob Griffith	Yes
Kaylyn Martin	3/3	Norman Hill	Yes
Joy Mello	3/3	Matt Hudson	Yes
Janet Sell	3/3	Joanna Kramer	Yes
Michael Vest	1/3	Tracy McGrady	Yes
Piper Wilson	3/3	Gavin O’Connor	Yes
		Lance Renner	Yes
		Matt Simpson	Yes
		Sherry Taylor	Yes
		Megan Weaver	Yes

\*2020 - 2021 meetings attended/scheduled

**MINUTES**

**Synchronous Multi-Location Instructional Model**

Dr. Childress, Mr. Ackerman, and Ms. Shelton shared information on a new instructional model that combines courses from multiple locations. Currently, this is offered at the Republic, Lebanon, and Waynesville education centers. Students may take courses seated, at Zoom classrooms at other centers, or remotely. There will be a survey at the end of the semester to gauge student satisfaction.

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### **Student Success Redesign Update**

Dr. Benz and Dr. Gordon updated the group on the Student Success Redesign implementation's success within the Technical Education division. Under the new model, college navigators provide students with a trusted resource on campus to address their academic, financial, and long-term plans and connect students with any needed resources available on campus. Early results from the implementation in Technical Education and at the Education Centers show an increase in student retention and completion, as well as an increase in the number of students completing the FAFSA.

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### **Action Item: Approval of Policy 2.75 – Student Disability Accommodation (New)**

Dr. Weaver reviewed a new policy to establish the process to provide access for students with disabilities to the college's services, programs, activities, academic resources, and opportunities.  
*Action: The policy was voted on and passed unanimously.*

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### **Action Item: Approval of Policy 2.04 – Transfer and Exam-Based Credit (Revision)**

Dr. O'Connor shared revisions to Policy 2.04 – Transfer and Exam-Based Credit. The policy has been revised to correctly reflect the different ways the college awards credit from other colleges, universities, and institutions, or based on qualifying exam scores.  
*Action: The policy was voted on and passed unanimously.*

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### **Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Calie Holden**

Ms. Holden provided an update of progress made in the Strategic Plan, mentioning key deliverable milestones in each strategic initiative group.

### **Z-Degree Development**

Dr. Renner and Dr. Coltharp shared an update on the new Z-Degree's progress, which the college will offer beginning Fall 2022. The Z-Degree will feature only online, eight-week courses and lead to an Associate of Arts. This will be an open education resource program, so there will be no text book costs. The Z-Degree is designed to save students time and money.

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