

March Senate Report from Administrative Liaison (Council of Instructional Affairs meeting)

CIA meeting February 21-22, 2013

General Education: The Gen Ed core was shared with the group along with the quandary of history being grouped into either humanities or social sciences at different institutions. There may also be a request to add economics as a 6th course to the social science bucket. The draft bill has 3 key parts: back to 36 credits, implementation for fall of 2015, and all colleges will accept but will not have to offer all courses.

30-hour Advising: By the time an AA student has 30 college-level credits (not including developmental courses), the student will have selected a major and a transfer institution.

Developmental Education: The draft of the house bill was discussed with the flexibility to embed developmental education courses within the college level. A few CIA members were at the Senate developmental education discussion Wednesday, February 20. The reports were not optimistic.

Affordable Healthcare Act: The CIA is recommending a 3+2 hour ratio to COBA for the purposes of the Healthcare Act. That is, if faculty teach a 3-credit course, they spend 2 additional hours for course preparation, grading, and office hours on average. For PSAV, we are recommending a 3+1 model for the clock-hour programs.

General Education in the AS: While the CIA does not think it should be in legislation, we are suggesting that colleges adopt a 3-course (9-credit) model for AS general education that comes from the state buckets. An example is ENC 1101, a math or a science course, and a humanities or social science course.

Continuing Contract Changes: Much discussion ensued regarding implementation, but an agreement was made to share among the colleges what criteria we would be bringing forward along with other implementation challenges, such as how employer feedback would be collected.

Baccalaureate Sub-Council: CIA is requesting an additional sub council for along with the three in existence: Library, Continuing Education (Corporate College) and Occupational Education (PSAV and PSV programs)