



COBEC MID-TERM MEETING
Zoom Online Platform
Thursday, 22nd April 2021

Attendees:

Name	Organization/Institution	Name	Organization/Institution
Andy Novobliski	University of North Georgia	Fermin Magaña	Sacred Heart Junior College
Karen Martinez	Ecumenical Junior College	Eleanor Gillett	Wesley Junior College
Marlon Brown	Corozal Junior College	Hugo Gonzalez	Escolar Centro de Mexico
Betty Flinchum	UNF/Emertius	Jeannie Garbutt	Ministry of Education
John Kemppainen	UNF/Emeritus	Sharmayne Saunders	University of West Indies Open Campus
Allison Martin	Bossier Parish Community College	Perla Marin	Centro Escolar Mexico Junior College
Kathaleena Monds	Albany State University	Froylan Gilharry	San Pedro Junior College
Ivan Nicolov	Valdosta State University	Rita Curtis	Campbellsville University
Marie Scott Young	Independence Junior College	Edward Leach	NISOD
Wes Hickey	University of Texas at Tyler	Geoff Bradshaw	Madison College
Yianira Oliveras	University of Texas at Tyler	Brad Berber	
Neil McCrillis	University of Illinois Chicago		

Apologies:

Dr. Eve Aird, Galen University

1.0 Meeting Called to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:43 p.m.

2.0 Welcome

The COBEC Executive members welcomed the attendees to the second mid-term meeting.

3.0 Distribution of Winter Conference Minutes

The Winter Conference minutes were tabled. The membership was asked to share comments, concerns and corrections with Mr. Brown, COBEC Secretary.

4.0 COBEC Website Update

Dr. Hickey informed that Betty and Taylor (student worker at UTT) have been working on the new website. He asked the membership to share with Betty any observations made on the website. He also informed that Betty had shared with him several DVDs which are being digitalized to upload on the website.

5.0 Summer Conference

Dr. Hickey informed that the summer conference will be hosted by the University of Texas at Tyler. He shared that the summer conference is traditionally held on the third Thursday in July. He suggested that the conference be held on the 15th and 16th of July 2021.

A lengthy conversation on the conference theme followed. Several suggestions were made which include:

- *Back to School*
- *The New Normal*
- *Lessons from COVID 19*
- *Legends of the Fall (What worked? Who are our heroes? What can we take into the fall?)*
- *The mind can only absorb as much as the behind can endure*

The membership also discussed professional development topics for the conference. Dr. Martinez shared two topics provided by Dr. Aird: *Risk Assessment & Management, and Integrated Institutional Strategic Planning & Budget Development*. Dr. Berger suggested the following topic: *Strategies to Accelerate Student Learning*. Mr. Magaña suggested professional development topics on Online learning: What tools to use? Mrs. Young suggested for a future workshop the following topic: *Techer Evaluation*. Dr. McCrillis suggested: *How students respond to Online learning*. Dr. Ortiz will share a survey to solicit from membership other professional development topics.

The attendees were informed that the plan for COBEC summer conference is to have a fundamentally virtual conference. However, UTT will receive anyone who comes to the UTT but their conference interaction will be online.

6.0 Membership Dues

A gentle reminder was made to US COBEC members to pay their membership dues. Dues are be paid regardless if members don't attend the conferences.

7.0 Any other Business

A. Request for partnership proposals (Mini Grants)

The membership was asked to submit their requests for approval at the summer conference. The application can be found at the COBEC website.

B. Individual Membership

Dr. Novobliski informed that the criteria for individual membership will be sent.

8.0 Adjournment

After a few warm words from Betty, the meeting ended at 3:40 p.m.

Prepared by,

Marlon Brown
Recording Secretary