

MCCR Minutes
January 30, 2009

1. **New FERPA interpretations-**

Question was raised if there was anything in the new FERPA that didn't involve security issues? The decision was made to carry this issue over to the next meeting. A related question was asked whether anybody had a security question that would allow others to have access to student information. Some have a PIN number that they store in the system that can be used to verify identity.

Another issue was brought up concerning universities who want community colleges to mail out recruitment pieces to their students. Most will not just hand over directory information, but some do agree to send out information themselves as long as the universities pay for the mailing.

2. **Reauthorization Act-**

The biggest issue is that colleges have to be able to provide the cost of books along with tuition. Illinois State University has a nice online site that appears to do the trick. Several had concerns about adjuncts that are hired very late.

3. **SOC-**

Not used by many. Mostly used for PR. Some schools give all VETS in-district status.

4. **Electronic Transcript Request-**

Oakland Community College uses Clearinghouse. All others use some type of web access with deactivation occurring after a period of time of inactivity. Some do grant life-long access.

5. **Electronic Transcripts-**

Michigan State University has been sending out transcripts electronically. Most community colleges will receive these transcripts, but will not send out electronically themselves. Duff will contact MACRAO to see if facilitating electronic transcripts would be something that would interest them.

6. **Fall Enrollment Patterns-**

Enrollment is up at nearly every Michigan community college. While many colleges are trying to offer more on-line sections, the increased enrollment is causing many problems in terms of facilities/space.

7. **GI Bill Changes-**

Big difference is that the check now goes directly to the school. It also includes a housing allowance. MACRAO is working on setting up a workshop.

8. **Release of Information-**

Most require students to sign a waiver allowing certain people access to student accounts. Some go a step further and have students choose a PIN that would be required before releasing information to outside parties.

9. **Lifelong Learning processes-**

Most schools do not have separate applications for life-long learners.

10. **How Many Systems are Original Records in-**

There are some schools that currently image records. Most that do image have not gone back to image all older records. They will image "on demand," meaning they will image older records when those students inquire.

11. **Overnight Transcripts-**

Most do not provide this service.

12. **Awarding General Credit-**

The question was asked about caps on the awarding of general credit. Most do not have caps, but do have residency requirements. For those transfer classes that have equivalents but were offered for more credits than the receiving school, schools take in the number of credits for the equivalent and then award additional credits as elective. For example, if an ENG class from one school is equivalent to ENG 111 at MMCC, but was offered for 5 credits as opposed to 3 that we offer, then 3 credits would be transferred in for ENG 111 and 2 would come in as ENG elective.

13. **Records Retention-**

Kind of all over the board, but most suggested to follow ACRAO guidelines.