- I. Breakfast was provided by the Culinary Arts students at Trenholm State Community College, Montgomery, AL. Thanks to Trenholm State Community College for hosting the Joint Meeting of the Council of University Chief Academic Officers (CUCAO) and the Alabama Community College System Instructional Officers Association
- II. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Suzanne Ozment, Chair, CUCAO, then a Welcome was given by Sam Munnerlyn, President, Trehnholm State Community College, and Barbara Anne Spears, Chair, ACCS Instructional Officers Association.
- III. Minutes of the April 6, 2016 CUCAO meeting were approved by CUCAO.
- IV. The Treasurer's Report was distributed by Dr. Daniel Wims, Treasurer CUCAO, and the Report was accepted by CUCAO.
- V. Kristi Bain provided an update on the status of the Reverse Transfer Agreement for Community Colleges and Universities, which is almost ready for spring or fall 2017 implementation. Guidelines and protocols will be developed and there will be a signing ceremony for Presidents on November 9, 2016 in Montgomery. One suggestion is to include a question about reverse transfer on applications for admission at colleges and universities, as an "opt in" or "opt out" question, for example. The recommendation is for standardized language to be used by institutions and that the agreements comply with AGSC.
- VI. A Legislative Update was provided by Scott Dillard, Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, University of Montevallo. According to Mr. Dillard, the legislative representatives from our campuses work well together, especially regarding funding for higher education. He discussed the differences between the General Fund and Education Fund budgets and explained the importance in protecting the Education Trust Fund for education purposes. There are discussions about biannual budgeting, performance based budgeting, un-earmarking funds, tax credits, tax relief, and a lottery. He issued a call to action for us to develop relationships with our legislators; get to know them and have "elevator" speeches ready to share with them at any time.
- VII. Dr. Greg Fitch, Executive Director of ACHE, announced his retirement on December 31,2016. He provided an update with handouts on AP Scores for Course Credit by AlabamaColleges and Universities and Alabama SARA Memberships.
- VIII. Lunch was provided by the Culinary Arts students at Trenholm State Community College.
- IX. Dr. Keith Sessions and Dr. Suzanne Ozment provided an update on AGSC-STARS. Dr. Ozment reported on the results of an external evaluation of AGSC-STARS, including recommendations made and how those will be addressed. Dr. Keith Sessions can provide specialized reports, training, and campus meetings upon request. The presentation slides are available for distribution.
- X. Tonya Lee and Diane Sherman, from the newly created state level Office of Information Technology (OIT), spoke about the collaborative project between the Department of Labor and ACHE to establish a longitudinal data system on PK-20 and work force information.
- XI. Dr. Charles Nash led a discussion of the 47% decline in enrollment in teacher preparation programs and a 49% decrease in education graduates. This decline is felt in our own teacher preparation programs and there is concern that a shortage of teachers is looming.
- XII. The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 with our thanks to Trenholm State Community College for their hospitality in hosting today's meeting.