



**STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL**  
**Monday, March 13, 2023 • 1:00 pm**  
**Claiborne Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Board of Regents Board Conference Room, Room 6-242**  
**1201 North Third Street**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**– Minutes –**

**Roll Call**

***Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council Members Present*** – James Ammons, Chair, SU System; Jessica Vallelungo (Proxy), LDOE, Jacqueline Bach, LSU System; Bill Tulak (Proxy), LCTCS, Jeannine Kahn, UL System  
***Members Absent*** – Eric Turner, LAICU;

***Board of Regents Staff Present*** – Tristan Denley, Kim Langlois, Allison Vicknair

***Guests Present*** –

**Handouts:** Agenda; Minutes from November 22, 2022 meeting

**Approval of Minutes:** The Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022 meeting.

**Transfer Pathways**

Dr. Tristan Denley began by providing an update on Universal Transfer Pathways. He advised the Council that he had met with the chairs of 20 committees to discuss the process and had sent the initial materials, noting that initial drafts are due April 7, 2023. He also stressed that the goal does not include changing any curricula.

Mr. Bill Tulak commented that although the curricula would not be changing, the changes could still make degree mapping difficult.

Ms. Jessica Vallelungo asked how granular transfer pathways will be in what they can offer. Dr. Denley explained that the work has started with the top 20 degree programs in the state and focuses on large-scale pieces, not pathways that lead to every concentration.

**Matrix Updates**

Dr. Denley also provided an update to the matrix. He advised that work is currently being done to create a new interactive matrix. He added that the interface is up and working but cleanup is happening on the back end. The next part of the work will be to create course-by-course forms for schools to use to add or remove courses or to adjust without having to review the entire matrix.

**Serving Adult Students**

Dr. Denley informed the Council that Dr. Wendi Palermo had requested that the Council members discuss how they think about working with adult students, including regarding the admissions policy statement that if a student is over 25 campuses can create other admissions pathways. She noted that it is not always the case that alternative pathways are less flexible than original admissions criteria.

Dr. Denley noted that the new admissions criteria were written to define how the GED was considered, though policies did not seem to be updated on the campus level for adult students. Mr. Tulak added that in the past, older students would have an easier pathway, and it is surprising that it was made more difficult.

Dr. Denley asked if the systems could check with their campuses to make sure that policies on the books are consistent with the new admissions criteria. He noted that the policy is clear that this is a campus decision, but there is also flexibility.

Dr. Jacqueline Bach asked if the student issue was only based on admissions criteria or included scheduling, such as having to enroll in a co-requisite course. Mr. Tulak replied that it was only admissions.

Dr. James Ammons questioned if the Council should ask the systems and institutions how they are handling students over the age of 25 and how that meshes with admissions criteria. Dr. Denley agreed that the Council should ask the systems and institutions that question.

### **Choice Credit Modality Dual Enrollment**

The Council then discussed Choice Credit Modality in Dual Enrollment. Dr. Denley advised that at the last Chief Academic Officers meeting, a draft policy on Choice Credit Modality was distributed for review. Dr. Bach asked if comments had been received from LSU; Dr. Denley replied that no comments had been received. Dr. Bach advised that she would have them sent.

Dr. Jeannine Kahn expressed concern about the fall 2023 timeline. Dr. Denley replied that the comments from the UL System raised good points, particularly that nothing was documented as to how and when a student would decide if a course is added to their college transcript. He noted that those questions were not included because campuses had decided this in the past, but could be added if the campuses came to a statewide agreement.

Dr. Kahn asked if this would affect the funding formula. Dr. Denley replied he had discussed this with BoR Finance, and it was decided that these would be reported as course enrollments in the file and designated as choice modality courses to ensure count toward SCH funding.

Ms. Vallelungo asked if there would be a limit on when a student could remove a course from a transcript. Mr. Tulak replied that nothing can be removed from a transcript once a degree has been awarded.

Dr. Denley then asked the Council members for their thoughts around when students can make a decision and whether they preferred that an agreement be added to the policy or if each institution should choose its own policy. Dr. Bach commented that a timeline would probably be best as this could lead to a strain on resources and an increased workload.

Ms. Vallelungo asked when the policy would be presented; Dr. Denley replied that the hope is that, if ready, the policy will be considered at the joint Board of Regents/BESE meeting in June, if it is ready.

### **Other Business**

Dr. Denley advised the Council of the Mindset Academy scheduled for April 3, 2023.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

### **Adjournment**

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.