



STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL

6th Floor BoR Conference Rm • Claiborne Building • Baton Rouge, LA
Monday, 27 June 2011 • 1:00 – 2:40 p.m.

Minutes

Council Members: Margaret Ambrose (SU System); Mike Gargano (LSU, Chair); Brad O'Hara (ULS); Monty Sullivan (LCTC System).

General Education Committee: Kevin Cope (LSU A&M, Chair); Steve Guempel (LSUE); Lisa Mims-Devezin (SUNO) by telephone; Lesa Taylor-Dupree (BPCC) by video conference; Jeffrey Temple (SLU), Galen Turner (LTU); Tim Stamm (for Debbie Lea, Delgado); Debra Tilson (for Jacqueline Howard-Matthews, SUBR).

Absent: Debbie Schum (LDoE); Mary Ann Coleman (LAICU);

Board of Regents Staff: Karen Denby; Kathy Hoyt; Jeannine Kahn.

Guests: Derrick Manns (LCTC System)

Welcome and Chairman's Remarks

Chair Mike Gargano convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m., and the May minutes were approved unanimously.

Keeping It Fresh – Communication & Reception

Karen Denby urged the group to check and refresh campus websites to make sure they are up to date and provide good direction for students seeking the LT. Training, down to the 'front line' level, is critical and must be ongoing.

Statewide LT Concentrations:

Karen Denby distributed copies of the original charge to the 'Statewide Curriculum Teams' and asked for a SATC description of the intended significance of the statewide concentrations being developed. After some discussion, it was agreed that:

- The *statewide concentration* is separate (in addition) to the five general concentrations. Universities may add specific course recommendations to the basic concentration to guide student preparation for specific majors offered at the campus.
- Students who complete a statewide concentration (e.g., in business, engineering, mass communication) will be (1) admitted to the university; and (2) admitted to the school/college that offers majors in that concentration (e.g., business, engineering, mass communication), and all 60 hours will be accepted in transfer.
- LT Graduates with these concentrations must still meet any specific requirements for admission to the major, including predictive courses required of any student in that major.

Galen Turner said that with this clarification, he expects to be able to finalize the engineering concentration soon – at least by November. Derrick Manns expects to have a draft of the Criminal Justice concentration by the next meeting. Karen Denby will meet with Business Deans in August and should have a final template by the September meeting.

Jeff Temple summarized issues with developing a statewide nursing curriculum. He distributed a list of 31 credits that nursing programs have in common, but he noted that even those 31 hours would not help students finish quickly because clinical hours cannot be completed concurrently. Likewise, it could not be

helpful to a student to complete an LT associate who could as soon earn an ASN and then enter an ASN-to-BSN program. It was agreed that nursing is one program that does not work as a statewide LT concentration.

Report to the Senate & House Education Committees: Karen Denby distributed copies of the BoR's annual report on Act 356 implementation.

Common Course Numbering

Monty Sullivan reviewed the work of the Common Course Numbering Committee, noting that they have honed in on General Education courses, starting with those on the articulation matrix, as providing the greatest value to students with a common numbering schema. The group has developed initial proposed common numbers and subject abbreviations for the matrix courses. Karen Denby will forward the preliminary listing to CAOs and CEMOs for Registrars and/or IR staff to match to existing campus course files to determine whether and to what degree the suggested numbers may conflict with other, existing courses. Members asked that campuses be reminded that this project is mandated by Act 356. The target for initial implementation is Fall/2012 – at least at LCTCS and, possibly, SUS campuses, all of which are currently implementing a new, common student information system (Banner).

Other Business

Monty Sullivan asked that Theresa Hay be invited to the next meeting to talk about new and existing GRAD Act measures related to articulation and transfer, particularly in light of the recently passed *GRAD Act II*.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Monday, 1 August, at 9:00 am.**

The meeting concluded at 2:40pm.