



STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL

6th Floor BoR Conference Rm • Claiborne Building • Baton Rouge, LA
Tuesday, 4 October 2011 • 9:10 – 11:20 a.m.

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

General Education Committee: Kevin Cope (LSU A&M, Chair); Jacqueline Howard-Matthews, SUBR; Lisa Mims-Devezin (SUNO); Tim Stamm (for Debbie Lea, Delgado); Galen Turner (LTU);

Absent: Steve Guempel (LSUE); Debbie Schum (LDoE); Lesa Taylor-Dupree (BPCC); Jeffrey Temple (SLU);

Board of Regents Staff: Karen Denby, Kim Hunter-Reed, Kathy Hoyt, Jeannine Kahn.

Welcome and Chairman's Remarks

Chair Mike Gargano convened the meeting at 9:10 a.m., and the 29 August minutes were approved unanimously.

October Governance Commission Meeting

Kim Hunter-Reed provided a review of the tentative schedule for the next meeting of the Governance Commission, on 24 October, which will include a review of progress and plans for Transfer and Articulation. She suggested that the commission receive an update to the June report to the House and Senate Education Committees and a one-page handout summarizing where we are, data, the work of the Common Course Numbering (CCN) Committee, and a plan addressing issues and timelines. All agreed that the ultimate focus is to make "courses and degrees that can move" with the student, and that the message, "Transfers Welcome" must be clear in action as well as in word.

There was some discussion on the CCN mandate and the commitment to continue working on a common taxonomy but that the cost of implementation was prohibitive. Kim asked that the SATC generate a reasonable estimate of what the costs would be, agreeing that in a prioritization of needs vs. wants, full CCN implementation would almost certainly not be counted as a 'need' as long as true progress continues in streamlining transfer and articulation for student success. Margaret Ambrose noted that whatever is decided, if it requires additional resources, it would be extremely difficult for Southern University to identify such funds at this time. Monty Sullivan noted that LCTCS campuses will have CCN as they implement BANNER. Southern campuses also use BANNER, but their implementation was more individualized and each has a different course numbering scheme.

Statewide Concentrations – Update

Business and Mass Communications – Karen Denby distributed templates for the statewide concentrations in business and mass communications for the group to consider, explaining that she intended to pass them back to the faculty committees with any final recommendations from the SATC/GE. The SATC voted unanimously to endorse the two concentrations. They will be presented to the Regents at the October meeting.

Engineering – Galen Turner reported that his committee is very close to finalizing a concentration in engineering which he will present at the next SATC meeting.

Criminal Justice – Monty Sullivan reported for Derrick Manns that the criminal justice concentration should also be finalized for presentation to the SATC by the November meeting.

Mike Gargano asked members to consider other fields for similar statewide concentrations; members will bring recommendations to the next meeting. Monty Sullivan suggested that we refer to the data on programs transfer students most frequently declare as majors.

CCN: the Articulation Matrix

Karen Denby distributed annotated copies of text from Act 356 that address CCN, along with copies of the 2011-12 articulation matrix, noting that the law emphasizes course and content equivalencies and the BoR staff will focus on cleaning up the matrix this year: pulling in content faculty committees to (a) resolve and eliminating footnotes, and (b) add additional courses (that exist) where there are gaps. Much discussion ensued, but Regents' staff are determined to preserve and expand on the work of developing the matrix as a tool for students and advisors, backed by the requirements of the law, the interest in the Legislature, and the recommendations in the CCN committee report. The expectation is that the Commissioner will meet with presidents and CAOs on the challenge and mandate, and then the Chief Articulation Officers (CARTO) will be called to begin the annual review and update.

Jeannine Kahn described the process for matrix updates and the focus for this year, reiterating the focus on resolving footnote issues through faculty participation, noting the challenges academic advising and the need for ready, accurate information for self-advising. Galen Turner observed that the matrix might be compared to the backroom where sausage is made – people may not find the *matrix* palatable, but its information is what drives the well-received query functions of the 'Transfer Course Table' in the latransferdegree.org web site. Jacqueline Howard-Matthews said that Louisiana should have a 1-800 number for students to call about transfer problems. Karen replied that people call the Regents for all sorts of issues, but there have been no complaints about transfer or the matrix in a long time. (The BoR number is included on the transfer web site as the contact.) Monty Sullivan promised to refer such complaints to Regents so the staff could better understand.

Other Business/Discussion

Mike Gargano reviewed the four 'assignments' as:

- More degree program areas for statewide concentrations
- Updates and handout/executive summary for the 24 Oct Governance Commission
- Work on the matrix, including reaffirmation of campus CAO understanding
- Common Course Numbering: campus estimates of cost to implement

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, 16 November, at 9:00 am.**

The meeting concluded at 11:20 am.