

Transfer & Articulation Oversight Committee Meeting

10 AM – 12:30 PM

Thursday, May 13, 2010

Dixon University, Harrisburg

Remote Locations:

**Bucks County Community College,
California University of PA,
Indiana University of PA &
West Chester University of PA**



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Meeting Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Report on Pennsylvania College Credit Transfer System**
- **Communication**
- **Equivalency Synchronizers**
- **Transfer Data Collection**
- **Assessment Subcommittee**
- **Pilot Program Articulation Projects**
- **PA TRAC Website**
- **Future Meeting Dates**



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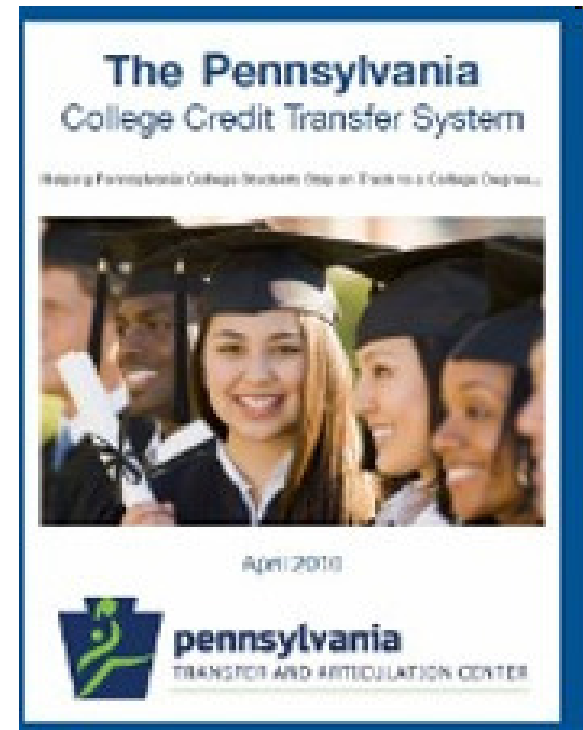
Introductions & Announcements

- **Bucks County Community College – new remote meeting location**

- **Welcome to our new TAOC members!**
 - **Jeff Focht, VP of Academic Affairs, Northampton Community College**
 - **Thomas Leamer, VP of Academic Affairs, Lehigh-Carbon**

Report: Pennsylvania College Credit Transfer System

- Released by PDE and Rep. Josh Shapiro at a press conference on April 29, 2010
- Highlights impact of the credit transfer system created by Act 114 of 2006
- Report posted on PDE website & on PA TRAC at www.PAcollegetransfer.com
- Quotes from the report being used on PA TRAC homepage



Communication Is Vital To Our Success

- **TAOC members** are...
 - Responsible for communicating with their campuses and PDE
 - Informing PDE of changes in representation
 - Serving as the liaison between PDE and their institutions



Using PA TRAC Website to Inform

- PA TRAC website will serve as a public repository for documents/information
 - TAOC meeting agendas, presentations, minutes
 - Meeting dates
 - Deadlines
 - General updates





Communication Plan for PACs

- Pilot Articulation Committees (PACs) have been given the following:
 - Points of contact from each institution
 - Contact TAOC members
 - Direct connection to PDE to ask questions/request resources
- PAC members are **not** responsible for communicating with the public or providing information about the PAC process
- Campuses will have the opportunity to provide feedback in September when PDE posts the draft agreements to PA TRAC



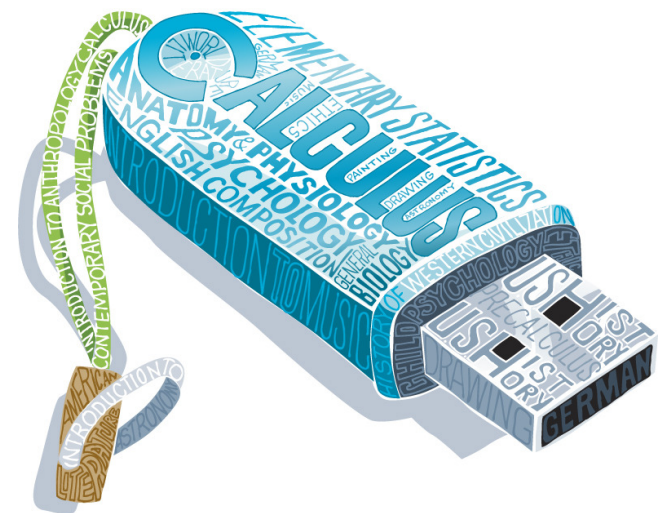
Pilot PAC Section Added to PA TRAC

- New page in the Administrator section of site – [Pilot Statewide Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement Process](#)
 - Audio/video recording of the General Session of the Kick-off meeting
 - Meeting notes from the PACs
 - Membership rosters
 - Overview documents
 - PAC monthly progress reports
 - Draft articulation agreements

- Provides public with way to monitor progress and stay abreast of articulation work

Equivalency Synchronizers

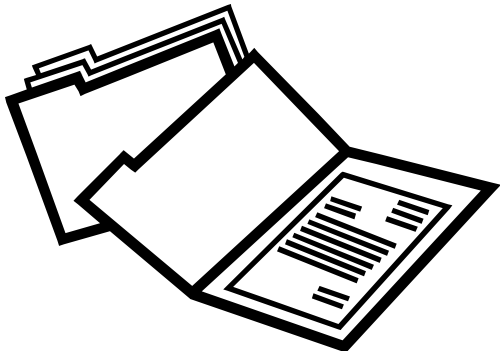
- Interface allows for upload of an institution's course equivalencies to PA TRAC
- 10 community colleges & PASSHE universities have interfaces
- 5 interfaces in various stages of development
- Mansfield & West Chester had systems go live within past two weeks
- >215,000 course equivalencies in PA TRAC databases




Transfer Data Collection & Reporting

July 1, 2010 – Deadline to submit the following:

- Summary of all articulation agreements as of Fall 2010
- Transfer Advising Guides (TAGs) – Advising guides that translate the articulation agreements for students/advisors; only submit existing guides for TAOC institutions
- Institution credit transfer policy
- Institution transfer student appeals process



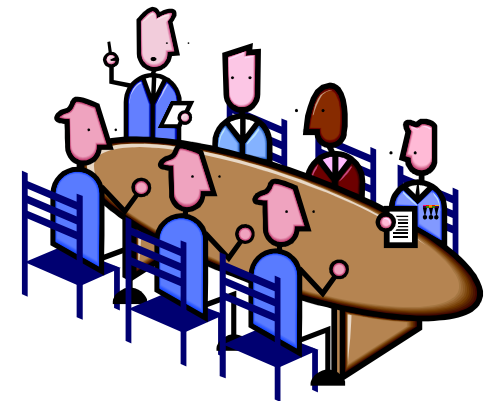


Information Technology & Assessment Subcommittee

- **Charge:** To develop an assessment plan for the transfer and articulation initiative implemented as a result of Act 114 of 2006
- Subcommittee will consist of
 - 3 community college representatives
 - 3 PASSHE representatives
 - 1 Opt-in representative
 - 1 member from PASSHE
 - 1 member from the PA Commission
- Still need nominations from PASSHE & Opt-ins
- Subcommittee will form in June

Pilot Program Articulation Projects

- April 30, 2010 – Kick-off Meeting held at HACCC
- Recording of General Session available on PA TRAC
- PACs met individually to elect co-chairs, discuss next steps and develop timeline
- Meeting outcome:
 - Selected a recorder of meeting notes
 - Elected co-chairs
 - Identified necessary resources/reference materials
 - Developed a timeline specific to the PAC
 - Determined next steps



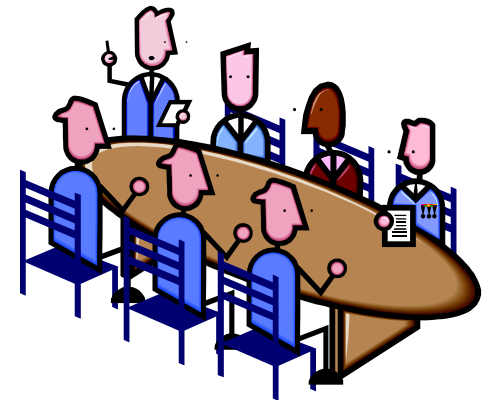
Desire2Learn (D2L)

- Virtual meeting space
- Allows PAC members to meet and discuss, vote, review documents and much more without the need for face-to-face interaction
- Features:
 - Discussion Forums
 - Reference Materials
 - Voting & Surveying
 - Request for Resources
 - Frequently Asked Questions
- Technical issues? Contact Bob Hails at rhails@passhe.edu



Pilot PAC - Math

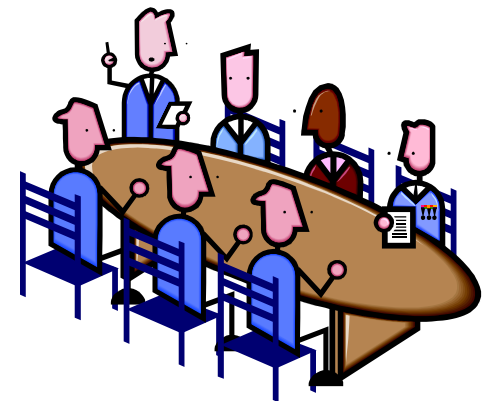
- Update – Ron Young, TAOC Member, HACC
- PAC Members:
 - **Todd Jones, PAC co-chair, CC of Philadelphia**
 - **Delray Schultz, PAC co-chair, Millersville**
 - Elaine Fitt, Bucks County Community College
 - Kellie Given, Delaware County Community College
 - Barbara Kistler, Lehigh Carbon Community College
 - Ralph Padgett, Westmoreland County Community College
 - Olivia Carducci , East Stroudsburg
 - Francisco Alarcon, Indiana
 - Paul Ache, Kutztown
 - Joseph Kissell, Bloomsburg
 - Moses Haimbodi, Lincoln
 - Joanna Pruden, Penn College of Technology



Pilot PAC - Psychology

- Update – Nils Hovik & Jill Murray, TAOC Members

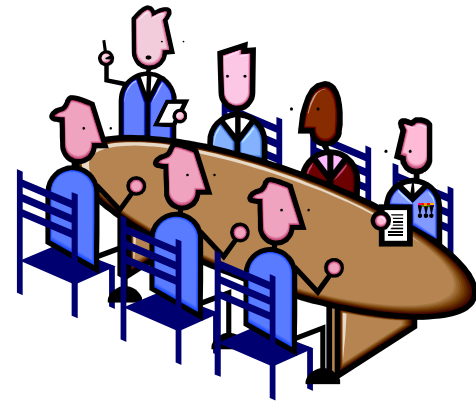
- PAC Members:
 - **Kathy Doherty, PAC co-chair, HACCC**
 - **Sue Morin, PAC co-chair, Shippensburg**
 - Ginny Mihalik, Lehigh Carbon Community College
 - Melissa Philson, Butler County Community College
 - Ann Marie Donohue, Montgomery County Community College
 - David Brant, Reading Area Community College
 - Loretta Rieser-Danner, West Chester
 - Chris Offutt, Lock Haven
 - James Saxon, Cheyney
 - Belinda Holiday Smith, California
 - Kevin Favor, Lincoln University
 - Renee Bernard, St. Francis
 - Jill Murray, TAOC Member, Lackawanna



Pilot PAC – PreK-4 Certification

- Update – Jim Moran, TAOC Member, PASSHE

- PAC Members:
 - **Rebecca Gorton, PAC co-chair, Northampton Community College**
 - **Lee Williams, PAC co-chair, Slippery Rock**
 - Fran Dice, Community College of Allegheny County
 - Jacqueline Black, Community College of Beaver County
 - Lynne Pabst, Luzerne County Community College
 - Barbara Mitchell, PA Highlands Community College
 - Clover Wright, California
 - Ruth Kennedy, Bloomsburg
 - Louann Bonnett, Clarion
 - Brian Barden, Mansfield
 - Erica Pricci, Lackawanna
 - Glenna Zeak, St. Francis



PA TRAC Website

www.PAcollege-transfer.com

- Website Traffic
- Changes
- Demo

The screenshot shows the PA TRAC website in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The browser title is "PA TRAC - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by PA Department of Education". The address bar shows "http://www.patrac.org/". The website header features the Pennsylvania Transfer and Articulation Center logo and the text "pennsylvania TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION CENTER" and "PA TRAC - KEEPING YOU ON TRACK TO A COLLEGE DEGREE". The navigation menu includes "PA TRAC", "Student", "Faculty & Advisors", "Administrators", "About PA TRAC", and "Contact Us". The main content area has a "Quick Links" sidebar with links to "Course Equivalencies", "Planning Your Transfer", "Learn the Language", "Common Questions", "Participating Colleges", "About PA TRAC", and "Contact Us". The central content area features the "PA TRAC" logo and a blue box with the text: "Discover how students benefit from Pennsylvania's Transfer Credit Framework", "Plan your course work to avoid taking classes that will not count toward your degree", and "Get step-by-step instruction for registering and transferring". To the right, there is a "Time to Register and not sure where to start?" section with a clock icon and a link to "Click here to find courses that transfer to any participating colleges and universities." Below this is a "PA TRAC College Profiles" section with a link to "View Profiles..." and a mention of "Harrisburg University of Pennsylvania - Main Campus". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows several open applications: "Inbox - Microsoft Outlook", "EqualEdOpp\$ on 'Edfs01'...", "Windows Media Player", and "PA TRAC - Microsoft I...". The system clock shows "10:17 AM".

Next Steps

- Schedule Future TAOC Meeting Dates
- First monthly reports from PACs due June 1
- Continue to provide resources to PACs as requested
- Improve communication efforts
- June 15 – Deadline for State-related institutions to identify transferable Framework courses



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