

Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee Meeting

10 AM – 12:30 PM
Thursday, August 18, 2011
Harrisburg, PA

Satellite Meeting Locations:
Community College of Beaver County,
Bucks County Community College & Indiana University of PA

Agenda

- Updates & Announcements
- Review of Spring 2011 & Fall 2011 PACs
- Action Items Related to Steering Committee Recommendations
- Discussion Items Related to 30-Credit Framework
- New Business



Updates & Announcements

- Jill Hans named Deputy Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary/Higher Education.
- New primary members appointed to TAOC.
- No change to fall meeting schedule.
- Language expanding the transfer system has been added to Public School Code of 1949.
- Fall '10 and Spring '11 transfer data collections complete.



Making Progress...

3
agreements by
December '10



10
agreements
by June '11



15 add'l agreements
by December 15, 2011

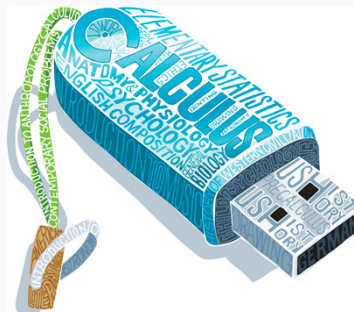


Spring 2011 PACs

- **Agreements approved in June** – posted online by Monday, Aug. 22
- **Criminal Justice PAC** – will meet Sept. 16 to revise agreement before resubmitting to TAOC
- **Communication Studies PAC** – will meet Sept. 16 to begin with new dual focus
- **4-8 Teacher Education PAC** – Draft agreement posted for comment Sept. 12-30th

Fall 2011 PACs

- **Aug. 29 – PAC appointments due to PDE**
- **TAOC reps still needed on these PACs:**
 - Geography
 - Music
 - Drama/Theatre
 - Modern Languages
 - Environmental Science
- **Resources needed for new PACs**



ACTION ITEM: Steering Committee recommendation for revising agreements after approval

Once...approved by TAOC, no amendments to the agreement can be offered by any party within the initial six (6) months of the agreement. After that time, a TAOC member with a proposed amendment to an approved agreement should submit the change to PDE.

Amendments that are offered as clarifying or technical but do not alter the substantive portions or intent of the agreement must be forwarded to TAOC. TAOC representatives will have at least thirty (30) days to review, comment and approve or deny the proposed amendments.

Amendments that seek to alter the substantive nature or intent of the agreement in any part must be forwarded to the appropriate PAC for review and consideration. The PAC will then make a recommendation to the TAOC, and TAOC shall approve or deny the proposed amendments.

ACTION ITEM: Steering Committee recommendation for revising agreements after implementation

- *Review agreements every five (5) years after the agreement effective date.*
- *Postpone developing a process for reviewing agreements until after all of the agreements have been created and approved and information about similar processes in other states can be reviewed.*

ACTION ITEM: Steering Committee recommends providing the following to PAC members at the Kick-off meeting and in the PAC Toolkit:

When developing a statewide program-to-program articulation agreement, the Program Articulation Committee is advised to consider requirements of external accreditation and certification organization(s). The Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) recognizes accrediting organizations in many disciplines. For more information visit www.chea.org.

ACTION ITEM: Steering Committee recommends the following changes to the articulation approval process

- *PACs identify challenges as part of their interim reports*
- *TAOC reps provide feedback along with others on their campus during the open comment period*
- *TAOC reps review the PAC's final draft agreement and return it to PDE with comments within one (1) week of receiving the agreement.*
- *PACs are provided TAOC's comments and given one last opportunity to make any changes before TAOC reps. vote.*
- *PAC submits the final agreement to PDE.*
- *TAOC votes to approve the agreement. Approved agreements are posted on PA TRAC. Rejected agreements are returned to the PAC with specific guidance from TAOC and PDE.*

30-Credit Framework & Associate Degree Programs

- Should the Framework be included in every AA/AS degree offered by a participating institution?

30-Credit Framework & Statewide Program Articulation

- Is the Framework needed now that we have statewide program-to-program articulation?
- How does the Framework fit into statewide P2P articulation?
- Why is the Framework not part of every P2P agreement?

Expanding the Framework

- What is the process for expanding the Framework?
- How are course titles added to the categories?
- Who is responsible for deciding if a new course title is included in a Framework category? TAOC? Framework Subcommittees?
- How should the Framework be maintained in light of statewide articulation?
- Should the Framework standards be reviewed and revised? If so, what is that process?
- Should the category standards be developed based on competencies?

Assessing the Framework

- Do students and advisors know about the Framework?
Are they using it?
- How do we know the Framework is working for students?
- How do we know the Framework is being honored by receiving transfer institutions?

New Business

Next Meeting:
Thursday, September 22, 2011 –
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