

# Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee

10AM – 12:30PM

Thursday, August 15, 2013

Harrisburg, PA

Remote Locations: Indiana University of PA,  
Community College of Philadelphia,  
Bucks County Community College,  
Bridge Line



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TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION CENTER

PA TRAC - KEEPING YOU ON TRACK TO A COLLEGE DEGREE

## Agenda

- Updates/Announcements
- TAOC/PA TRAC Maintenance Activities
- Annual Transfer Assessment Plan
- 30-Credit Transfer Framework
- Statewide Program-to-Program (P2P) Articulation
- New Business



## Updates/Announcements

- AY2013-14 TAOC Members (Appendix A)
- 2013-2014 Meeting Schedule
  - August 15, 2013 @ 10AM-12:30PM
  - October 10, 2012 @ 10AM-12:30PM
  - December 12, 2012 @ 10AM-12:30PM
  - February 6, 2014 @ 10AM-11:30AM (webinar/conf call)
  - March 13, 2014 @ 10AM-12:30PM
  - May 8, 2014 @ 10AM-12:30PM

## PA Electronic Student Transcripts And Records System (PA eSTARS)

- Initiative extended through December 31, 2013 with limited grant funding
- Nearly 450 High Schools and 100 Postsecondary institutions in PA participating
- For more information  
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## TAOC/PA TRAC Maintenance Activities

- **Composite PA TRAC Report** (Appendix B)
- **Transfer Profile Update** – Due August 31
- **Degree Program Upload** – Due August 31
- **Transfer Event Calendar** – Update as Needed
- **PA TRAC Redesign** – Re-launch Mid-October?
  - Need new quotes from students, staff

## TAOC/PA TRAC Maintenance Activities

- **Course Catalog Extracts – Due September 20**
  - Colleges responsible for accuracy of information
  - Alert AcademyOne to any major changes such as new course prefixes (i.e., ENG to ENGL, SPE to COM)
- **Course Equivalency Management Center (CEMC)**

## Assessing the Transfer System

Transfer legislation charges TAOC with the following tasks:

- Developing an assessment/evaluation plan, including identifying and collecting appropriate data, to ensure the effectiveness of section 2002-C and with making necessary revisions to the system over time.
- Submitting an annual report to the General Assembly detailing progress made by the participating public IHEs and IHEs that elect to participate under section 2006-C in further enabling the transfer of credits between them and recommending further action to be taken.

## Proposed Assessment Plan Goals

- Provide data that indicates the extent to which goals of the transfer system are being met
- Analyze data to produce
  - 1) indicators describing the success of the system in assisting students that transfer among the participating institutions
  - 2) indicators providing TAOC with guidance on changes that can be made to improve the transfer process over time and improve the assessment process



## Proposed Guiding Principles & Important Concepts

- Required by legislation
- Developed/implemented by TAOC, PDE and the participating institutions in consultation with faculty and personnel
- Includes CCs, PASSHE universities and Opt-ins
- Data will be collected in Pennsylvania Information Management System (PIMS)
- Purpose is to evaluating the transfer system not transfer policies at individual institutions

## Proposed Workflow, Timeline & Milestones

- **Year 1** – September 2013-August 2014
  - Conduct Initial Baseline Collection of AY13-14 transfer data
  - Plan for Expanded Collection of AY14-15 transfer data based on student performance indicators
  - Develop Annual Report for General Assembly
- **Year 2** – September 2014-January 2016
  - Implement Expanded Transfer Collection for AY14-15
  - Finalize Assessment Model for future collections
  - Develop Annual Report for General Assembly

## Approval Process

- Timeline
  - August 19 – PDE will email TAOC reps with subcommittee's final recommendation
  - August 19-23 – TAOC reps vote electronically to approve or reject recommendation
  - August 26 – PDE emails voting results to TAOC and post plan on PA TRAC, if approved
- Approval requires 2/3 vote by voting TAOC members

## 30-Credit Transfer Framework

- September 2013
  - Framework Subcommittees complete pending course evaluations and submits recommendations for new Framework titles
- October 2013
  - TAOC reviews and votes on new Framework titles
- November 2013-January 2014
  - Colleges propose courses for new and existing titles
- January-March 2014
  - Subcommittees review all courses proposed by colleges

## Statewide P2P Articulation Database

- 32 colleges → 601 articulated degree programs → 25 programs of study
- May 15, 2014 – Deadline to identify articulated degrees for agreements effective Fall 2014 (e.g., Political Science)

## Proposal Regarding P2P Agreements that Include 30-Credit Framework

For each agreement that includes the entire Framework, the subcommittee will ask the PAC's TAOC rep if the PAC wishes to retain the entire Framework or to revisit the agreement.

- PACs that wish to retain the entire Framework and keep the agreement as it stands → no further action is necessary
- PACs that included the entire Framework because the PAC thought it was a requirement → PAC member will decide how to proceed; subcommittee will provide suggestions

## Statewide P2P Articulation

- Student Verification
- Institutional Verification
- P2P Agreements
  - Political Science – Effective Fall 2014
  - Music
  - 4-8 Education
  - Secondary Education

- **New Business**
- **Next Meeting – Thursday, October 10 @ 10AM**