TAOC Meeting - November 2011 Tom Corbett, Governor Ronald Tomalis, Secretary of Education www.education.state.pa.us Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee Meeting

10 AM - 12:30 PM Thursday, November 17, 2011 Harrisburg, PA

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



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Agenda

- August 18, 2011 TAOC Meeting Notes
- November 2011 Updates & Announcements
- Implementing Statewide Program Articulation
- Program Articulation Committees
- New Subcommittees
- Educating Pennsylvania on Statewide Articulation





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ACTION ITEM:

Recommendation to base student verification for statewide program articulation on students' "effective graduation date" rather than the institution's "effective implementation date".

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Elements for PA TRAC Database

- **Associate-Degree Institutions**
 - **Institution Name**
 - Name of Articulated Associate Degree(s) (i.e., Administration of Justice)
 - Award Type (i.e., AA, AS)
 - · Effective Graduation Date
- **Bachelor-Degree Institutions**
 - **Institution Name**
 - Name of Parallel Bachelor Degree(s) (i.e., Criminal Justice)
 - Award Type (i.e., BA, BS, etc.)
 - **Effective Matriculation Date**



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Hypothetical 2-Year Example

- HACC determines its current AA in Psychology meets the requirements prescribed in the Psych Agreement.
- HACC enters the following elements in PA TRAC:
 - Institution: Harrisburg Area Community College
 - Award: Associate of Arts
 - Degree Name: Psychology
 - Effective Graduation Date: May 2012*

*Any HACC student graduating w/ the AA-Psych in May 2012 and beyond should be viewed by the receiving 4-year as an "articulated student".

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Hypothetical 4-Year Example

- Millersville University determines the BA in Psychology to be its parallel bachelor degree under the Psych Agreement.
- MU enters the following elements in PA TRAC:
 - Institution: Millersville University
 - Award: Bachelor of Arts
 - Degree Name: Psychology
 - Effective Date: August 2012*
 - *Students starting at MU in August 2012 can transfer the articulated associate degree in Psychology with full junior standing.



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ACTION ITEM:

Recommendation to have participating institutions agree to the following statement:

"During the transition to the effective dates of the various statewide program-to-program agreements, the participating institutions will strive to be student-centered and make the transfer of credits as seamless as possible for students."

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Timeline for Implementing Agreements Approved Prior to August 31, 2011

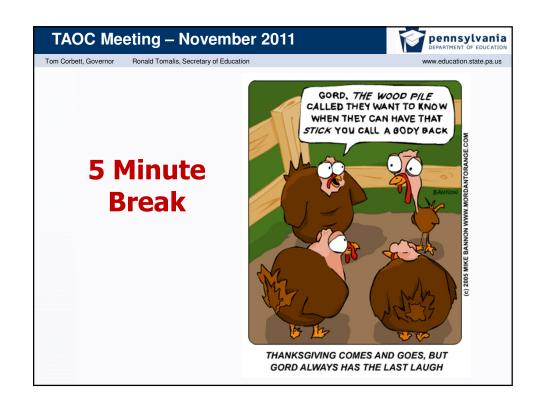
- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth Science
- English
- Mathematics

- Env Geoscience
- Geology
- Meteorology
- Physical Oceanography
- Physics
- PK-4 Education
- Psvchology

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Date	Task		
November 30, 2011	Assign 2 people to input articulation data in PA TRAC		
December 5-21, 2011	Webinars on loading data in PA TRAC		
January 1, 2012	Starting entering data in PA TRAC		
March 1, 2012	Statewide articulation database goes "live"		
August 1, 2012	Deadline to identify articulated degree programs in PA TRAC		

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Date	sociate Degree Institutions Date Task		
By Aug. 1, 2012	Review agreements approved prior to August 31, 2011.		
	Identify AA/AS degrees for full transfer.		
	Review each associate degree(s) against articulation requirements to confirm content/competencies are being met and to identify gaps, if any.		
	If necessary, modify the associate degree to meet all requirements.		
	Enter Degree Name, Award Type and Effective Graduation Date in PA TRAC.		

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Bachelor Degree Institutions				
Date	Task			
By Aug. 1, 2012	Review agreements approve August 31, 2011.	ed prior to		
	Identify parallel bachelor de transfer and acceptance of associate degree under the	the articulated		
	If necessary, modify the par- degree to allow for transfer standing to include credits I towards graduation.	with full junior		
	Enter Degree Name, Award Effective Matriculation Date			



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ACTION ITEM:

Recommendation to allow the Business Agreement to serve as the primary articulation pathway for Economics and to use advising statements to help students understand their options.

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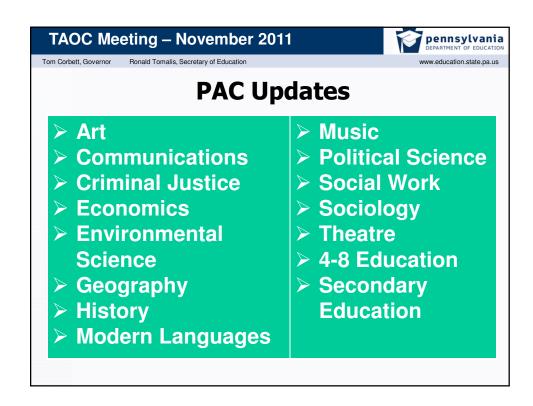


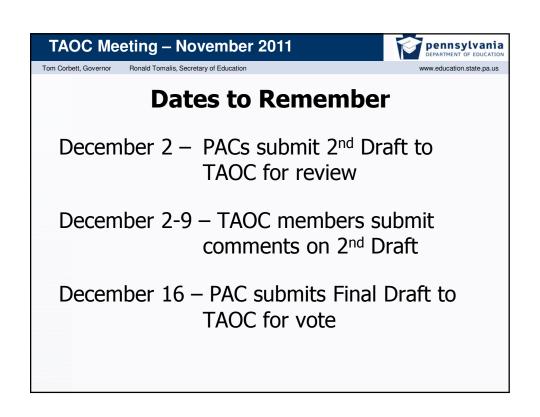
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Advising Statement for Economics

Students planning to purse Economics have various major options at the participating colleges and universities. Students can obtain a bachelor degree in Economics or they can focus their economic training in a related area such as Business, Political Science or Math. For this reason, students should work closely with an academic advisor to select the transfer pathway that meets their specific interests. All students planning to major in Economics are advised to complete Microeconomics and Macroeconomics as part their articulated associate degree.







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ACTION ITEM:

Recommendation to form two standing subcommittees in Spring 2012:

- 1. Framework Subcommittee to review the 30-Credit Transfer Framework and issues related to it.
- 2. Assessment Subcommittee to evaluate and assess effectiveness.

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DISCUSSION ITEM:

Develop strategies for educating all stakeholders on statewide program articulation.

