



STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL
Wednesday, November 16, 2022 • 1:00 pm
Claiborne Building, 1st Floor
Marbois Room, 1-137
1201 North Third Street
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

– Minutes –

Roll Call

Statewide Articulation Transfer Council Present – James Ammons, Chair, SU System; Erica Spencer (Proxy), LDOE; Jacqueline Bach, LSU System; Bill Tulak (Proxy), LCTCS
Board of Regents' Staff Present – Tristan Denley, Kim Langlois
Absent – Jeannine Kahn, UL System; Eric Turner, LAICU

Handouts: Agenda; Minutes from August 22, 2022 meeting; Draft Policies for Universal Transfer, Reverse Transfer and Dual Enrollment

Approval of Minutes: The Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2022 meeting.

Transfer Legislation and Policy

Universal Transfer Pathways

Dr. Tristan Denley began by following up on the Universal Transfer Pathways Discussion from the August meeting. He advised the Council that policy language had been created and then reviewed the draft with the Council. He informed the Council that he hoped to present the Universal Transfer Agreement at the January Board of Regents meeting and asked the members to distribute the policy for review to those who can provide meaningful feedback.

Dr. Jacqueline Bach asked if committees have met to establish the sixty hours that would be in Universal Transfer curricula. Dr. Denley responded that he is working with the cybersecurity group to create a 60-hour curriculum, which will need approval. He added that other systems have nominated individuals to work on establishing other curricula and documents to guide curriculum development have been provided.

Dr. Bach asked if, in section five, exceptions should be added for accreditation purposes. Dr. Denley responded that language should be provided to does not endanger accreditation.

Dr. James Ammons added that some health programs are no longer bachelor's degrees and that the policy needs language to accommodate those programs.

Mr. William Tulak asked about plans to keep the pathways in compliance should accreditation rules change. Dr. Denley responded the idea of adding maintenance language, such as "pathways will need review every five years". to the policy.

Reverse Transfer

Dr. Denley provided an update to the Council on the status of Reverse Transfer. He informed the Council that

he has been meeting with a group of university registrars, who are currently testing the reverse transfer procedure.

Mr. Tulak asked if the plan is to conduct an audit for each curriculum. Dr. Denley responded that the first run will target likely candidates, then the campuses, as the degree granting institutions, will need to conduct their own audits.

Mr. Tulak also asked about the twelve hours of transfer credit listed in the policy. Dr. Denley responded that the student must have at least fifteen credit hours, but the idea is to send institutions a list of students who are close. Mr. Tulak followed up by asking how a campus will know if the twelve hours will transfer as listed in section 3B. Dr. Denley responded that Council members can review the section and make edits, if needed.

Dr. Denley asked the Council to discuss the process of conducting degree audits, and proposed the question of how the Community Colleges would receive the courses a student has taken at all their previously attended institutions. He proposed that the courses included in the reporting each year represent official student-level data reported in an official capacity. When it is returned to the community colleges, it can be grouped by students as an official record from public institutions. This can be used as official transcript data, instead of requiring students to request official transcripts from each institution attended.

Dr. Bach asked if the reporting would include credit hours that were earned out of state. Dr. Denley replied that it would not.

Mr. Tulak added that schools can identify who has the credit, but the issue previously has been the authorization to give that information back to the school and asked if students will be able to opt in. Dr. Denley responded that the current belief is that the institution needs to ask the student if they would like the degree awarded to them. Mr. Tulak asked how community colleges will get the university data without student permission. Dr. Denley responded that he believes the data can be pulled and the student asked if they would like the award before the final audit has been completed. He also added that, going forward, language could be added to the admissions application to address this issue.

Dr. Ammons asked about the role of four-year institutions in transferring the credit information back to the community colleges. Dr. Denley responded that he would discuss that issue with the registrars working on the project.

Dual Enrollment Policy

Dr. Denley informed the Council that during the COVID-19 pandemic, Regents issued an interim ruling to add flexibility to enroll in dual enrollment courses and reviewed options for enrollment. He advised the Council that based on the collected data, students who were enrolled in Dual Enrollment with the interim requirements succeeded in their courses at a similar rate to those meeting the permanent requirements. Based on these data, Regents staff is proposing permanent adoption of the interim requirements and addition of new eligibility requirements for dual enrollment.

Dr. Bach asked if clarification needs to be made for advanced placement courses. She noted that earning a score of 3 or higher in an AP course shows a level of mastery, but wondered whether course content is at a level needed to enroll in a dual enrollment course. Dr. Denley replied that this is the intention and that perhaps the table should be further clarified.

Dr. Ammons added that the data show that additional barriers for students to participate are not being created. He also commented that schools have different abilities to pay for dual enrollment courses and some families are paying the tuition. In light of this, he hoped there would be a recognition of the need for funding in developing budget requests.

Dr. Denley advised the Council that he would like to present the Dual Enrollment policy at the December Board of Regents meeting and that members would have another chance to discuss the policy at the CAO meeting scheduled for November 21st.

Other Business

Dr. Denley advised the Council of the Meauxmentum Summit, scheduled for February 1-2, 2023.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.