



STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL

Meeting with General Education Committee

**Board of Regents Conference Room (BCR)
Claiborne Building • Baton Rouge, LA
Monday, March 22, 2010 • 2:05p.m. – 4:35 p.m.**

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Council Members: Monty Sullivan (LCTC System), Mike Gargano (LSU System), Margaret Ambrose (SU System), Brad O'Hara (ULS), Mary Ann Coleman (LAICU).

General Education Committee: Lesa Taylor-Dupree (BPCC), Jacqueline Howard-Matthews (SU A&M), Debbie Lea (DCC); Kevin Cope (LSU A&M), Steve Guempel (LSUE), Jeffrey Temple (SLU), Lisa Mims-Devezin (SUNO), and Brian Etheridge (LTU, by video)

Absent: Debbie Schum (DoE)

Board of Regents Staff: Kim Hunter-Reed, Karen Denby, Rusty Jabour

Welcome and Chairman's Remarks

Chair Mike Gargano convened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and welcomed the Council and Committee. He passed out copies of the minutes from the 8 March meeting.

The minutes were approved without change.

Final Review of Guide to the General Education Requirements of the Louisiana Transfer Degree.

Karen Denby summarized changes made to the since the previous meeting, when the SATC had adopted the recommendations. Chair Gargano invited those present to review it once more. Final changes will be made and the document re-distributed via email to the two groups. Substantive changes included:

- Recognizing the value of redundancy for key issues, the introductory page and the final summary list of courses will both mention the "C Grade Requirement" and the fact that no *developmental* courses may be counted for General Education (or degree) credit.
- The course lists were streamlined and standardized for both Math/Analytical Reasoning and Natural Sciences (deleting one redundant course topic in each area, and adding "(any version)" to General Biology and General Chemistry.

Guide for Academic Advisors: The Louisiana Transfer Associate Degree

Discussion on this document centered on such revision issues as:

- Target audience = academic advisor: include enough information to help advisors guide students in course selection, expectations, responsibilities and benefits.
- Make it clear that *developmental* courses do not count toward the 60 hours in this degree, and that graduates must still meet the institution's and program's admission requirements.
- Address the importance of orientation; a degree plan; steady, continuous advising; and the 'handshake' with 4-year universities in the transfer.

- It should be noted that the provisions in place for this fall are “Phase I” of a larger project, and that additional program development is forth coming.
- Commitment to expand on the guides/tracks as the transfer degree and implementation of ACT 356 provisions evolve. In the near term, the Council and Committee will reevaluate one or two of the specific degree tracks for possible inclusion for statewide application.

Members will send more specific feedback and/or suggested text to Karen Denby for incorporation into the document for the next meeting.

With further discussion of the utility of major-specific tracks, Chair Gargano offered to form a committee of business faculty to pursue the development of a transfer business degree similar in nature and outline to the AST/Associate of Science in Teaching. All present thought that would be very helpful.

Communication & Marketing Update

Rusty Jabour gave a very brief synopsis of his work to contract for research, development and implementation of a marketing plan to advise and inform the state of the new transfer associate degree opportunities, including:

Development of a website that, at a minimum, includes information about the following items as prescribed by ACT 356:

1. The Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council
2. The statewide articulation agreement
3. The statewide course numbering system
4. Articulation policies and rules
5. General education courses and common degree program prerequisites
6. Course and degree requirements for all fields of study
7. Planning and advising resources

He will attend meetings such as today's so that the marketing and degree development can go hand-in-hand and neither effort gets off track of the other.

Adjournment

Chair Gargano advised the group to watch for a meeting notice for Wednesday, 7 April, in the morning. There being no other business, he adjourned the meeting at 4:35 p.m.