



**STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL**  
**Wednesday, September 4, 2024 • 10:00 am**  
**Claiborne Building, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Board of Regents Board Collaboration Room**  
**1201 North Third Street**  
**Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

**– Minutes –**

**Roll Call**

***Statewide Articulation and Transfer Council Present*** – Dr. Jacqueline Bach, LSU System; Dr. Ernise Singleton, LDOE; Bill Tulak (Proxy), LCTCS; Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke, UL System;

***Board of Regents' Staff Present*** – Tristan Denley, Kim Langlois, Allison Vicknair

***Absent*** – Dr. Eric Turner, LAICU; Dr. Luria Young, SU System

***Guests Present*** – Dr. Jessica Lemoine, LCTCS

**Handouts:** Agenda; Minutes from June 25, 2024 meeting

**Approval of Minutes:** The Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes of the June 25, 2024 meeting.

**Matrix Review Committee**

Dr. Tristan Denley informed the Council that work is continuing updating the Transfer Matrix. He advised that Academic Affairs is looking for improved technology to assist in the updates. The Council discussed the issues that are recognized and how the Council can continue building on the momentum of the Universal Transfer Pathways. Dr. Denley suggested that the discipline committees meet on an annual basis to discuss the issues in the transfer of courses. Dr. Jacqueline Bach asked if there are specific disciplines in mind to which Dr. Denley responded that he is not expecting each discipline to meet every time, but there are disciplines that need to be focused on. Dr. Bach asked if the purpose is to discuss and identify opportunities or force them to make curriculum changes. Dr. Denley responded that it is geared toward discussion when a new course is proposed to determine how it fits within the curriculum. Dr. Jeannine O'Rourke added that when the matrix was created, faculty was included in the discussion.

Dr. Denley also informed the Council that he would also like to create groups around the five big industry areas to focus on credit for prior learning.

**Universal Transfer Pathways**

Dr. Denley updated the council on the next round of transfer pathways and reminded them of the Universal Transfer Pathways Workshop on September 5, 2024 in Lafayette. He advised that it is an opportunity to have any questions answered regarding the pathways.

**General Education Policy**

Dr. Denley then discussed the early draft of Academic Affairs Policy 2.16 – Statewide General Education Requirements. He advised that the goal is to link what students learn in general education courses with skills, including artificial intelligence.

Mr. Tulak commented that general education courses are normally not skills specific, but there is some flexibility. Dr. Bach added that LSU has recently revamped their general education to address the nine competencies but is concerned that a change would require them to have to do so again. Dr. Denley responded that is not the intention and he would be open to aligning the competencies to what campuses are already doing.

Dr. O'Rourke asked if there will be definitions of the competencies and Dr. Denley responded that he will take the commonalities of all the current competencies and then go from there. The Council also discussed the possibility of awarding badges for the general education competencies that they learn in their courses. Dr. Denley asked the Council members to send him their competency lists.

### **Other Business**

Dr. Bach asked the Council if they are familiar with StraighterLine which is placing a burden on faculty to research courses from nonaccredited institutions for transfer credit. She asked the Council for their input. Mr. Tulak responded that the PLA does not have to be assessed every time. He added a matrix can be created, which Dr. O'Rourke added that the UL System has also done. Mr. Tulak added that the institution would need to create an assessment tool. Dr. Denley commented that it may be easier to treat the credit like advanced placement credit.

### **Public Comments**

There were no public comments.

With no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.