



STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL

Meeting with General Education and Outreach/Communication Committees

**Board of Regents Conference Room (Room 6-242) • W.C.C. Claiborne Building
Baton Rouge, LA
Monday, October 19, 2009 • 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

Council Members: Mike Gargano (LSUS), Margaret Ambrose (SUS), Monty Sullivan (LCTCS), Mary Ann Coleman (LAICU), Brad O'Hara (ULS), Debbie Schum (DOE)

General Education Committee: Jeff Temple (SLU), Brian Etheridge, Lisa Mims-Devezin (SUNO), Jacqueline Howard-Matthews (SUBR), Lesa Taylor-Dupree – BPC, Debbie Lea (Delgado CC); Steve Guempel (LSU Eunice), Kevin Cope (LSU A&M)

Outreach/Communication Committee: Norbert Davidson, Regina Robinson, Jackie Tisdell, Craig Freeman, Jason Cooper, Kizzy Payton

Board of Regents Staff: Lynn House, Lisa Vosper, Stephen Scott, Meg Casper

Guests: Jerry Pinsel (LCTCS)

Welcome and Introductions

Chair Mike Gargano convened the meeting at 12:08 p.m. and welcomed the Council and both Committees.

General Education Committee System Updates

Kevin Cope reviewed information from the October 13th Statewide General Education Committee meeting in Alexandria, which included:

- High degree of agreement among the four systems
- Concern about role of language study, in view of internationalization of workforce demands
- A few technical points remain - grandfather clause, honors course counterpart.

Brian Etheridge expressed the following:

- Concern that students could graduate with an American civic sensibility.
 - Chair Gargano encouraged:
 - Recognizing the significance of the matrix and using it as a guide
 - Understand the huge re-thinking process underway with many changes on the campuses
- Concern about the time constraints, that decisions concerning a matrix of twenty years were going to be decided in a month

- Also concerned with gaining consensus in compressed time frame.

Chairman's Remarks

Chair Gargano indicated:

- Outcomes perhaps needed to be updated; the matrix would serve not as a guide but as a platform
- Decisions made probably would be adjusted in time
- Requested that the specialized degrees that would require later consideration be identified
- Campuses would need to rethink desired outcome
- There is agreement on 6 major categories and 39 hours – how can we condense?

Transfer Associate Degrees' Acceptable Course Grades

It was agreed that “C” would be the acceptable course grade. This is to be a “C” in every subject, not a “C” average.

Program Exclusions

- It was agreed that programs excluded would include: architecture, education, special education, general business, nursing, and engineering.
- Discussion included the consideration of allied health care with nursing.

Charge to Outreach/Communications Committee with Timeline

- Meg Casper, Kizzy Payton, and Janet Tisdale were recognized and greeted by Chair Gargano.
- There was discussion regarding the high speed of the process and need for communication.
- It was requested that Outreach/Communications members attend meetings as much as possible to assimilate context, which would be helpful in communication planning.

Adjournment

After further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.