



## STATEWIDE ARTICULATION AND TRANSFER COUNCIL

*Meeting with General Education Committee*

**James Monroe Rm (1-145)  
Claiborne Building • Baton Rouge, LA  
Monday, 18 October 2010 • 9:25–11:20a.m.**

**-- Minutes --**

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

**General Education Committee:** Kevin Cope (LSU A&M, Chair); Steve Guempel (LSUE); Debbie Lea (DCC); Lisa Mims-Devezin (SUNO); Lesa Taylor-Dupree (BPCC); Jeffrey Temple (SLU); Galen Turner (LTU);

**Absent:** Jacqueline Howard-Matthews (SU A&M), Debbie Schum (DOE)

**Board of Regents Staff:** Meg Casper, Karen Denby, Kathy Hoyt, Kim Hunter-Reed

**Guests:** Derrick Manns (LCTCS); *Otey White & Associates:* Barbara Carey; Angela deGravelles; Chuck Sanchez; Otey White

### **Welcome and Chairman's Remarks**

Chair Mike Gargano convened the meeting at 9:25 a.m. September minutes were approved as distributed.

### **Communication Campaign Update**

Barbara Carey reviewed the communication project, revised timeline, and materials in a handout that included a draft of the Advisors' Guide and FAQ, asking that members send feedback and/or changes to Karen Denby. Chuck Sanchez presented and discussed the web design, seeking the group's approval to proceed with the rest of the site. Members were disturbed by the slogan [*Louisiana's fastest, easiest route to a 4-year degree*] and asked that something else be used because the LT is certainly "a" route but not necessarily faster or easy. One suggestion was "A Clear Path to a 4-Year Degree", verbiage used frequently by students in feedback sessions. Other suggestions relating specifically to the web included: change the tab to "Advisors & Counselors" to address both college and high school; add a LA map with participating schools indicated (Meg offered to send a sample); consider an "A-Z" index utility to help students find which institutions offered which majors; include cost comparison information (average college and university tuition) on the Parent page; and include pictures unique to the state. After reviewing the grassroots campaigns in the Revised Timeline, members strongly suggested the additional involvement of local students and institutional presidents and chancellors, as well as members of the Regents and legislature in the meeting and media segments. Campus reps asked for simple tri-fold brochures that would introduce basic information and guide students to the web site. Otey White & Associates asked that all feedback be routed through Karen Denby to be submitted by 1 November.

### **Board of Regents' Report**

Karen Denby summarized interactions with campuses on LT web development. She thanked Derrick Manns for inviting her to the LCTCS Leadership Conference and mentioned an invitation to discuss the LT in a session at the LACRAO meeting in early November. She reported changing the CRIN to make the LT degree designation the AALT/Louisiana Transfer so that transfer institutions could easily recognize graduates. There was some discussion on what to call the tracks on the transcript: emphasis? concentration? The group said to ask LACRAO for recommendations. Mike Gargano asked that Regents' staff begin making arrangements to update Senator Nevers on progress to date, and possibly to address the joint education committees in the near future.

## Policy Questions

- a. Statewide General Education Requirements. After a brief discussion, Karen said that the proposed changes would be pulled from the October board agenda so that Systems may finalize their feedback.
- b. Campus Transfer Policy Review. The General Education Committee agreed to review campus and system transfer policies with an eye toward removing conflicts with the spirit and intent of the LT degree and to streamline the transfer process.
- c. Data Definitions: Re-entry and Transfer Student. There was some frustration voiced over the lack of data available to the SATC on transfer students. Members are asked to provide in writing to Karen Denby their specific requests for data as it relates to ACT 356 articulation and transfer.

## Transfer Curriculum Teams

Preliminary lists of campus/system membership on the four statewide curriculum teams (criminal justice; engineering; mass communication; and nursing) were circulated. Members were asked to submit any other names by the end of the week (22 Oct). General Education members were asked to serve on the committees. Immediate volunteers include: Galen Turner (engineering), and Jeff Temple (nursing). The other two committees should have their GenEd representatives named by 22 Oct.

## Curriculum Changes to the LT

Karen Denby reminded the group that changes to the LT curriculum tracks for 2010-11 should be finalized by January, at the latest, so they may be included in catalog revisions. The General Education committee agreed to consider change recommendations to bring to the SATC within that timeline.

## Other Business

Members reviewed assignments:

- Feedback on the Web, Advisors' Guide, and FAQ to Karen Denby by 1 November
- GenEd volunteers for the curriculum teams by 22 October
- GenEd Committee review of campus/system transfer policies and the basic LT curricula by December.
- Data requests (specifics) from SATC members to Karen Denby so that BoR staff can respond
- Derrick Manns noted the importance of clear communication to students, e.g., about implications of performance in Dual Enrollment courses on TOPS eligibility.
- Jeff Temple reminded campuses to check their web site links, as he had found four instances of campuses using the SLU LT web design as their own but leaving the links to SLU.
- Mary Ann Coleman suggested that the [latransferdegree.org](http://latransferdegree.org) website be presented to the Joint Education Committee of the Legislature as an update on progress with ACT 356 mandates.
- Mike Gargano asked that the 2-year schools provide data on FT/PT enrollment (headcount) in the LT major for fall and spring as well as expected numbers of LT graduates this fall and in spring, 2011 to establish a baseline. Debbie Lea (DCC) and Steve Guempel (LSUE) noted that most of their students have chosen to stick to the existing AGS and AA/AS transfer degrees this term, but they expect the number of LT students to grow significantly by next fall.
- Mike Gargano asked that the next meeting be scheduled before Thanksgiving. The date will be established via email, hopefully to coincide with the meeting of Chief Articulation Officers, to cut down on travel time.

## Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.