

## **TAOC Updates & Announcements** **AUGUST 2011**

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### **Jill Hans Named Deputy Secretary for the Office of Postsecondary/Higher Education at PDE**

Secretary Ronald Tomalis is pleased to announce the appointment of Jill Hans as Deputy Secretary for Postsecondary and Higher Education. Most recently, Jill worked at Dickinson College in the area of Budget, Analysis and Financial Planning where she was responsible for the leadership, development and coordination of long-range planning. She also worked as the Controller at Dickinson College, Director of Corporate Accounting and Manager of Budgets and Financial Analysis at the Carlisle Hospital and at the PA Hospital and as an Accountant at KPMG Peat Marwick.

Ms. Hans acquired a Master in Business Administration from Mount St. Mary's; a Master of Science in Library Science from Clarion State University; a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from the Pennsylvania State University; and an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Elizabethtown College.

As we welcome Jill to PDE, we also express our appreciation to Sandy Edmunds for her leadership and service as Deputy Secretary. Sandy will continue her service to PDE in a new role and will help assist with the transition in the Office of Postsecondary/Higher Education.

Jill can be reached at [jhans@pa.gov](mailto:jhans@pa.gov) or (717) 787-5041.

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### **GENERAL TAOC UPDATES**

#### **New Members Appointed to TAOC**

New Primary Members:

- Karyn Sproles, Carlow, replaces Margaret McLaughlin
- Melissa Denardo, CCBC, replaces Judy Garbinski
- Yun Kim, ESU, replaces Van Reidhead
- Cindy Doherty, HACC, replaces Ron Young
- David White, Lock Haven, replaces Deb Erickson
- Kathleen Howley, PASSHE, replaces Jim Moran

#### **TAOC Communication CHANGE**

After August 18, PDE will email TAOC meeting information, notes, updates, etc., to two people at each TAOC institutions – one (1) primary TAOC member and (1) secondary TAOC. Primary and secondary members may then forward information at their discretion.

PDE will continue to communicate directly with individuals assigned by their TAOC representative to oversee tasks related to CEMC, TAMC, PA TRAC college profile, etc. and individuals serving on PACs.

### **Fall 2011 Meeting Dates/Locations**

PDE will hold TAOC meetings from 10 AM – 12:30 PM in Duncan Hall Room 120 at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg. TAOC members may attend meetings from various satellite locations across the state as well.

- Thursday, August 18, 2011 – Harrisburg/IUP/Beaver/Bucks
- Thursday, September 22, 2011 – Harrisburg/IUP/Beaver/MontCo
- Thursday, October 20, 2011 – Harrisburg/IUP/Beaver/Bucks
- Thursday, November 17, 2011 – Harrisburg/IUP/Beaver/MontCo
- Thursday, December 15, 2011 – Harrisburg/IUP/Beaver/Bucks

Prior to each meeting, PDE will send an email containing meeting details and locations. ***At that time primary TAOC representatives will be asked to RSVP with their preferred meeting location and to identify the secondary TAOC representative who will also be attending.*** Each institution should send ***one RSVP*** to PDE.

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### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

On June 30, 2011, [House Bill 1352](#), referred to as the **Omnibus School Code** bill, was approved.

One of the provisions included in the bill was adding the transfer and articulation language from Act 50 to the Public School Code of 1949. This language expands participation of the state-related universities in the college credit transfer system and provides for program-to-program articulation of associate of arts and associate of science degrees into parallel bachelor degree programs at the participating institutions.

Most of the provisions contained in HB 1352 were from bills that either the House Education Committee or Senate Education Committee previously approved.

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### **TRANSFER DATA COLLECTION**

- **AY2010-11:** Transfer data for the Fall 2010 end of term and Spring 2011 end of term are complete.
- **AY2011-12:** There are no changes to the data collections for 2011-12. All colleges and universities with a member on TAOC should plan to submit Fall 2011 end of term transfer data in March 2012. Spring 2012 end of term transfer data will be due in July. PDE will provide actual deadlines at a later date.

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**STATEWIDE PROGRAM ARTICULATIONS**

**Approved Program Articulation Agreements**

TAOC-approved program articulation agreements will be available on PA TRAC as of Monday, August 22. PDE will email TAOC members with the web links.

- Biology
- Business
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Earth Science
- English
- Geology
- Mathematics
- Meteorology
- Physical Oceanography
- Physics
- PK-4 Teacher Education
- Psychology

All approved agreements are being revised to include TAOC’s “General Statewide Articulation Agreement” as an addendum.

Institutions are expected to implement the above agreements by fall 2012. Agreements approved AFTER August 31, 2011 must be implemented by fall 2013.

**Criminal Justice, Communications and 4-8 Teacher Education**

The PACs in Criminal Justice, Communications and 4-8 Teacher Education will continue their work into the fall. The three PACs will be following timelines that meet each PAC’s individual needs.

The CJ PAC and Communications Studies PAC have scheduled a face-to-face meeting in September as well. Both PACs will meet at Dixon University but will follow their own agendas.

<u>PAC Program of Study</u>	<u>TAOC Representative</u>	<u>Updates</u>
<b>Communication Studies</b>	Ginny Carter, DelCo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC will meet Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, from 10AM-3 PM in Harrisburg to regroup and discuss</li> </ul>
<b>Criminal Justice</b>	Ted Nichols, Penn Highlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PAC will meet Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, from 10AM-3 PM in Harrisburg to discuss final details of agreement returned by TAOC in June.</li> <li>• <i>See attached status report.</i></li> </ul>
<b>4-8 Teacher Education</b>	Phil Ginnetti, Edinboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft agreement will be posted on PA TRAC for public comment from Sept. 12-30<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>

**Fall 2011 PACs**

Twelve new PACs will be developing articulation agreements this fall. Below are the PAC names and primary TAOC reps assigned to each group.

**Primary TAOC members are still needed to serve on several PACs.** Interested representatives should contact PDE at [jukane@pa.gov](mailto:jukane@pa.gov) as soon as possible.

<b>Fall 2011 PAC Program of Study</b>	<b>TAOC Representative</b>	<b>Meeting Schedule</b>
<b>Economics</b>	Judy Gay, CCP	<b>Kick-off Meeting –</b> Friday, Sept. 16, 2011, from 10AM-3 PM in Harrisburg
<b>Geography*</b>		
<b>Government/Political Sci</b>	Karyn Sproles, Carlow	
<b>History</b>	Wade Davenport, Reading	
<b>Music*</b>		
<b>Sociology/Anthropology</b>	Mary Frances Archey, CCAC	
<b>Art</b>	Yun Kim, East Stroudsburg	<b>Kick-off Meeting –</b> Monday, Sept. 19, 2011, from 10AM-3 PM
<b>Drama/Theatre*</b>		
<b>Environmental Science*</b>		
<b>Modern Languages*</b>		
<b>Secondary Education</b>	Francie Spigelmyer, Butler	
<b>Social Work</b>	Darla Coffey, West Chester	

**UPDATE FROM CRIMINAL JUSTICE PAC**  
**Submitted Aug. 4, 2011 by Ted Nichols, PAC TAOC Member**

Jim Fisher and Barry Noel (CJ PAC Co-Chairs), and I met from 4:00 – 5:30 on 8/2/11 at CCAC/North Campus to discuss the steps needed to arrive at a CJ PAC DRAFT agreement acceptable to most PAC members and to TAOC. The meeting was cordial and productive.

As TAOC recommended, the discussion focused on the need to identify the essential competencies students should have demonstrated to successfully transfer to a parallel bachelor degree program as Juniors without loss of credit.

Related issues discussed included:

- There may be more agreement on issues than it seems.
- Might some of the essential competencies be provided through Police Academy/ACT120 training?
- What are the differences between Criminology and Criminal Justice . . . and will those differences matter under a CJ Articulation agreement?
- To what extent, if any, might the PAC wish to consider ACJS content areas in identifying and structuring the essential competencies?
- Wouldn't it be useful to conduct a comprehensive review of master syllabi, textbooks, etc. at the 2 year and 4 year levels to identify competencies currently being taught?
- Would it be helpful to have a neutral facilitator present at the Sept. 16 CJ PAC meeting in Harrisburg?
- An awareness that any agreement struck applies to Associate degree GRADUATES only. It seemed helpful to understand that many CC students currently seek to transfer PRIOR to graduation . . . without those essential competencies.

Next steps:

- Prior to the Sept. 16 meeting in Harrisburg, Jim and Barry are going to re-write the agreement focusing on the essential competencies that Associate degree students would be expected to have going into the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.
- They will distribute that re-write to the PAC a week or so in advance of the Sept 16 meeting so PAC members can come prepared to address and resolve any remaining issues.
- CJ PAC will then vote on this new DRAFT following the meeting so that DRAFT can be presented to TAOC prior to the October meeting.
- I will ask Jim and Barry to provide a brief update to the PAC on the meeting and plans going forward.