

TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

**Updates & Announcements
MARCH 2011**

TAOC Membership

Welcome to the newest members!

- Rachelle Prioleau, Clarion University
- Renford Brevett, Lincoln University
- Wade Davenport, Reading Area Community College
- Juan Manfredi, University of Pittsburgh
- Margaret McLaughin, Carlow University
- Gerald O'Sullivan, Neumann University
- Michele Colvard, Chatham University

A [list of TAOC members](#) is available on the [Transfer Updates](#) page of [PA TRAC](#).

Legislative Update

Act 50 of 2009 provides for the full transfer of Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees into parallel bachelor degree programs and expands participation by all of the state-related universities in the college credit transfer system.

- Act 50 was passed in October 2009 as part of the 2009-10 Fiscal Code.
- In January 2011, [Senate Bill 203](#) was referred to the Senate Education Committee as an amendment to current transfer and articulation legislation that currently exists in the Public School Code of 1949.
- [SB 203](#) was re-referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 7.
- Information related to the history and current status of the bill can be found [online](#).
- A quick review of SB203 is provided as an appendix to this document.

TAOC Standards Subcommittees

The TAOC Standards Subcommittees will review courses for the Transfer Credit Framework through March 31, 2011.

PA TRAC Website

- Online forms now allow users to provide feedback about the website.
- Additional PA TRAC webinars were held in March to educate faculty, administrators and personnel at your institutions about the transfer system and website.

Statewide Program Articulation

Pilot Articulation Agreements

- The final statewide program-to-program articulation agreements in [Psychology](#), [Mathematics](#) and [PK-4 Education](#) are available on [PA TRAC](#).
- TAOC members at the participating institutions should make faculty and personnel aware of these agreements as soon as possible and begin reviewing their current programs against the agreement requirements.
- Institutions with degree programs in these fields of study have until the fall semester of 2012 to modify their programs, if necessary, and honor the agreements.

New PACs for Spring 2011

- TAOC formed ten new PACs in February:
 1. Biology
 2. Chemistry
 3. Physics
 4. Physical Science
 5. Computer Science
 6. Business
 7. English
 8. Communication Studies/Mass Communications
 9. Criminal Justice
 10. 4-8 Education
- Information about the [Statewide Program-to-Program Articulation Process](#) and each of the [Program Articulation Committees](#) is available on the [PA TRAC website](#).

Spring 2011 Meeting Dates

The [Spring 2011 TAOC meeting schedule](#) is as follows:

- Thursday, April 21, 2011
- Thursday, May 12, 2011
- Thursday, June 16, 2011

All meetings are scheduled from 10 AM – 12:30 PM in Duncan Hall Rooms 120 and 304/305 at Dixon University Center in Harrisburg. Remote meeting locations will also be available. Prior to each meeting, PDE will send an email containing meeting details and locations. At that time committee members will be asked to RSVP and select the location that is most convenient

TAOC Meeting Notes

Presentations, agendas and notes from past TAOC meetings are available on the [Transfer Updates](#) page of [PA TRAC](#).

Dates to Remember

January 1 – March 31, 2011	Standards Subcommittees review courses for inclusion in the Transfer Credit Framework
March 24, 2011	TAOC Meeting
March 26, 2011	Deadline to submit Fall 2010 end of term transfer data
April 21, 2011	TAOC Meeting
May 1, 2011	Deadline for participating institutions to establish course equivalencies to newly approved framework courses
May 12, 2011	TAOC Meeting
June 16, 2011	TAOC Meeting
June 30, 2011	Deadline for developing an Equivalency Synchronizer

Review of Senate Bill 203

Senate Bill 203 is a proposal to move the transfer and articulation language from the 2009-10 Fiscal Code into the Public School Code of 1949 before the limitations of the fiscal code expire.

- The General Assembly established the statewide college credit transfer system with the passage of [Article XX-C of the Public School Code of 1949](#). The initial phase of the transfer system was fully implemented by Fall 2008.
- In October 2009, the 2009-10 Fiscal Code included language that expanded the transfer system. This section of the Fiscal Code is referred to as [Act 50 of 2009](#).
- Act 50 of 2009 was intended to be part of last year's school omnibus bill.
- Passage of [SB203](#) would allow the transfer system expansion to become a permanent amendment of the school code.
- If passed, [SB203](#) would be retroactive to Oct. 9, 2009, and take effect July 1, 2011.

The provisions of [SB203](#) have already been implemented, since they were passed as part of the 2009-10 Fiscal Code more than a year ago.

- Act 50 required all state-related institutions to identify 30 credit hours of foundation courses for transfer from the participating institutions by June 15, 2010.
 - June 15, 2010 – PSU, Pitt and Temple provided PDE with their lists of at least 30 credits of transferable coursework.
 - PDE and the universities posted the information on their respective websites.
- Act 50 required participating institutions to create articulation agreements that allow a student to transfer a full Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree into a parallel program of study with junior standing at a participating four-year institution by Dec. 31, 2011.
 - November 2009 – TAOC established a process and timeline for identifying parallel degree programs, meeting the Act 50 deadline of Dec. 1, 2009.
 - December 2010 – TAOC approved the first three statewide articulation agreements in Psychology, Mathematics and PreK-4 Certification.
 - February 2011 – TAOC began developing 10 new agreements.

[SB203](#) differs from Act 50 of 2009 in the following ways:

- Deadlines related to developing program-to-program articulation agreements have been extended by one year.
 - Interim reports from the participating institutions are now due by Dec. 31, 2011.
 - The deadline to identify parallel degree programs is now Dec. 31, 2011.
 - Completion of second phase is now expected by December 31, 2012.
- The original deadline of June 15, 2010 for expansion of state-related participation has been removed in Section 2006.1-C.