Transfer and Articulation Oversight Committee Meeting

10 AM – 12:30 PM
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The mission of the Pennsylvania Department of Education is to lead and serve the educational community, to enable each individual to grow into an inspired, productive, fulfilled lifelong learner.
Agenda

- Updates & Announcements
- Status of Pilot Articulation Agreements
- Process for Implementing Agreements
- Developing Remaining Agreements
- Unresolved “Rules” of Statewide Articulation
- Next Steps

Updates & Announcements

- Review of Framework courses
  - Subcommittee will review courses Jan-Mar 2011
  - Institutions may submit courses until Jan. 31

- Dates set for PA TRAC Webinar
  - Notify your campus communities
  - Registration now available via PA TRAC
Transferring to a State-related Institution

- New web page on PA TRAC explains varying levels of participation by state-relations
- Spreadsheets list Framework courses each will accept for transfer
- Links take users to transfer policies and related information for each institution

Status of Pilot PAC Agreements

- Psychology – Revised & posted on PA TRAC
- PK-4 – Revised & posted on PA TRAC
- Math – Approved unanimously by TAOC on Nov. 22
Implementing an Agreement

After an Agreement is approved by TAOC…

• PDE distributes Agreement to TAOC & posts online
• An institution determined by TAOC to have a degree program in the articulated field of study will:
  – Review its program against Agreement requirements.
  – Modify its program to meet requirements, if necessary.
  – “Self-verify” that its program meets Agreement criteria and the institution is prepared to honor the Agreement.

Program-to-Program Articulation Matrix

• Submitted by associate degree institutions ONLY.
• Used to show where required competencies fit into the associate degree program.
• Must be approved and submitted by institution’s TAOC member.
Articulation Matrix Template

Institutional Statement of Program Articulation

- Submitted by ALL institutions with a program in the field of study.
- Confirms the institution is prepared to honor the Agreement, either as a sending or receiving institution.
- Signed by institution’s TAOC member.
Verification Submission Process

PDE will…

– Post templates of Articulation Matrix and Statement of Program Articulation on PA TRAC.
– Collect all verification materials.
– Notify TAOC when materials are submitted.
– Maintain a current list of institutions honoring the Agreements on PA TRAC.
– Serve as the repository for all verification materials.

Proposed Effective Dates

• Agreements developed and approved by TAOC prior to June 30, 2011 must be implemented no later than Fall 2012.

• Agreements developed and approved by TAOC between July 1-December 31, 2011 must be implemented no later than Fall 2013.
10 Minute Break

Please take your seats.
We will start in 2 minutes
Articulating the Remaining Fields of Study

- Option #1: Develop an agreement for each of the remaining 36 fields of study, including 4-8/ secondary/special education, etc.

- Option #2: Cluster like fields and create agreements that cover multiple majors.

36 Fields of Study

- Environmental Sciences
- American's Studies
- Women’s Studies
- Comm Studies/Speech Comm
- Mass Comm/Journalism
- Computer & Info Sciences
- Engineering
- English Language/Literature
- Liberal Arts & Humanities
- Biology & Biological Sciences
- Sports & Fitness Admin/Mgt
- Philosophy
- Physical Science
- Chemistry
- Geology/Earth Science
- Physics

- Human Services
- Social Work
- Social Sciences
- Anthropology
- Economics
- Geography
- Political Science & Gov’t
- Sociology
- Visual & Performing Arts
- Drama & Theatre
- Art
- Music
- Health Professions
- Health Admin/Mgt
- Business
- 4-8 Education
- Secondary Education
Possible Academic Clusters

1. Social Sciences (Sociology, Anthro, Econ, Poli Sci, Geography, International Studies)
2. Humanities (Women’s Studies, Foreign Languages, English Literature)
3. Visual & Performing Arts (Art, Music, Theatre)
4. Social Work & Human Services
5. Physical Sciences (Chem, Physics, Geology/Earth Science)
6. Biological Sciences
7. Business

Liberal Studies Programs

How do we approach liberal studies programs that currently serve as the pathway to such majors as foreign language, history, religious studies, etc.?
Proposal I: Process/Timeline

- **Dec ’10 – Jan ’11** – Sectors appoint **ALL** PACs
- **Jan ’11 – Feb ’11** – PACs begin w/ staggered start dates
- **May-June ’11** – Four months from start date agreements are due to PDE for TAOC approval; add’l time granted if needed
- **December 31, 2011** – **ALL** agreements approved

Proposal II: Process/Timeline

- **Dec ‘10-Jan ’11** – Sectors appoint ALL PACs
- **Round 1**
  - **Jan-Feb ’11** – 16 PACs attend begin
  - **May ’11** – Agreements submitted for approval; add’l time granted if needed
- **Round 2**
  - **Aug-Sept ’11** – Final 16 PACs begin
  - **Nov. 11, 2011** – Agreements submitted for approval
- **December 31, 2011** – All agreements approved
Unresolved “Rules” of Statewide Articulation

- Articulation is not a guarantee of admission
- Institutions shall apply admission, transfer and program policies consistent with native students
- Transfer of coursework with grades lower than C (2.0 on 4.0)
- Transfer eligibility noted on student transcript

What the Agreement Does

The statewide program-to-program articulation agreement ensures that students who complete an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree from a participating institution will have their coursework and credits transfer into a parallel baccalaureate program with full junior standing and without the need for a course-by-course evaluation.
What the Agreement Does NOT Do

This agreement does not guarantee admission to a particular major college or university nor does it guarantee admission into a particular major at a participating college or university.

A list of participating colleges and universities can be found at www.PAcollegetransfer.com.

Policies Consistent to Those Applied to Native Students

The transfer of coursework with a grade less than a C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in the Associate Degree will be consistent with the policies of native students at the participating college or university.
Transfer Eligibility Noted on Student Transcript

The Associate Degree Institution will note on the student’s transcript that the associate degree earned qualifies for transfer under the Agreement.

Next Steps

- Approve and distribute verification materials
- Appoint PAC members
- Schedule Kick-Off Meetings
- Sign up for PA TRAC Webinar
Happy Holidays!