Transfer & Articulation Oversight Committee Meeting

10 AM – 12:30 PM
Friday, September 17, 2010
Dixon University, Harrisburg, PA
Remote Locations:
Bucks CCC, CalU & IUP

Meeting Agenda

- General Business
- Pilot Program Articulation Projects
  - Statewide Articulation Agreement Template
  - TAOC-Approval Process
- New Articulation Agreements
  - Revisions to PAC Model
  - Areas of Study
  - Timeline
- Next Steps
**Expected Meeting Outcomes**

- Develop a template agreement that defines the “rules” of statewide articulation and adds context to the major-specific agreements developed by the PACs
- Identify the process by which TAOC will approve the pilot agreements in October
- Revise the pilot PAC model, as needed, to form PACs in new areas of study
- Identify new areas of study for statewide articulation
- Develop a timeline for the new PACs
- Identify the next steps in implementing Act 50

**General TAOC Business**

- Potential Opt-Ins – Carlow, Chatham, Neumann
- Equivalency Synchronizer – No additional synchronizers developed after June 30, 2011

**Transfer Data Collection & Reporting**

- Fall 2010 data due March 11, 2011
- Spring 2010 data due July 29, 2011
General TAOC Business (cont.)

PA TRAC Website: Updates due by August 31
- Program Inventory for Program Search
- Transfer College Profile
  - General College Information
  - Transfer Credit Policies
  - Transfer Appeal Process
  - Articulation Agreements

Pilot Articulation Projects

- Draft articulation agreements posted to PA TRAC thru Sept. 22

- PACs will review and consider comments as they complete agreements

- Oct. 15 – Final PAC agreements due to PDE for TAOC approval
Statewide Program
Articulation Agreement Template

- Will serve as template for all statewide articulation agreements
- Will contain the “rules” for implementation and responsibilities of institutions
- Major-specific requirements will be incorporated after TAOC approves PAC agreements

Articulation Template: Intro-Section 4

1. Legislative introduction
2. AA/AS is fully transferable as first two years of parallel degree program w/o course-by-course evaluation
3. Students will be granted full junior status
4. AA/AS will include minimum 60 college-level credits, not including developmental, remedial, career, technical or applied courses
5. Agreement guarantees degree transfer and applicability to graduation requirements of bachelor degree
5. Responsibilities of Associate Degree Institutions

- AA/AS degree include:
  - Minimum number of major-specific credits
  - 30-credit Transfer Credit Framework
  - Arts and sciences electives designed and acceptable for transfer, not including developmental, remedial, career, technical or applied courses

- Validate the student has met the major requirements by awarding the associate degree

- Designate on the student’s transcript that the associate degree qualifies for transfer under the statewide agreement

6. Responsibilities of Bachelor Degree Institutions

- Recognize all competencies attained within the AA/AS degree

- Accept a transfer student who has earned the associate degree with full junior standing into a parallel bachelor degree

- Grant equivalent degree expectations and requirements for native and transfer students

- Apply the same requirements for admission to the major as applied to native students
## 7. Major-Specific Requirements

### Proposed Associate Degree Articulation Model:

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<th>Transfer Credit Framework Requirements</th>
<th>Credit Hours</th>
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<td>Category 2: Public Speaking</td>
<td>3 credits</td>
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<td>Category 3: Math</td>
<td>6-8 credits</td>
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<td>Category 6: Arts/Humanities</td>
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### Major-Specific Competency Requirements:

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### Remaining Associate Degree Requirements:

- Electives, as defined by the Associate Degree Institution to meet the minimum number of credits required for an associate degree and the institutional graduation requirements for awarding the degree.

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**AA/AS with Emphasis in [INSERT FIELD OF STUDY] Minimum 60 credits**

### Articulation Template: Sections 8-9

8. Assessment

9. Transfer Appeal Process

10. Institutional Dispute Resolution
**Implementation Date & Applicability**

- Affects students transferring with an AA/AS that meets the major requirements of this Agreement.

- Assoc. Degree Institutions will offer AA/AS degree by Fall 2011.

- Bach. Degree Institutions will accept the full AA/AS degree and apply it by Fall 2013.

- Agreement remains in effect until TAOC approves revisions.

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**Proposed TAOC-Approval Process**

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<td>Oct. 15</td>
<td>Final PAC agreements due to PDE</td>
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<td>No later than Oct. 18</td>
<td>PDE emails agreements to TAOC for review</td>
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<td>Oct. 21</td>
<td>TAOC discusses agreements and either approves and recommends to PDE OR returns to PAC(s) for revisions</td>
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<td>Oct. 29</td>
<td>All agreements approved by TAOC</td>
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<td>Nov. 5</td>
<td>Agreements posted online &amp; distributed to campuses</td>
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Revisions to PAC Composition?

Each Pilot PAC currently includes 13 members from the three sectors & TAOC

- 5 CC reps – 4 teaching faculty from the field & 1 non-teaching rep with an understanding of transfer and articulation
- 5 PASSHE reps – 4 teaching faculty from the field & 1 non-teaching rep with an understanding of transfer and articulation
- 2 opt-in reps – 1 teaching faculty member from the field of study and either an additional faculty member or 1 rep with an understanding of transfer and articulation
- 1 TAOC member to be appointed by PDE

Revisions to PAC Nomination Process?

- Currently each sector determines own representation.
  - PA Commission coordinates/appoints CC reps
  - Office of the Chancellor coordinates/appoints PASSHE reps
  - PDE coordinates/appoints Opt-ins reps

- Only representatives from participating institutions w/ degree programs included in the PAC may be considered for appointment by the sectors.
Current Selection Criteria

- Required by Act 50
- AA/AS degree already aligned to a bachelor degree
- Bachelor degree does not require more than 120 credits
- Program-to-program articulation agreements already exist
- Major is not subject to complicated accreditation requirements
- Enrollment in the degree programs
- Number of TAOC institutions offering degrees in the area of study

Potential New Articulation Agreements

- 4-8 Education
- Business – CIP 52
- Social Work – CIP 44
- Mass Communication/Journalism – CIP 09
- Criminal Justice – CIP 43
### Proposed New PAC Timeline

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<td>Mid-November 2010</td>
<td>PAC Kick-off Meeting</td>
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<td>April 15, 2010</td>
<td>Draft Agreements due to PDE</td>
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<td>April 15-30, 2010</td>
<td>Agreements posted online for comment</td>
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<td>May 15, 2010</td>
<td>Final Agreements submitted to PDE for TAOC-approval</td>
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<td>June 1, 2010</td>
<td>TAOC approves agreements and recommends to PDE</td>
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<td>June 15, 2010</td>
<td>PDE posts agreements online; TAOC members distribute agreements to campuses</td>
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<td>4-year institutions begin accepting students with associate degrees that meet the requirements of the articulation agreements</td>
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### Next Steps

- PACs finalize agreements and submit to PDE by Oct. 15
- TAOC reviews agreements & either approves or returns to PAC(s) for revisions; All agreements approved by Oct. 29
- Oct 21 – Next TAOC Meeting