

DRAFT Meeting Minutes, 10 November 2023
TAP Framework Implementation Review Committee (FIRC)
Co-Chairs Kauther Badr (SCSU) & Becky DeVito (CCC)

Members Present: Kauther Badr (SCSU), Joseph Berenguel (ACC), Sharon Cox (CCSU), Becky DeVito (CCC), Matthew Dunne (HCC), Brian Lynch (QVCC), Michael Pence (MCC), Amy Royal (NVCC), Sarah Selke (TRCC), Jennifer “Jen” Wittke (TxCC).

TAP Manager: Steve Marcelynas

Members Absent:

Kaitlyn Hoffman (SCSU), Paul Morganti (COSC), Mark Lynch (GCC),

Open Seats: Northwestern, Norwalk, ECSU, WCSU

Meeting called to order at 10:25, with quorum
Call to Order (B DeVito)

Approval of October 2023 Minutes 7 approval, Amy abstain

Transfer Council Report (Steve gave report): voted and elected co-chairs Rebecca Rist-Brown from MxCC and Kevin Davis from SCSU.

TAP Manager’s Report:

Steve will provide a written TAP Manager report later.

He reported that the Transfer Council website went live, which includes guiding principles, what the committee is working on, and current work (course review and articulation review workgroup). Being transparent as possible and getting information out quickly. Link: <https://www.ct.edu/ota/council>
CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment committee recommendation (previously known as safe courses). All CSCU provost are looking at ways to review the Framework30 and mapping to the categories of the general education of the 4-year institutions. It is up to the institutions to gather feedback from faculty. Those recommendations and feedback would go forward to draft policy.

Co-chairs Report

Discussion of CT State General Education Committee Proposal

Background information from B DeVito:

Draft we are reviewing was developed by a Curriculum Congress Subcommittee. Sarah and Becky worked on a draft that Sarah brought to the subcommittee. Others brought their own drafts as well. Two main functions the group would serve: types of gen ed curriculum that FIRC has overseen, SLOs and rubrics and assessment; also serve purpose of oversee the consolidation gen ed core group work. Scope of the committee to take care of both topics. Noted that Joe Cullen and various campuses are sending feedback on the General Education proposal.

Group discussion:

M Dunne noted that his campus is making recommendations similar to ones from Capital. Highly in favor of Plan C for membership. He noted that each election cycle will result in different numbers of membership and mentioned concerns about people without assessment expertise overly populating the committee.

J Berenguel asked if there could there be a max representation from each campus for option C. He also emphasized a need to have a significant release for the work established ahead of time. He recommended that there is a faculty member who sits in on transfer council and a faculty representative from transfer council to share a standing report to both committees.

B Lynch expressed concerns that any structure make up won't guarantee coherence because there is no oversight to implement this work, which is an issue throughout the new governance structure. There needs to be oversight to make sure there aren't gaps in the curriculum or discipline representation. He pointed out that General Education should be guided by the NECHE standards.

Some suggested that B Lynch's comments be considered in the bylaws in regards to oversight, involvement of other areas, and making sure all disciplines have a voice in the process. In addition, B DeVito suggested that there could be a bylaw that the General Education Committee should reach out to faculty.

B DeVito had concerns about voting on the General Education Committee proposal this month. S Selke suggested including a clause to review in a year, but that this committee needs to start work because of proposals coming for courses to be added to the approved core curriculum.

Several members expressed strong support for Plan C membership.

Vote to change future meeting time

Motion to move meeting time to 11:00-1:00 (MP), 2nd by MD on second Friday of the month for the remainder of the academic year. Unanimous in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Wittke