

DRAFT Meeting Minutes, 8 March 2024
TAP Framework Implementation & Review Committee (FIRC)
Co-Chairs Kauther Badr (SCSU) & Becky DeVito (CCC)

Members Present: Kauther Badr (SCSU), Joseph Berenguel (ACC), Becky DeVito (CCC), Matthew Dunne (HCC), Kaitlyn Hoffman (SCSU), Brian Lynch (QVCC), Paul Morganti (COSC), Michael Pence (MCC), Amy Royal (NVCC), Frank Stellabotte (MxCC), Jennifer “Jen” Wittke (TxCC).

TAP Manager: Steve Marcelynas

Members Absent: Mark Lynch (GCC),

Members on Sabbatical: Sarah Selke (TRCC)

Open Seats: CCSU, Northwestern, Norwalk, ECSU, WCSU

Meeting called to order at 11:03(K Badr)

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TAP Manager’s Report

- Report is on Teams.
- Regarding the templates question from the previous meeting: Steve wants feedback on a temporary fix to resolve outdated program sheets. He would like to hide the current program sheets and replace them with language about the sheets being worked on and to direct to CT State catalogue. What is in the catalogue is updated, but it doesn’t include supplemental information such as when to apply. Steve would also like to know which parts of CSCU TAP website are useful and CT State needs to talk about where that site is best located.
 - B Lynch and others noted that it would be helpful if there was one place (database for example) where things were updated and then could populate everything else.
 - M Dunne noted that students search through Google to get information and can often be taken to outdated pages. He also highlighted that the program guides were detailed and effective for students who self-advise.
- Featured in Inside Higher Ed for their work with Universal Transfer Explorer.

Transfer Council Report (K Badr)

- The council is broken up into four subgroups: communication, course articulation and review (created a proposal for course comparability), engagement, disaggregated data (relevant transfer data for each institution).
 - S Marcelynas wanted to emphasize that each discipline is represented on the council. If there are people from outside the council that have expertise in the subgroup areas, they can participate without attending the council meetings.

- K Badr asked where proposals and recommendations from the council go. The most updated information regarding chain of command was sent in an email update.

Co-chairs Report (B DeVito and K Badr)

- Update on forming the CT State Gen Ed Committee (B DeVito)
 - From the CT State Curriculum Congress meeting of Feb. 16: The Administration has not yet determined how many AR's Gen Ed Committee members will be compensated, which has further delayed the election of Core Area Reps. There is some confusion about whether the Gen Ed Committee will officially be a subcommittee of the Curriculum Congress or if it will be a stand-alone committee within the governance structure. At that meeting, Mike Stefanowicz also said it is possible the Gen Ed Committee may not be formed until Fall 2024. Becky emphasized the importance of establishing the committee this spring in the meeting chat.
 - M Dunne asked who will have oversight if the committee doesn't start until Fall. B DeVito said that she and K Badr will petition to have FIRC continue while there is a gap. We can vote on a resolution to continue through Fall 2024, to present to Aynsley Diamond.
 - F Stellabotte noted that Joe Cullen will be starting on Curriculum Congress as a voting member.
- Update on impact of sharing FIRC Resolution on SLOs and Rubrics of March 1, 2024:
 - Getting the College and Career Success (CCS 1001) class to adopt FIRC's Continuing Learning and Information Literacy SLOs: B DeVito presented FIRC's Resolution at the CCS Advisory Council meeting on March 7, they agreed to adopt CL/IL.
 - Response from Joe Cullen: "... I am hopeful that the new Gen-Ed Committee will take this resolution and move forward with efforts to develop assessments that are aligned with the rubrics and SLOs that were so thoughtfully developed by FIRC. I look forward to partnering with the Committee to do this work."

New business

- Action steps to take: be on the lookout for updates on Gen Ed Elections from Curriculum Congress and/or Becky

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm