

Meeting Minutes, 13 September 2024  
TAP Framework Implementation & Review Committee (FIRC)  
Co-Chairs Kauther Badr (SCSU) & Becky DeVito (CCC)

Members Present: Kauther Badr (SCSU), Joseph Berenguel (ACC), Peggy Bloomer (CCSU), Becky DeVito (CCC), Matthew Dunne (HCC), Kaitlyn Hoffman (SCSU), Mark Lynch (GCC), Paul Morganti (COSC), Michael Pence (MCC), Sarah Selke (TRCC), Jennifer “Jen” Wittke (TxCC).

TAP Manager: Steve Marcelynas

Members Absent: Brian Lynch (QVCC),

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

Meeting called to order at 11:05 (B DeVito)

- **Approval of Agenda**
- **Approval of May Minutes**
  - o Minutes are located in the Last Year (AY 2023-2024) folder.
- **New FIRC Member: Introducing Peggy Bloomer from CCSU**
- **TAP Manager’s Report (Steve)**
  - o First Transfer Council Meeting will be soon.
  - o CSCU General Education Transfer Credit Alignment Policy passed in June.
    - Website with the information: <https://www.ct.edu/ota/gened>
    - Implementation set for fall 2025.
    - Currently in the process of assuring that any single course that fulfills a Gen Ed category at CT State will transfer and count toward Gen Ed credit at the 4-year institution.
    - The policy includes the requirement that there is a committee that maintains oversight of the policy, which will be a subcommittee of the Transfer Council. S Marcelynas requests that FIRC consider how it wants to offer guidance in the formation of this committee.
    - FIRC will discuss the Draft General Education Alignment Oversight Committee charge at the October meeting and S Marcelynas will share the updated committee charge before the meeting.
    - K Hoffmann asked if transfer will work from a 4-year to 2-year institution. S Marcelynas said that will be discussed when the committee is formed. Some schools are piloting programs with students on academic dismissal or probation and having them go to one of the community colleges.

- Additionally, the committees will discuss lines of communication to ensure that campuses are aware of updates.
  - The website also has the recommendations coming from the Transfer Council. One of the noted recommendations is moving away from using equivalency for transfer to comparability, to indicate flexibility in determinations.
  - There are plans to get faculty from disciplines together to review the courses and establish a process for review.
  - See the manager report for information on the new STEP initiative.
- **Transfer Council Report (Kauther)**
  - The committee has not met yet this year.
  - Website for information: <https://www.ct.edu/ota/council>. Volunteers from FIRC should be on the lookout for emails. Council co-chairs are Rebecca Rist-Brown (CT State MXCC) Kevin Davis (SCSU).
- **Co-chairs Report**
- **All FIRC Members:**
  - Please check for accuracy and update the Excel spreadsheet for keeping track of FIRC member participation on other relevant committees at the CSCU and CT State level. The spreadsheet is located in the Current Year (AY 2024-25) folder.
- **Gen Ed Committee Update**
  - B DeVito recommends that members elect co-chairs, one who focuses on vetting of courses and one who focuses on assessment.
  - S Selke reminds that a discussion is needed about the vetting of 4-credit science labs for both SKU and SR. A course could only count for one category on the transcript, but it could be either category, depending on the other courses that the student takes.
- **New business**
  - SDC English discussed ENG 1080 and how it may transfer to an engineering/technology writing course degree requirement at CCSU (not as a Gen Ed course). It is unlikely that it will transfer. The request to have the discussion was initiated by a faculty member at CCSU.

Adjourned at 12:49

Respectfully submitted,  
Jen Wittke