

**TAP Framework Implementation Review Committee (FIRC)**  
**Friday, April 13, 2018--10:00 a.m. to Noon**  
**61 Woodland Street, Room 207**  
**Hartford, CT**

**Present:** G. Gelburd (co-chair, ECSU), E. Steeves (co-chair, HCC), G. Adamek (NCC), F. Coan (TXCC), B. DeVito (CCC), N. Esposito (MCC), M. Jackson (CCSU), B. Donohue-Lynch (QVCC), R. MacDonald (COSC), P. Raymond (MXCC), J. Seabury (NVCC), S. Selke (TRCC), E. VanDermark (ACC)

**Present Non-Voting:** S. Marcellinas (SCSU)

**Teleconferencing:** P. Boily (WCSU)

**Absent:** L. Doninger (GCC), D. Weiss (SCSU), NWCC representative

**Call to Order:** G. Gelburd called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

**Minutes of 3/2/18:** Approved

**TAP FIRC Co-Chair Update:** The TAP Coordinating Council was receptive to the “TAP FIRC Responsibilities and Students First General Education Subcommittee” and “TAP FIRC Responsibilities, Outcomes and Assessment” memos (see attached). TAP FIRC will have the opportunity to review whatever the Students First General Education Committee comes up with. Wanda Baker will be hired as an assessment consultant, and the hope is she will lead some sort of system-wide assessment training in late September. TAP FIRC has the green light to create and implement a plan for reviewing the TAP competencies and learning outcomes. Rubrics will remain optional. The Coordinating Council did not approve proposed changes to the term limits currently imposed on TAP FIRC members, so those will remain in force.

The election for TAP FIRC co-chairs for 2018-2019 will take place at the May TAP FIRC meeting.

**Campus Updates**

**ACC:** Has endorsed the Biochemistry Pathway. Assessment is ongoing.

**CCC:** Distributed a letter calling for modifications of the TAP Framework. Working on a rubric for CALT.

**CCSU:** No report.

**COSC:** Assessment is proceeding

**ECSU:** Trying to assess ED. The status of the Biochemistry Pathway is unknown. A group will be meeting to see how the performance of TAP and native students compare upon graduation.

**GCC:** Is hoping to assess SPU and AD artifacts. Faculty have endorsed the “Gateway Community College Faculty Statement on Framework30” (see attached document).

**HCC:** Will be holding an assessment forum at the next faculty meeting.

**MCC:** Added more courses to Global and Creativity and is assessing AD and SPU.

**MXCC:** Continuing with assessment but encountering difficulties in determining the validity and integrity of data.

**NVCC:** Collecting artifacts for ED, CALT, and SR and adding courses to Global and Creativity. Regarding the TAP Framework in its existing form, NVCC faculty “echo the concerns” of their brethren at CCC and GCC.

**NWCC:** No report

**NCC:** Endorsed the Biochemistry Pathway and is assessing AD and SPU

**QVCC:** Has questions about the TAP competencies and outcomes. Working on assessment and collecting data in eLumen.

**SCSU:** Many advisers, counselors, and registrars across the system remain confused about TAP. Communication is lacking.

**TRCC:** Added Creative Writing to Creativity.

**TXCC:** Will be assessing HKU by the end of the term.

**WCSU:** Debating assessment

**TAP Co-Managers' Report (K. Klucznik and C. Barrington):** See separate attachment

**Election of FIRC Student Service Representative:** Members were asked to submit paper ballots or send their votes via email to the TAP FIRC secretary.

**Process for Revisiting/Revising Learning Outcomes:** The co-chairs presented a proposal for doing same that would have one or two FIRC representatives work on the learning outcomes for each competency. A discussion ensued. Should people with assessment experience be paired up with discipline experts? Should parameters be agreed upon before this work begins? Should begin this process now, or soon, or wait to see what the General Education Subcommittee devises and how Students First progresses (or does not progress)? Does it make sense to wait for the Wanda Baker event in the fall before proceeding further?

**New Business:** None

**Next Meeting:** May 11 from 10:00 a.m. until noon, Room 207.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Francis M. Coan