

Transfer Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
North Carolina Community College System
Caswell Building, State Board Room
April 5, 2012
1:30 p.m.

Attendance

NCCCS: Althea Riddick (phone), Rick Swanson, Rita Jerman, Thomas Gould, Van Wilson
UNC: David English, Anthony Britt, Ken Gurganus (phone), Bruce Mallette, Lou Riggans
Guests: Suzanne Ortega, Sharon Morrissey, Bob Witchger

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the December 13, 2011, meeting were posted to the website prior to today's meeting for review. Co-chair Jerman asked if committee members had reviewed the minutes and if there were corrections. As there were none, the minutes were approved as presented.

2. Recognition of Outgoing Member and Introduction of New Co-chair

Sharon Morrissey commented on the commitment and dedication of Dennis King (AB-Tech) to the TAC for the past 15 years. His wealth of experience and knowledge of the CAA will be greatly missed. Committee members agreed and offered best wishes to King in his new appointment. Morrissey introduced Rita Jerman (Wake Tech) as a new member and co-chair of the TAC, appointed by the NCCCS.

3. Update on NCCCS Transfer Staff Hire

Van Wilson reported that Human Resources is reviewing the job description for the new staff position focusing on transfer issues that is funded through the College Access Challenge Grant. The position should be posted as soon as HR has determined an appropriate classification.

4. CAA Review Steering Committee

Suzanne Ortega and Sharon Morrissey shared that the impetus for a review of the CAA was provided by multiple factors: (1) constituents' concerns from legislators, (2) national attention on completion rates, (3) rising tuition, and (4) the multitude of new courses and programs added since the CAA's creation 15 years ago. In response, they have appointed a CAA Review Steering Committee of four UNC provosts, three NCCCS chief academic officers, and one chief student affairs officer. The committee will be charged with developing a timeline for their work by July 2012. Their initial efforts will be the development of essential research questions, followed by a comprehensive review.

A discussion ensued about TAC's role in the CAA review. It was agreed that the TAC could be a resource for the CAA Review Steering Committee, informing them of the intricacies of CAA operational procedures on campuses and providing historical context for their work. TAC

members expressed the desire to include student experiences as a component of the review process. Ortega and Morrissey suggested that perhaps the next TAC meeting could coincide with the first meeting of the CAA Review Steering Committee in early to mid-June.

5. Update on TAC UNC Membership

David English reported he discussed this issue with Bruce Mallette and they recommend UNC keep three-year appointments for UNC membership with an option for renewal. The TAC members discussed fixed-year versus three-year terms and whether it was important that NCCCS and UNC use the same appointment methodology. After considerable discussion, the TAC agreed to allow the systems to retain individual appointment processes and to continue discussing the matter. It was noted the membership listed on the CAA webpage (hosted on the NCCCS website) is not current. TAC co-chairs accepted responsibility for updating the site.

6. Career and College Promise (CCP) Transfer Pathway; Transfer Admissions

Ken Gurganus joined the meeting via conference call as David English presented Ken's course mapping concerns from the December meeting. He questioned whether the college transfer pathway in the CCP was a revision of the 44-hour core of the CAA or a replacement for it. Van Wilson and Sharon Morrissey clarified that the college transfer pathway is just that: a pathway to the 44-hour core. It is not the core. The intent of the pathway is increased academic rigor.

Bruce Mallette shared that at a recent meeting of UNC's chief academic officers there was discussion of treating a transfer with fewer than 30 hours the same as a first-time student (with regard to admission requirements). The discussion opened the door for clarification on standardizing the admission review processes for transfer students with fewer than 30 hours and for those transfers with 30 or more hours. Bruce indicated that additional discussion with UNC admissions officers would be in order before UNC would be prepared to make a recommendation for policy/regulation changes.

7. Update on Bilateral Agreements

It was noted that the bilateral agreements on the CAA webpage have not been updated since 2009. Committee members discussed whether the agreements needed review and how they should be reviewed. Members concurred that because these agreements are negotiated between individual colleges and do not require the approval of UNC or NCCCS, it is more appropriate for colleges to maintain a list of their agreements than for the NCCCS to try to do so for all 58 colleges. Van Wilson will draft language for the committee to review as a precursor to removing the outdated agreements.

8. College Transfer Program Association (CTPA) Meeting

Rick Swanson shared that the CTPA would be meeting at Wake Tech on Monday, April 30, 2012. Tracy Mancini (Durham Tech) is the current president.

9. Next Meeting

David English will host the June meeting in Chapel Hill. Because of the interest expressed in a joint meeting with the CAA Review Steering Committee, TAC co-chairs were asked to submit possible dates for a meeting as soon as they can. June 5 and 11 were suggested.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.