Members Present: Kauther Badr, Co-Chair (SCSU), Joseph Berenguel, Co-Chair (ACC), Sarah Selke (TRCC), Becky DeVito (CCC), Sharon Cox (CCSU), Jennifer “Jen” Wittke (TxCC), Frank Stellabotte (MxCC), Paul Morganti (COSC), Kaitlyn Hoffman (SCSU)

Mark Lynch arrived 10:45am, Amy Royal arrived 10:05am, Mike Pence arrived 10:50am, Matt Dunne arrived at 11:15am

TAP Manager: Steve Marcelynas

Members Absent: Gail Anne Arroyo (MCC), Brian Lynch (QVCC)

Open Seats: ECSU, WCSU, NWCC, NCC

Meeting Called to Order at 10:08am

Call to Order (K Badr)

Approval of February 2023 minutes: Minutes approved unanimously

TAP Manager’s Report

1. CSCU Transfer Council: Met 3/3/2023
   a. Update on Transfer Intent Form Work Group
      i. First recommendation (creation of a Transfer Intent Form) has been sent out of the Work Group, voted out of the Council, and sent to the CSCU Provost
   b. Update on Course Articulation and Review Schedule Work Group
      i. One of the recommendations this work group will propose is to use best practices set by American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO)

2. Composition of Faculty TAP Work Groups in AY 23-24

   Steve has sent an email to the Deans to assist in finding representations for the TTs for AY 23-24

   A discussion followed of how the work of the TAP workgroups will proceed once CT State opens, and how CT State curriculum governance structure interfaces with the TAP workgroups. What group would the CT State TAP discipline individual share information with? Would it be the SDC? The primary function of
this (proposed) group is to keep an open line of communication between the 6 institutions that share CSCU Transfer students. In the case that curriculum changes need to be made to keep AA/AS and BA/BS degrees aligned, a separate process might be needed (TBD).


At the 3/10/23 meeting, four recommendations will be discussed. They are summarized below.

   a. Category-to-Category alignment of general education requirements
   b. Documenting the completion of the FW30 on a student’s transcript
   c. Guaranteed Acceptance into a CSCU 4yr institution with the completion of the FW30 and a 2.5 or higher overall GPA.
   d. Creation of a CSCU Transfer Council Sub-Committee to provide oversight of systemwide general education alignment

A discussion similar to the discussion in Bullet 2 above took place. Several ideas were shared about what group(s) - either at CT State or at the system level – will have oversight of the FW30 SLOs, and what that oversight will be.

Co-chairs Report

Kauther & Joseph have been invited to meet with the CSCU Provost on 3/16/23. FIRC members discussed if Joseph and Kauther should prepare a proposal regarding the future of FIRC prior to the meeting. Kauther and Joseph will wait to hear what Rai has to say, bring the information to FIRC, and craft a (counter)proposal if necessary.

New business

Oral Communication: feedback from community college faculty suggests that the rubric does not align with the outcomes; therefore, this rubric needs to be sent back to the subcommittee to review the feedback.

Joseph Cullen has reviewed the guiding principles and the draft rubrics, and he provided feedback and an alternative rubric to Joseph and Kauther. However, it does not meet the guiding principles as it only includes two levels competency (present/not present) instead of the four levels our rubrics include.

Committee members gave a short report of the feedback they received in order to determine the scope of revision work that needs to be completed before our April meeting. The specific feedback is posted in the Google docs.
ACC – feedback regarding WC, OC, SBS, CLIL

CCC – feedback on OC, individual items on WC, generally the rubrics are supported, CLIL feedback from the CSU Library Committee

MxCC – Faculty, CC and Assessment committees reported liking the rubrics, there are some questions on OC, Librarians have feedback on SKU preferring “peer reviewed” over “credible source.”

HCC – generally positive, there is feedback on SKU/SR

MCC – feedback on OC and SKU/SR

NVCC – Curriculum & Gen Ed committees reviewed the rubrics, most comments were sent through other bodies like SDCs

TxCC - some feedback on OC, WC, SBS

GCC - no feedback that would require a revision

TRCC – no feedback that requires a revision, generally good feedback

SCSU – some CLIL feedback that is contained within the CSU Librarians feedbacks, also some OC feedback

Feedback generally falls into three categories – actionable, actionable but FIRC will choose not to make the change, or outside the scope of FIRC’s oversight. Most of the actionable feedback is minor – the exception seems to be OC.

The meeting ran long, and representatives were giving their reports after our scheduled noon adjournment. The CSCU and COSC representatives needed to leave at 12pm, so they were not present to give their report.

Lastly, it was decided that the chair of each rubric working group will email their work group members to organize a review of the feedback of their specific rubric(s).

Meeting adjourned: 12:18pm

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Selke