

DRAFT Meeting Minutes Friday, 14 May, 2021
TAP Framework Implementation Review Committee (FIRC)
Co-chairs Heidi Lockwood (SCSU) & Sarah Selke (TRCC)

Members Present: Sarah Selke, Co-Chair, (TRCC), Heidi Lockwood, Co-Chair (SCSU), Amy Lenoce (NVCC), Meghan Finley (MCC), Anita Lee (ECSU), Gail Anne Arroyo (Registrar-MCC), Jennifer Wittke (TxCC), Mark Lynch (GCC), Martha Kruey (CCSU), Matthew Dunne (HCC), Becky DeVito (CCC)

Absent: Paul Morganti (COSC), Patty Raymond (MxCC,), Jamie Begian (WCSU)

Guest: Joseph Berenguel (ACC)

TAP Manager: Steve Marcelynas

Meeting Called to Order at 9:38

Approval of April minutes as amended – unanimous

Election of Co-Chairs for AY2021-2022

Taking advantage of the term limit suspension Sarah Selke was re-elected Community College Co-Chair; Heidi Lockwood was re-elected CSU Co-Chair with unanimous votes of affirmation.

TAP Manager Report (emailed to members)

1. Over summer transfer website will be revised & updated– Matt volunteered to collaborate.
2. Summit postponed upon request of Mike Stefanowicz who raised concerns about who was participating and the purpose. A meeting will substitute: Sarah and Heidi will participate with possible faculty representation from Aligned Program Review Committee (APRC), Gen Ed faculty, alignment managers Fran and Mike. Concerns raised related to the role of faculty in curriculum decisions as well as Fran and Mike chairing all but FIRC.
3. Discussion related to the Role of HB63 - Requires Legislatures the approve any merger or closure of any C SCU institution;
https://www.cga.ct.gov/asp/cgabillstatus/cgabillstatus.asp?selBillType=Bill&bill_num=HB6403&which_year=2021
4. Problems continue to manifest related to the incongruent processes of FIRC, Gen Ed, and APRC. Discussion suspended.
5. Course Substitution Policy for TAP F30 at the local level. Each college handles it differently; waivers need to be consistently applied across all colleges. FIRC reps are most informed, but Role of the Cross functional Team should also be central. Steve will send something out to all Registrar's and TAP program advisors. This permits the TAP folks to be central.

5/31 Feedback Deadline/SLOs Repository on Teams

1. Feedback from each campus by May 31. Sept and Oct meetings – feedback will be discussed at Sept and Oct Meetings; Heidi and Sarah will write an Exec Summary.
2. Accepting feedback from non-consolidation statewide groups?
3. No one has submitted feedback from the state level – for example, C3BIO, CCET – however, FIRC should accept feedback from any faculty group that pre-dates consolidation. Librarians have a recommendation; they will forward.

Discussion of process for endorsement of Framework30 SLOs (H. Lockwood & S. Selke)

Have a fair and valid process: articulate the outcome and what it means to 'endorse' or 'not endorse' or something else?

First pathways were approved for AY 16-17, after which the process broke down at the colleges when lacking support by faculty and endorsement at the colleges; ultimately degrees were and are approved by BOR.

What options does FIRC have for the endorsement of the revised SLOs?

Significant debate over options ensued with a clear mandate that it must be made clear this is not a vote for One College.

We need a threshold because of the experience with the endorsement process for the Gen Ed core for the One College. Nine of the 12 CCs refused to vote, 2 voted yes, and 1 voted no.

Regarding SLO endorsement threshold, no decision was made; will need to make decisions in Fall 2021 on issue of threshold and what endorsement means or does not mean.

Return to Tap Managers Report –

Discussion of with the new categories with overlap between Gen Ed 1 and 2: Concerns.

Is their concern with the new categories? When courses get vetted, it will be for one category – When a choice has to be made about which course will fill a category – what do we do with this issue?

Social and Behavioral Sciences vetted courses – how do they transfer?

When students change major – courses are reordered and how do they meet requirements?

Now that we have Arts and Humanities – to all fit in a single category. What is left for Gen Ed 1? Opportunities?

Whether or not the APRC aligned TAP degrees need to come to FIRC

IF FIRC were aware of how the courses are being slotted for categories, it will inform the process.

Steve: Courses are not being vetted; they are **being suggested based on where they land.**

New Federal funding rule – Students cannot get federal financial aid if courses fail to satisfy a degree program requirement.

Heidi, Sarah and Steve will meet on 5/24/21 with Fran Rosselli-Navarra, Mike Stefanowicz and representatives from APRC and the statewide Gen Ed consolidation committee to keep lines of communication open. Anyone from FIRC is welcome to join the meeting.

Adieus to FIRC reps who are leaving

Susan from Norwalk, Martha at CCSU, and Elle from Asnuntuck.

Norwalk CC is recalling Susan and does not intend to send a representative in AY 2021-2022.

Meeting adjourned 11:59.