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Transfer and Articulation Moving Forward

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Approved by the Board of Regents for Higher Education in March, the Transfer and Articulation Policy (TAP) is moving forward toward implementation. Faculty committees met over the summer to develop a framework for the common transferable General Education Core. The innovative program specifies competencies that students must develop and demonstrate, rather than courses that must be completed.

Competencies include Quantitative Reasoning; Knowledge and Understanding of Science, History and Social Phenomena; Written and Oral Communication; Aesthetic Dimensions; Critical Thinking; Information Literacy; and Ethics. In the upcoming months, faculty groups will develop the methods and standards that will be used to measure competency. The policy will help students more easily transfer across the state's 17 Connecticut State Colleges & Universities (ConnSCU) – the 12 community colleges, four state universities and Charter Oak State College.

Key elements of the Transfer and Articulation Policy include:

- The development of a common General Education Core
- Common lower division pre-major pathways which include 30 credits of transferable general education credits common to all 12 Connecticut Community Colleges
- Junior year status upon earning an associate transfer degree
- Guaranteed or priority university admission
- Associate and bachelor degree credit limits

In addition, Patricia L. Hirschy, mathematics professor and chair of the Liberal Arts Department at Asnuntuck Community College in Enfield, was named TAP Coordinator for the project. As TAP Coordinator,

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Hirschy will help lead the implementation of the Transfer and Articulation Policy working closely with the Vice Presidents for the Community Colleges and State Universities, faculty committees and campus faculty and administrators. Hirschy will focus on fostering collaboration among the 17 ConnSCU institutions and streamlining the transfer processes.

[Read more here.](#)

Fiscal Year 2013 ConnSCU Budget

At the June 21, 2012 Board of Regents meeting, Executive Vice President Michael P. Meotti, Executive Vice President presented the FY 2013 budget to the Board of Regents.

The agenda for the meeting states, “During the latter part of April and early May, BOR leadership met with each university and college president to review budget requirements and issues. These conferences revealed several concerns that mirror findings of the system’s financial overview BOR staff shared with the Board at its April 30th meeting. Enrollments are projected to be flat. More personal services costs are being shifted from general fund to institutional operating funds, placing greater pressure on tuition. There has been a fairly dramatic rise in the number of students requiring financial aid. All of these factors present special fiscal challenges to the system in FY 2013.”

Mr. Meotti’s Budget Presentation can be viewed [here](#). The agenda and supporting materials (including Attachment A1 Revenues and Attachment A2 Expenses) can be viewed [here](#) beginning on page 44.