CTPA Newsletter

This marks the second College Transfer Program Association newsletter for the 2012-2013 Academic Year. Our purpose is to keep members informed of the latest news within the NCCCS related to transfer programs. Membership fees for the 2012-2013 academic year for the CTPA are free; please encourage appropriate faculty to join this important organization. Many changes and initiatives are going on in the NCCCS; join CTPA to keep abreast of all of the changes that may affect you and your institution. CTPA plans to send a newsletter each fall and spring semester.

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Agenda For Upcoming CTPA Meeting

Plan to attend the up-coming CTPA Conference on Friday, April 19th, 2013, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., to be held at Wake Technical Community College’s Main Campus. Lunch will be included in the registration fee of $20.

The following topics are included on the agenda for the meeting:
- A report on the Curriculum Improvement Project for mathematics;
- A report on the ACT requirement for all graduating high school students;
- A report on the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement (CAA) Review Steering Committee’s work;
- An update from the Transfer Advisory Committee (TAC);
- University Transfer initiatives by senior institutions and successful partnering between universities and community colleges.

Please see the Registration Form on page 3.

Reverse Transfer

From the Lumina Foundation website:
http://www.luminafoundation.org/newsroom/news_releases/2012-10-10.html

Five national foundations announced the recipients of $6.4 million in grants supporting a multi-state initiative to help more students who have transferred from community colleges to four-year colleges and universities complete their associate degrees. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Helios Education Foundation, Kresge Foundation, Lumina Foundation, and USA Funds have joined forces in the initiative, “Credit When It’s Due: Recognizing the Value of the Quality Associate Degree.”

The initiative is designed to encourage partnerships of community colleges and universities to significantly expand programs that award associate degrees to transfer students when the student complete the requirements for the associate degree while pursuing a bachelor’s degree. This approach is commonly known as “reverse back” or “reverse transfer.” The funding will support expansion of programs in 12 states: Arkansas, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio and Oregon. The projects were selected from a competitive grant proposal process.

How to Join the CTPA Google ListServ.

So, I know you have been wanting to join the CTPA Google ListServ but simply do not know how. Here’s what you do: Email Tracy Mancini at mancinit@durhamtech.edu and she will add you to the ListServ.
SUCCESSNC—Common Core Alignment
From the SuccessNC website:
http://www.successnc.org/initiatives/common-core-alignment

In 2012, the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) launched an effort to promote stronger K-12/postsecondary alignment. With a specific focus on supporting greater communication across all sectors of K-12 and postsecondary education in North Carolina, NCCCS is coordinating work to align expectations, standards and assessments stemming from NC’s implementation of the Common Core State Standards in public schools. With a clear focus on promoting career and college readiness, the office of K-12 and Postsecondary Alignment Initiatives is directing this statewide policy engagement strategy. Support for this initiative comes from a “Core to College” grant, funded by the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors through support from the Lumina Foundation, the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The initiative is guided by a Steering Committee comprised of the Chief Academic Officers of the NC Community College System, the University of North Carolina (UNC), and the NC Department of Public Instruction (DPI); the Vice President of Government Relations for North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities; and other key leaders from NCCCS, UNC and DPI.

Throughout 2013 and 2014, the work of this cross-sector collaboration will convene K-12 and higher education faculty and leaders to discuss the essence of career and college readiness in North Carolina. This work will better align expectations, standard, and assessments across education sectors, creating a more coherent and consistent system of postsecondary success throughout the state.

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Stepping Down
Suzanne Kaylor has decided to step down from the position of Secretary for CTPA. Suzanne has served CTPA in this position since 2006. We thank her for consistently solid advice, for well-written minutes delivered in a timely fashion, and for her faithful adherence to the mission of CTPA.

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The Transfer Advisory Committee (the TAC) Updates

The Transfer Advisory Committee (the TAC) last met in December 2012 at UNC-Wilmington to discuss a number of CAA and transfer-related issues.

The topics of interest:

- Three positions working toward improving the transfer process between NCCCS and UNC have been approved. The Director of Transfer Articulation will be staffed at UNC-GA, and the Transfer Articulation Manager will be staffed at the NCCCS Office in Raleigh. A third position will also be filled.

- Van Wilson has left the NCCCS. His replacement for TAC purposes will be announced at the March meeting. Bruce Mallette has retired from UNC-GA. Dr. Karrie Dixon will assume Bruce’s duties at UNC-GA and will serve on the TAC. Both Van and Bruce were extremely valuable colleagues who were committed to a positive and productive collaboration between the two systems.

- The Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee is encouraging the CAA Revision and has highlighted some key expectations for the process, including “urgency” and “seamlessness.” The CAA Revision continues, and there will be an update from the CAA Review Joint Steering Committee on its progress at the March meeting.

- The TAC is examining how a grade of “C-” transfers and asked that UNC-GA review how this grade is treated by UNC campuses for transfer to UNC and to report back to the TAC.

The next Transfer Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2013 at Wake Technical Community College.