

Articulation Task Force Meeting

January 6, 2009 – 8:30 to 12:00 Noon

In Attendance:

Dr. Matthew J. Martinez, Chair, NMHED
Dr. Bill Flores, NMHED
Phyllis Baca, Santa Fe Community College
Audrey Gramstad, CNM
Stephanie Hands, UNM
Robert Hurley, Dine College
Osman Inal, NM Tech
Cherryl Kilness, ENMU-Roswell
Pat McIntire, WNMU
Len Malry, NMHED
Linda Martin, CNM
Dr. Rick Scott, NMHED
Susan Williams, NMHU

The following handouts were distributed: December 9, 2008 Memo to Representative Rick Miera, Chairman LESC regarding the Progress Report of the Articulation Task Force; RN-BSN Nursing Transfer Module and Dr. Martinez shared a PowerPoint Task Force update.

Dr. Martinez explained that the report to the LESC was giving an update of where NMHED is with regard to compliance of the Articulation Task Force Legislation. There is 35-41 hour lower division statewide general education core in place. Included are representatives from two year institutions and four year colleges as well as tribal colleges to get those articulation agreements between the institutions. In place there have been transfer modules that have been approved this last year which include transfer modules in Business, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood, Social Work, Pre-Engineering and Teacher Education. This last annual review of general education common core submissions included 60 core submissions for this year.

Dr. Flores told the committee that the Department of Higher Education has the responsibility of reporting to the Legislature each year on articulation. The LESC has asked specifically to provide reports when requested. NMHED has provided updates to Representative Rick Miera as requested. Representative Miera says he is hearing that some classes are still not getting through, but commended NMHED on the work that has been done. The Assessment process has been successful and Mr. Miera is impressed with that. NMHED has not received student complaints with regards to course transferring or courses not accepted. The LESC has expanded their oversight and recognize that their expertise is in K-12, so they look to us to help understand the higher education issues. They are concerned about Nursing programs because there is such a need and Len Malry has focused on that issue.

Dr. Martinez: With regard to this year's 60 core submissions for the 2008 consideration to be on the general education core matrix; all the schools have been notified about the

courses that have been approved as well as those pending further review. There was no appeals process in prior years, but this year we have asked for schools to respond to comments from the Area Chairs who reviewed the courses. We requested replies by December 19, and we have not received all of the responses to date. We are hoping to get the fully completed reviews and updates prior to this Legislative session.

Part of the LESC report that we have been discussing is looking at the new transfer modules for 2009; included are Film and Digital Arts, Bachelor of Science & Nursing and Computer Science Module that Phyllis Baca will report on. There has been a strong recommendation from Legislators to begin the Pre-Health program module. Phyllis Baca asked for a description of Pre-Health and Dr. Martinez replied that it would include science based and math courses with regard to Medical School, Pharmacy School and Veterinary Medicine. These are common foundation courses that would feed into a specific Major. Film & Digital and Nursing are important fields statewide. Our goal is to have a working draft by the end of the year.

Dr. Martinez: Upcoming dates as far as meetings; January 30 is the Computer Science meeting Module; which will be held at NMTech from 1-3 p.m., January 15 is Film and Digital Arts, Nursing is February 12; Assessment Task Force is January 16 at NMSU Albuquerque Center from 1-3.

1. Nursing RN to BSN (Len Malry, Susan Williams and Pat McIntire)
 - a. Len discussed the Nursing Study that he has been working on that addresses the Nursing shortage. He has evaluated the progress that funding has had on nursing programs. It appears that we are down about 2,600 RN's and 3,500 LPN's in the State and if this continues, we will still have a shortfall with new graduates, and there is also a fair amount of attrition in the industry. The study provided some longitudinal data and study on the licensure exam is being looked at. When we are dealing with workforce education and meeting needs of the industry, we have to look at our state and different states and how different regions have different needs. In some pockets there may be a move away from the need to utilize LPN's and leaning toward a desire to have RN's which will have an impact from the educational standpoint. We have to keep our finger on the pulse of what the industry is telling us and it will not be the same across the board.
 - b. Susan Williams and Pat McIntire presented their RN-BSN Nursing Transfer Module and explained that one of the things that is the next task has been to look at what every program required in regard to general require education and common core comparing courses. At the February meeting the matrix will be updated. Susan and Pat also serve as Co-Chairs on the Nurse Articulation Task Force Group which is all the Directors of 4 year and 2 year programs in the State as well as some of the private entities of the State. The motion was made to adopt the RN-BSN Nursing Transfer Module, motion was seconded and unanimously accepted. The next step is to add the private and proprietary schools to this.
2. Assessment Update (Tom Root)

Tom Root was unable to attend, but would like to present at the next meeting of the Assessment Committee. Cherryl Kilness said that there was a large variance in the reports that were submitted by the schools, so one main focus of the NMHEARC will be to train and educate schools in filling out the assessment

reporting matrix. January 16 has been set for the Assessment Task Force meeting.

3. Math Articulation Committee (Linda Martin)

- a. Proposal will be presented at the next meeting. The math articulation task force is still active, so there is still a complete transfer matrix for every public institution in the state for every lower division math class. The link to the articulation matrix is www.nmmatyc.org.

4. Computer Sciences Transfer Module for '09 (Phyllis Baca)

- a. The definition of computer science is going to be Design and Programming. This is very similar to the General Engineering transfer module. "Language Neutral" will be used to discuss courses, instead of using "Java", "C++ Base", etc. There will be a 1 credit intensive class to learn the syntax of that language. A sub-committee is gathering the syllabus and course descriptions to determine how to measure competency and proficiency. The next meeting will be looking at Gen Ed. The next meeting will be at NMTech on January 30 from 1-3.

5. Film and Digital Arts (Len Malry)

The first meeting is being held January 15 as discussed earlier.

6. New Transfer Modules (Dr. Martinez)

The idea is to get representatives for the Pre-Health areas and focus on that as well as continue to work in the specific areas we have been assigned to. Other common courses would be Sociology (Criminology), Psychology and Biology, and Environmental Science.

Next steps:

- 1) New Mexico Higher Education Assessment and Retention Conference; February 26 and 27, Hotel Albuquerque. Including joint panel session between Assessment and Articulation.
- 2) Formation of Pre-Health module. Institutions should submit nominations to serve; to Dr. Martinez at: matthewj.martinez@state.nm.us.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 31 in Santa Fe (location to be determined).

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.