

Transfer Coordinators of Illinois Colleges and Universities
Spring Meeting – April 7, 2009
Illinois State University Alumni Center

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 11:02 am. Jess Ray welcomed everyone to the ISU Alumni Center.

2. Minutes

The November 12, 2008 meeting minutes were approved by the membership and will be posted on the Advocate at www.itransfer.org/advocate/meetings.htm

3. Introductions

Each member introduced him/herself and stated whether applications and accepts were up or down. No updates were given because of an already full agenda and a shortened meeting time. Members were asked to send their school's updates to the Advocate (itransfer@itranfer.org) so they may be viewed at www.itransfer.org/advocate/

Marcus Brown recognized Larry Apperson from Kishwaukee on his retirement. Larry thanked the group for its work on various transfer issues from the model AA/AS through IAI and urged that the group remember there is a "real person" transferring.

4. Indiana's Statewide Transfer System

Lois Bishop introduced Lisa Marinelli of u.select. Lisa introduced Tari Lambert, Director (tglambert@bsu.edu) and Larry Ottinger, Transfer Articulation Specialist (lottinge@bsu.edu) of Indiana to report on their statewide transfer system at <http://www.transferin.net/Pages/Home.aspx>. Their presentation included a history of the Indiana system, overview of schools, challenges such as autonomous campuses, no common core curriculum and different transfer policies at each school. They developed a Core Transfer Library (CTL- <http://www.transferin.net/CTL/Pages/default.aspx>) which now has 70 common courses. Once the high school counselors started using the site, the private schools submitted 300 courses for the CTL which are being reviewed for inclusion. Tari reviewed their website. The student section has information for military and transfer policies of all the schools. It was mentioned that the Higher Education Opportunity Act will mandate transfer polices be visible. In the Educator section, they want to add an Administrator page to include minutes, agendas and forms. The site includes links to financial aid and admission for each school and a link to u.select. Some future activities include: redirecting resources to involve more private schools, more collaboration with Illinois, ongoing discussion with Banner and PeopleSoft to develop interfaces, finding Datatel and Janzabar contacts to begin discussions, continuing to annually survey transfer policies at the schools and updating the site.

5. Discussion

Marcus Brown introduced Allan Saaf, Vice President of Instruction from Heartland who encouraged discussion about the purpose and effectiveness of the Associate of Science Degree and who proposed

the AS degree should be modeled after the first two years of the recommended program of science study at the baccalaureate institutions. To accomplish this, the AS degree should be revised to allow up to 12 credits of the general education courses to be taken after transfer. This would not reduce the general education requirement of the baccalaureate degree; it would merely rearrange the course taking sequence.

Marcus and Lois asked the group to discuss over lunch, to have a 2yr/4yr balance at the table and to designate someone to take notes to capture ideas for AS degree and participation in IAI panels. Lois and Marcus will tabulate the results and send to the listserv.

Lunch

At 12:10 we broke for lunch which was provided by ISU.

6. Updates – Meeting resumed at 1:05 pm

6.1 iTransfer Web Site – Krista Jackson, itransfer@itransfer.org

- Krista previewed changes to the website. She added the IAI Bulletin and the IAI Major letter. There is a News page where we can post pdf files, note changes to the web and the IAI Calendar for the month. The Faculty/Advisor Page will use drop down menus. The specialized programs will be worked on later, possibly fall.
- There has been a web submission change. We should use Course Mgt to search for courses posted to web review and it will show comments in a large chart. Krista asked for everything to be put into one document for the panels.
- Rita Pearson presented a Transfer Timeline and requested everyone to look at the terminology and to make comments to her. Everyone thanked Rita for her effort and it was suggested the timeline should be developed in various languages.

Marcus and Lois brainstormed ideas for future meetings since there are so many topics to discuss and sometimes not enough time. There was a show of hands for summer meeting(s), regional meetings and regular transfer coordinator meeting(s).

6.2 IBHE – Bob Blankenburger - <http://www.ibhe.org/>

- It's been an active legislature with the longitudinal status and the Dual Credit Quality Act (House Bill 1079), which looks strong to pass. The Dual Credit Act will ensure standards are met, outcomes, and make sure all courses are equivalent to college level courses.

6.3 ICCB – Jessica Barrientos - <http://www.iccb.org/index.html>

- Jessica presented on the 5 year review process for IAI. Schools should submit a master syllabus and current syllabus for courses being reviewed. It was suggested that a proposal should be made to the Steering Panel to find out what panels/courses are in their 5 yr review.
- Homeland Security Conference will be April 15 and 16.

6.4 CAS/u.select – Lisa Marinelli, lmachine@uillinois.edu

Lisa thanked everyone for a good statewide meeting and said she will post her update to the listserv.

6.5 IAI Implementation Advisory Council

No special report. Jess Ray, jdray@ilstu.edu, reported they will meet in two weeks.

6.6 AAT Implementation – John Noak - jrnoak@yahoo.com

John provided a handout on the historical perspective of the AAT. He noted that the legislature makes final decisions and the steering panel's transfer coordinators can make recommendations. The Steering Panel is meeting on April 23 and they want to build more flexibility into the science AAT and make two tracks – one for Life Science and the other for Physical Science. The task force's full report was sent to Krista to be placed on the website at www.itransfer.org/advocate/. He stated that there are still challenges to the AAT model.

6.7 The Graduating class of 2002 – Dr. Chris Mullen - cmullin@siue.edu

Chris reported the 6 year data was received last week. The description summary will be sent to Krista to be posted to the listserv. Chris asked what variables do we want to see from P-20 and what ideas or questions are important to the transfer coordinators or suggestions can we make to the IERC. The IERC received a grant to research the data.

Lois presented transfer issues with AAT as identified by Southwestern Illinois College and will post to the listserv. Comments can be made and reflected upon.

7. Nominations/election of 4 year co-chair

Lois Bishop was nominated for the 4 year co-chair by the nominating committee and approved by the membership unanimously.

The secretary position will be voted on at the fall meeting. Anyone interested should contact Rita Pearson.

8. Next Meeting

Marcus confirmed November 10, 2009 as the next meeting at ISU Alumni Center. Jess Ray was thanked for ISU's hospitality.

9. New Business

A request was made to use the new Form 13 on the Faculty/Advisor page effective immediately. It can be saved and sent at http://www.itransfer.org/advocate/Files/Form_13.pdf

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:08pm.