

## TAP Core Competencies Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, June 22, 2012

11:00– 12:00

Room 808 Chapman Hall

Middlesex Community College

Present: Elle Van Dermark, Stephen Fagbemi, Lauren Doninger (presiding), Elizabeth Steeves, Ken Klucznik, Patricia Raymond, Ronald Picard, Sharon Gusky, Susan Steitz, Brian Donohue-Lynch, Joseph Selvaggio, Francis Coan, Kristine Larsen, Mark Jackson, David Stoloff, Robin Flanagan

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- **Call to Order** - Meeting was called to order by Steering Committee Co-Chair Lauren Doninger at 11:00 a.m.
- **Approval of minutes** – Minutes were approved.
- **Announcements**
  - L. Doninger spoke with Presidents Levinson and Núñez and D. Weiss had an email correspondence:
    - 30 credit block is locked to recommendations from the Steering Committee, although the Sub-Committees may make recommendations – i.e.: the science subcommittees may recommend a lab credit. Following B. Donohue-Lynch’s request for clarification, L. Doninger confirmed that these recommendations would not be binding.
    - Concerning “swirl” students: for now, evaluation will be course-by-course; eventually, there will be a pool of courses.
    - The Steering Committee has the authority to make changes to the configuration of the Sub-Committees. For example, the Steering Committee may opt to collapse the two science competencies, leaving quantitative reasoning as a distinct competency.
- **Sub-committee reports** - none
- **Old Business**
  - There was a return to a discussion on the distinction between competency-based and credit- or course-based models for the 30 credit core.
  - There was a discussion to prepare for the convening of the Sub-Committees. It was agreed that the outcomes template is sufficient to provide Sub-Committees members with consistent terminology. The summer timeline was modified to be distributed to the Sub-Committees. The role of liaisons was clarified and rooms assigned for the subcommittee meetings.

- **New Business**
  - None addressed as this was an abbreviated meeting in order to move into the meeting with the Sub-Committees
  
- **Next Meeting**
  - The Steering Committee will meet at Middlesex Community College (Chapman Hall) from 12-2 on Friday June 29, 2012

**Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Klucznik