



Texas Common Course Numbering System

To: TACRAO Executive Committee

From: Isaiah Vance, TCCNS Committee Chair

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RE: Updates from the Texas Common Course Numbering System Committee

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Committee met via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday, April 29th at 10am

Reviewed 2023-24 initiatives

Continued discussion of “wish list items” – ability to add messages to individual school pages, reporting functionality, and site analytics.

No updates from THECB re: Academic Course Guide Manual (ACGM)

Committee spent consider time discussing the “philosophy” (and audience) of TCCNS. Additional functionality was added to indicate if the transfer course is a true equivalent offered at the receiving institution or simply a “placeholder” (only indicating that the course is transferable). A new toggle feature was added to easily compare actual courses offered by institutions. The Committee agreed that this level of distinction would aid users in navigating the TCCNS site information.



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Functionality was added in 2023-24 to allow for core curriculum foundation component area attributes to be included. Recently a new indicator for the broader 090 – Component Area Option was added to indicate if the course fulfills that more generic general education requirement.

*TCCNS Board is Requesting \$2000 to import ACGM course information (student learning outcomes and course descriptions) to TCCNS site. This would bring together (1) TCCNS, (2) core curriculum attributes, and (3) SLOs + descriptions, essentially creating once space for users to access all relevant transfer course information.

In addition to the full committee meeting, a subgroup focusing on technical functionality met March 12, April 15 & April 28 to determine a menu of options for functional capability and to ensure messaging to the fuller board was clear and concise (Vance, Wu, Rexroat & Smith).