

Protocol for system-wide approval of
“CSCU Pathway Transfer A.A. / A.S. Degree: [Discipline] Studies”

The campuses, following local governance procedures, will review and vote on endorsement of each discipline pathway. The results of these votes will be reported to the TAP Co-Managers who will bring them forward through the Academic Council to the Board of Regents for their information as they make their final decision regarding approval for the system. If approved by the Board of Regents, a pathway will be implemented on all community college campuses that can reasonably offer it. These include campuses that offer the courses or can make them available to students at other institutions and/or, when educationally viable, online. Approved pathways will be received by all four-year schools who offer a baccalaureate in the pathway discipline.

Votes will be reported from each institution to the TAP Co-Managers who will keep track of the final votes and report them to the Academic Council and to the Board of Regents for final consideration of each pathway for system adoption. TAP Co-Managers will report the final BOR decision to the Academic Council.

At the time of the initial pathway review, campuses that cannot reasonably offer or receive a pathway may decide to abstain from voting with the understanding that they will adopt the pathway in the future if circumstances change to make it possible to offer or receive the pathway. In the event that a campus can adopt – either as sending or receiving institution – an existing system-wide pathway degree in the future, that campus will follow its own governance process (without having to go through any system-wide approval process) for endorsement and notification of adoption. The TAP Co-Managers will notify the BOR of the pathway changes and the results of the campus's endorsement vote. The Co-Managers will conduct an annual review of new and discontinued courses and programs from each campus and, with the aid of the Academic Council, determine when curriculum changes create the possibility of a pathway adoption.

Each pathway will be brought forward to the BOR for consideration at their first meeting three (3) months following the pathway's introduction into campus governance processes. One (1) extra month will be allowed for the winter break and three (3) extra months for the summer when faculty are off contract. All votes reported to the Co-Managers in time for the BOR meeting will be considered by the BOR in its decision.

As a general rule, campuses will begin offering and receiving each approved pathway in the first catalogue published five (5) months following the submission of the pathway for review to the Framework and Implementation Review Committee.