
Docket Item:

Approve new permanent rule OAR 715-025-0001, regarding appointments to the Transfer Council

- New Rule Temporary
 Amend Existing Rule Permanent
 Repeal Rule

Prompted by:

- State law changes
 Federal law changes
 Other

These changes go into effect on adoption.

Summary:

In 2021, the Legislative Assembly adopted Senate Bill 233, establishing a Transfer Council, a 15-member body principally designed to advise the Commission on the adoption of rules implementing a common course numbering system and transfer pathways, amongst other responsibilities.

The legislation requires the terms of initial appointees of the Transfer Council be staggered, such that upon the expiration of initial appointments, about one half-of the positions on the Council are subject to reappointment each year. The proposed rule establishes that 7 of the 15 initial appointments to the Council serve an initial term of three years, with the positions eligible for two-year terms thereafter.

In determining how to stagger terms, staff utilized the following approach: 1) Staff attempted to stagger terms in a manner that ensured that community college, public university, and public high school appointments were of a mix of two-year and three-year terms. 2) Where multiple positions are reserved for the same area of expertise, staff split these appointments between two and three-year terms to ensure the continuity of expertise on the Council. 3) Staff determined students would receive initial appointments of two years, to reduce the possibility of mid-term turnover.

There was limited public comment on the proposed rule. One comment requested that staff make the Council member name and term information publicly available. The rule was amended to incorporate this proposal. Another comment requested the public university transfer specialist position be awarded a three year term. Staff declined to incorporate this suggestion to ensure that both designated transfer specialist positions did not rotate off the Council at the same time.

Material:

Rules text.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends approving the permanent rules as drafted.

HIGHER EDUCATION COORDINATING COMMISSION

**CHAPTER 715 – Higher Education Coordinating Commission
DIVISION 25 – Common Course Numbering and Credit Transfer**

715-025-0001 – Transfer Council Terms

- (1) The Transfer Council is established, consisting of 15 voting members appointed by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission, and one non-voting, ex-officio member.
- (2) The term of a member of the Council begins on the date established by the Commission at the time of appointment. The Commission shall notify members of the term commencement date.
- (3) The term of a member of the Council shall be two years, renewable, except that for the initial slate of appointments made to establish the Council, the appointees to the following positions shall be appointed to an initial three-year term, eligible for renewable two-year terms thereafter:
 - (a) Public university academic officer – position one
 - (b) Community college academic officer – position one
 - (c) Public high school academic officer
 - (d) Public university faculty – position one
 - (e) Community college faculty – position one
 - (f) Public high school accelerated college credit program teacher
 - (g) Community college transfer specialist
- (4) The Commission shall determine which members occupy the positions listed in subsections (a), (b), (d), and (e) of section (3) of this rule, and shall notify such members at the time of appointment.
- (5) Names and term information for Transfer Council members shall be posted on a web site viewable by the public.

Statutes Authorized: Chapter 575, Oregon Laws 2021

Statutes Implemented: Chapter 575, Oregon Laws 2021