Resolution of Transfer Disputes for Lower-Division Courses

1. The following procedures shall be followed by public institutions of higher education in the resolution of transfer credit disputes involving lower-division courses:
   a. If an institution of higher education does not accept course credit earned by a student at another institution of higher education, the receiving institution shall give written notice to the student and to the sending institution that transfer of the course credit is denied.
   b. The two institutions and the student shall attempt to resolve the transfer of the course credit in accordance with Board rules and/or guidelines.
   c. If the transfer dispute is not resolved to the satisfaction of the student or the sending institution within 45 days after the date the student received written notice of denial, the institution whose credit is denied for transfer shall notify the Commissioner of the denial.

2. The Commissioner of Higher Education or the Commissioner’s designee shall make the final determination about the dispute concerning the transfer of course credit and give written notice of the determination to the involved student and institutions.

3. All public institutions of higher education shall publish the procedures described in sub-sections (1) and (2) of this section in their undergraduate course catalogs.

4. All public institutions of higher education shall furnish data to the Board on transfer disputes as the Board may require in accord with its statutory responsibilities under Texas Education Code Section 61.826.

5. If a receiving institution has cause to believe that a course being presented by a student for transfer from another school is not of an acceptable level of quality, it should notify the Commissioner of Higher Education. The Commissioner may investigate the course. If its quality is found to be unacceptable, the Board may discontinue funding for the course.