

COTA Monthly Meeting
5/23/2022, 2pm
Virtual ZOOM

Present: Mary Beth Ottinger, Kara Cahill, Helen Hale, Katelyn Wilson, Roger McMillian, Gavin O'Connor, Terri Montgomery, Tracy Huang, Alicia Erickson, Christy Seawall, Lacey Mattheis, David Jones, Roberto Koch

Guests: Dr. Mike Abel (UMKC), Dr. Paul Katnik and Buddy Alberson (DESE)

Meeting called to order 2:01pm by Kara Cahill. Passed meeting leadership to Katelyn Wilson.

To respect the time of our guests, will have their sessions first.

Dr. Paul Katnik and Buddy Alberson represent Missouri Educator Preparation and have been invited to discuss with COTA regarding AAT. DESE indicates they do not have a direct relationship with AAT; they include the Bachelor's programs in their information because they are part of the jurisdiction with the state. The AAT's are supposed to submit their completers to DESE just for tracking purposes. Used to do 7 year cycle of review of EPP; now do annual reviews. MABEP started in 2014 for an advisory group for teacher ed prep. The articulation agreement for the AAT started and was led by Dr. Glenn Coltharp, but then it was determined that it died. DESE feels they do not have jurisdiction because they do not license any AAT graduates.

Shared that in order to help with advising and degree requirements, can be found on the requirements for certifications. located at: [Subject Area Requirements | Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education \(mo.gov\)](#) [Missouri Secretary of State: Code of State Regulations \(mo.gov\)](#)

Dr. Michael Abel and Tracy Huang introducing the Early Childhood Core 9 Articulation to create a common Core for early childhood. 9 credit hour block of early childhood block, seeking common articulation from two year to four year institutions. NAEYC Standards and Competencies, six standards. Prior to this proposal, in 2019, two year institutions agreed upon a foundations of early childhood and a nutrition/health and safety. New agreement proposes those 2 courses plus Family and Community Partnerships with common course objectives and titles. Proposing a block articulation for Early Childhood for the 9 hours from 2 years in agreement in the MOU and then transfer to 4 year. The block is comprised of basic coursework that meet the standards. Working on establishing articulation agreements with four-year universities like MU's child and family studies that do not lead to any certifications. Discussion was had about content and knowledge area in degrees and whether any of the courses would be considered Core 42. Some institutions have them as part of an AAS or AA in Early Childhood or Child Studies etc. Mara Woody serves on the project team, perhaps they can house the MOU document.

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Follow up Discussion – AAT will be tabled for further meetings to determine what COTA wants to do.

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Next meeting is in UMSL – Anheuser Busch hall in July. Terri will send out information to Kara Cahill regarding the facility.

Mary Beth Ottinger let us know that she is leaving Harris-Stowe University and will need to leave the COTA committee. Will be a vacancy in the 4 year public university representative position.

Approval of April Minutes: Roberto moves to approve, Roger seconds. Passed with consent.

2023 COTA conference information from Kara – she will put together a matrix with information and will email it out so we can consider the different options for hotel/conference location. Need to determine the date as soon as possible in July so that we can send out save the date informationals. Bookmark sized items for everyone to distribute. Feel free to email Kara any ideas for conference themes or titles.

Defining subcommittees: Conference subcommittee, Adult Learners, Core42 [\[Volunteers\]](#)

Conference: Katelyn,

Adult Learners: Katelyn, Christy, Gavin,

Core 42: Katelyn, Helen,

Others need to decide committee or be assigned to a committee.

Core60 discussion – CAO discussion of transferability of associate’s degrees. Mary Beth mentioned the California system as a transfer associate’s degree to move toward transfer pathways. Discussion about the necessity of a general AA, not specific majors. Institutions can develop their own agreements and pathways. Roberto recommended reaching out to STLCC regarding their core 60 initiative. Roberto will reach out and get information for COTA. Elizabeth Perkins is the current CAO chair and may be the point of contact.

MRT language from Ross in email; Kara will send to Mara Woody for MDHEWD support and ideas about getting that information sent out to CAO’s of the 4-year institutions to encourage more MRT opt-ins on the application pages.

If there is anything between now and the next meeting, please email Kara or the group.

Meeting adjourned at 3:19pm