

COTA Monthly Meeting  
November 20, 2023  
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Present: Helen Hale, Gavin O'Connor, Joshua Fischer (MDHEWD), Katelyn Wilson, David Jones, Brooke Lockhart, Christy Seawall, Roberto Koch, Ross Hawkins, Steve White, Robyn Walter

Call to Order 12:32 by Chair Christy Seawall.

Gavin moved to approve October minutes; Katelyn seconds. Minutes approved.

We will have a new MDHEWD Representative, Joie Hendricks, starts 11/27 and will meet with our COTA leadership: Christy, Gavin, and Katelyn prior to our December COTA meeting.

Keynote speaker and Call For Proposal Update: the person David had recommended for a keynote speaker was not available, but that person recommended Casey Fraites-Chapes, Associate University Registrar, University of Kansas. Co-Chair of Kansas Board of Regents Transfer and Articulation Council. Had prior experience in Missouri at 2-year and 4-year. Has proposed a topic: Credit and Continuity: Current efforts to streamline the transfer experience in the state of Kansas. Is available and has interest in keynote speaker. COTA members discussed inviting Casey to be the Keynote address. David moves, Steve seconds to have Casey Fraites-Chapes as the keynote speaker. Motion carries.

The plenary session will be about Advanced Placement.

Still need breakout speakers, currently received 2 session proposals, but not due until December 1<sup>st</sup>. The subcommittee is moving December 4, 3-4pm.

13 registrants so far; reminder that we need to also register as COTA members; but email Samantha and they will waive our cost.

Promote at NISTS – Christy is going, Brooke is going; Ross is submitting for approval. Might be able to ask NIST to promote COTA conference.

Reviewed the COTA Renewal Chart – Christy added some recommendations to show the renewals. Christy will upload the new renewal chart into basecamp.

We will need to fill the 2 four-year private institution spots, one possible new person could be Gary Kerr from Park University. Also keep in mind for filling other spot.

The credit for prior learning survey results were not consolidated yet, David and Helen have not had time to consolidate them. But will get them prepared before December meeting. Agenda item tabled.

Christy attended the Adult Learner Network Strategic Planning Meeting – they want COTA's guidance on Reverse Transfer Opt-out versus Opt-in language, and also on Credit for Prior Learning. Document summary is in basecamp for review. Katelyn and Ross reminded us that there was a statement of best practices for MRT to be an opt-in at time of application at the 4-year. Did the statement ever get sent out to the CAO group? Roberto mentioned that his recollection was that DHEWD staff has previously indicated that the reverse transfer opt-out option had been brought up to the Office of General Counsel

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(or the like), and that counsel indicated it was not a viable option under FERPA. Instead, language was suggested for inclusion in the application for admission. Ross confirmed that was what had generally transpired. Roberto suggested that if DHEWD remains interested in this option, perhaps one way to proceed is for them to contact MO reps to the US congress asking them to support legislation to amend FERPA, to remove the bar.

Joshua Fisher (on behalf of DHEWD) indicated that an opinion reversal was unlikely, how to start the process, by contacting a political representative, etc...

Roberto provided the latest attempt at the federal level: <https://www.aacrao.org/who-we-are/newsroom/article/2023/06/16/reverse-transfer-efficiency-act-reintroduced>).

Robyn recommends exploring the topic with MDHEWD leadership and Samantha. If we wanted to make a change to the state statute, it has to come from politicians behind it. Christy recommended the leadership meeting with Joie can also include Samantha to discuss MRT opt-in versus opt-out.

Working document of COTA procedures – went through the document and reviewed Samantha's clarifications and edited document. Worked through to number 5. Christy will upload the document with Samantha's comments and we are asking COTA members to review the document and add comments by Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.

Katelyn moves to adjourn at 2:03pm, Gavin seconds.