

COTA-Advisory Council Minutes

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COTA AC Minutes
5-7-09

Members in Attendance: Rita Gulstad, Sarah Larson, Debbie Schatz, Kandis Smith, Yvette Sweeney, B.J. White

Members Absent: LaShanda Boone, Artie Fowler, Melissa Hattman, James Kralichek, LaShandra Shepherd

Visitors in Attendance: Hillary Fuhrman

Minutes:

Minutes for the April 2, 2009 meeting were accepted and will be posted to the web.

Election Update

BJ reported that there are 18 candidates remaining on the slate for three COTA AC positions. A few candidates removed themselves. So far, 109 constituents have voted. If someone voted for a candidate who removed themselves, BJ contacted them so that they could cast another vote.

COTA AC is also monitoring appropriate representation on the committee. BJ will try to contact our proprietary member for guidance on representation for next year.

Election site closes on May 15th. COTA AC will contact nominees and let them know the election outcome, confirming their ability to serve if elected.

COTA AC will also send election results out to all voting members, once candidates have accepted.

Face to face meeting

COTA AC will meet face to face on July 9th, 2009 from 9-3:30 at the MDHE offices in Jefferson City. New members will be notified of this first meeting. BJ will send directions over e-mail. Agenda items for the day will include:

- Introduce new members
- Select all meeting dates/times for 2009/2010
- Discuss presentation topics/sessions for the February 12,2010 conference
- Discuss speakers for conference
- Discuss issues on horizon and continuing concerns for upcoming year

Proprietary standard information letter

BJ will confirm with Leroy Wade the equivalency information that will be part of the letter requesting information from proprietary schools for credit evaluation. Once confirmed, BJ is ready to load to the website. No further action is needed from COTA AC.

Conference Planning

The contract for the Feb 12, 2010 Transfer and Articulation Conference is being finalized. All factions are aware of the economic challenges of higher education this year and it's possible impact on attendance. Care is being taken to ensure that the conference will be financially sustainable.

Articulation concerns

In response to an e-mail sent to COTA by **TEACH**, a state-wide group is being formed (as approved by COTA) to further discuss the over-arching issues. COTA AC commented that the challenges that are being discussed are not unique to this major. Preliminary discussions should be shared to a wider audience, so that all program-to-program articulation challenges may be examined.

The **AAT degree** was also discussed. There has been discussion that the core 12 hours is the only unified characteristic of this degree. There is confusion regarding the 42 hour general education core and whether all lower level degree requirements have been satisfied

with the completion of the AAT. Consensus is that all lower level degree requirements are not satisfied, since each institution has unique requirements and the 42 hour general education core is not large enough to insert all unique degree requirements. Students must work very carefully with the receiving institution to maximize courses completed. **Suggestion:** Could each receiving institution set up specific transfer guides at each community college that would articulate the AAT path for their institution by education area (Early, Elementary, Middle by content area, Special, Secondary by content area, P.E by grade level, Art Education by grade level, etc.)

Next Meeting:

COTA meets on May 27th. Agenda includes a NACEP presentation and to set agenda items for next year. COTA AC's last meeting for the year is June 4th, 2009, by conference call. BJ will send out call numbers.

Respectfully submitted by Yvette Sweeney