

COTA-Advisory Council Minutes

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COTA AC Minutes 07-09-09

Members in Attendance: Rita Gulstad, Debbie Schatz, Yvette Sweeney, B.J. White, LaShanda Boone, Artie Fowler, Melissa Hattman, David Murphy, Victor Price, Terry Smith, Jeremy Kintzel, Angelette Prichett and James Kralicek

Members Absent: none

Visitors in Attendance: Hillary Fuhrman

Minutes:

Minutes for the June 11, 2009 meeting with changes were approved.

- New members Terry Smith, Victor Price, and David Murphy were welcomed.

IMPERATIVES FOR CHANGE <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/files/CoordinatedPlan.pdf>

- This document was approved one year ago. There was discussion on how to track transfer students and where they go between public, private, and possibly proprietary. Students are graduating and we need to be better able to track them. This document for accountability will be more public than in the past.
- As of now IPEDS only counts the AA degrees (not 42 hour clock) and those that return the following year (not those that transfer out). DHE is encouraging all institutions to join MOSIS (Missouri Student Information system) system for better tracking throughout K-20. MSAS (Missouri Student Achievement Survey) was also discussed. It is believed to overlap with IPEDS.
- Students from Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Nebraska participate in the unique number system for MOSIS.

LAMP STATUS UPDATE <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/files/lampstatusreport06112009.pdf>

- Rita gave a review of LAMP (Learning Assessment in Missouri Postsecondary Education) for the group explaining the sub-committees of communication (transfer from high school to college, research (what assessment tools are being used), and best practices in assessment (how do the assessment tools fit)? There is a difference on entry level competencies for college and what DESE expects a student to know upon high school graduation. She also explained that LAMP is an essential assessment arm of CAI.
- What's NEXT?
 - 1) finish access and placement
 - 2) proceed with other transitions
 - 3) survey to find out how people are using CAI competencies or if they are using them, and
 - 4) look at discussion themesSub-committee will then meet as a large group in order to give recommendations to the Commissioner

Dual Credit/CAI

Discussion was held about "Early College" of which DHE has no policy.

- You may find information about "Early College" at:

<http://www.dhe.mo.gov/files/BB0609.pdf>(Tab M)

<http://www2.kcmsd.net/pages/swecc.aspx>

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CAI Link

<http://www.dhe.mo.gov/casinitiative.html>

- Accreditation for dual credit was also discussed. More information can be found at www.nacep.org. This is an external accreditation agency. COTA heard their presentation but no decision was reached.

- Dual credit was again discussed as it relates to CAI. Entry level competencies help to ensure success and exit level competencies help facilitate transfer. With these we can give more information back to high schools. DESE is developing eight course exams that figure into a student's grade; however they are not senior level exams.
- There is also an issue with high school students being allowed the use of calculators in Math courses while in certain instances at the college level they are not.
- Please read wording changes to the dual credit policy. <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/dualcreditpolicy.html>
- The question was asked if dual credit faculty qualifications should also be posted to the web to be in compliance with SB389.

Non-regionally Accredited Transfer

- Melissa will send out the final draft one more time to the committee for the final stamp of approval. The committee will respond to Yvette within one week with any changes. It will then go on the web as written. <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/cotaadvisorycouncil.html>.

Transfer Document

- Please read and send comments to BJ White.

Early Childhood Education Transfer

A drive-in conference was held in Columbia, Missouri on June 29, 2009. TEACH believes there is poor transfer between two year to two year, two year to four year, and four year to four year institutions. They state there are many different nuances and standards among four year and two year institutions; therefore, another conference is scheduled for February 11, 2010 in Columbia, Missouri at the Holiday Inn Executive Center.

Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT)

- Many feel each institution still has to do College specific articulations with many different institutions even though we have the AAT, especially in elementary education. This may come from the nine elective hours students take. It was stated that K-3 and elementary require vastly different sciences and electives.

2010 Fall Conference

It is felt we need more than one session on non-regionally accredited transfer. It was suggested to contact Brian Stewart from Bryan College, Missouri Association of Proprietary's Schools and Association in order to gain more attendance from our for profit colleagues. Terry Smith also wondered if we have tried to reach the Bible Colleges and whether they are independent or theological.

Tracks considered are:

- Electronic Transcripts--means of communication between institutions, 42 hour block on transcript
- What's going on in Higher Education, --LAMP, CAI-this could be in different session for those who have no knowledge and to those who do have knowledge but want to know more.
- Education-- AAT, Early Childhood
- Non-regionally accredited transfer

Other Business

- We need to ask COTA for a representative to replace Kandis.
- Meetings for 2009-2010-Meetings will be from 1:00-3:00 via conference call unless otherwise decided.
 - September, 1, 2009
 - October 1, 2009
 - November 19, 2009
 - December 17, 2009
 - January 14, 2010
 - February 11, 2010-3:00
 - February 12, 2010-conference
 - April 8, 2010
 - April 29, 2010
 - May TBA
- It was decided to change the title of membership Coordinator to Coordinator of Communication.

- New officers for 2009-2010 are:
Chair Elect: Debbie Schatz
Secretary: Artie Fowler
Coordinator of Communication: LaShanda Boone
- It was decided to reference proprietary, bible colleges, and others as "nationally accredited institutions".
- Melissa will send a note of appreciation along with a gift card to Kandis and other out going committee members.
- July 2008-July2009 year in review were revised with the addition of:
-ongoing discussion of dual credit as it related to transfer
-ongoing discussion of Early Childhood transfer
- Meeting adjourned at 3:00

Respectfully submitted by Artie Fowler