

COTA-Advisory Council Minutes

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COTA AC 10/06/2008

Member in attendance: Artie Fowler, Rita Gulstad, Melissa Hattman, Yvette Sweeney, B.J. White(DHE ex-officio), LaShanda Boone, Sara Larson

Members absent: LaShandra Shepard, Debbie Schatz, Angelette Prichett, Kandis Smith (COTA ex-officio), James Kralicek

Visitors in attendance: Hillary Fuhrman

Minutes

Yvette Sweeney moved to approve the minutes of 9/04/08 with B.J. White as a second. All approved. Minutes were passed.

REPORT OF COTA MEETING

Rita reported the Missouri Assessment Consortium might offer "Best Practices in Assessment" January 29, 2009 which is the day before the Transfer Conference in order to showcase assessment.

For the fall 2009 Interim Conference there was discussion of a poster session. It was asked if this would be a follow-up from the January conference or would it be new topics.

COTA again stressed the conference must be for practitioners.

COTA will move their feedback form from COTA AC up a web page. They ask this be publicized widely at the conference. BJ volunteered to do this.

There will be no COTA meeting on January 28th as they will meet January 29th from 3:00-4:00.

The dual credit report was tabled until all CAOs had time to comment. They did discuss deviations from policy and how to handle them, external accrediting requirements, and what COTA or CBHE can do to enforce policy.

There was open discussion about transfer credit. Mike Grelle wanted to know if institutions can refuse to accept credit from another institution and the answer is yes. His suggestions for programming are: 1. Orientation Programs for Transfer Students new to an institution, 2. Evaluation of transfer credit-best practices, and 3. Open mike forum on transfer issues.

Conference

BJ will send out another reminder and committee members will speak with those on their respective campuses about presenting as this is for practitioners. It was suggested that Doug would be a contact at UCM for transfer statistics. It was also suggested that possibly James might be able to contact someone at his institution. Melissa also agreed to contact Larry Westermeyer at UMSL for Transfer Student Performance Feedback data and presentation request.

It was suggested we have a presentation on the AAT degree. Hillary will speak on entrance/exit exams.

The logistics sub-committee will meet January 8, 2009 with hotel staff. Hillary will join them.

Open Discussion

--Will institutions provide CBASE scores on transcripts?

--Jeff Lashley was appointed to the Learning Assessment in Missouri Post Secondary Education (LAMP) committee which will incorporate CAI and assessment. This group was formed by CBHE to provide guidance in ways to assess the new exit competencies for general education. They are part of the curricular alignment initiative. There should also be high school instructors on this committee.

Melissa motioned to adjourn. Yvette seconded.