

COTA Meeting Minutes August 2008

Committee on Transfer and Articulation Missouri Department of Higher Education August 21, 2008

Participants: Evelyn Jorgenson (Chair), Jeanie Crain, Arlen Dykstra, Steven Graham, Mike Grelle, Steven Kurtz, Alton Lacey, Julia Leeman, Pam McIntyre, Aaron Podolefsky, and Kandis Smith

COTA-AC Representative: Rita Gulstad

MDHE Staff: Jeremy Kintzel and B.J. White

Dr. Evelyn Jorgenson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Consent Item

I. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Dr. Kandis Smith and seconded by Dr. Aaron Podolefsky to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

II. Dual Credit Survey

Dr. Jorgenson stated that the dual credit survey had been sent out to determine the state of dual credit in Missouri and to provide the opportunity to begin a climate of continuous improvement in dual credit.

Dr. Podolefsky asked what the consequences were for an institution that did not comply with the Dual Credit Policy. Dr. Grelle replied that the policy did not outline any consequences, but that the transferability of credit earned in such an institution could be limited. Dr. Podolefsky responded that without any consequences an institution may have no incentive to comply with the Dual Credit Policy.

Dr. Jorgenson stated that the Dual Credit Report should be sent out to the CAO's for their comments. Dr. Alton Lacey concurred and suggested that a committee be formed to review the report's recommendation. COTA then accepted the report and directed MDHE staff to send the Report to CAO's with a cover note asking for their comments with particular attention to the recommendations.

Dr. Steven Graham stated that there was some interest from CAO's to take care of Dual Credit internally. Dr. Jorgenson noted that due to turnover at the institutions the appropriate staff may not be aware of the policy.

III. 2009 Transfer Conference

Mr. B.J. White and Dr. Rita Gulstad presented the ideas drafted by COTA-AC for the format and content of the 2009 Transfer Conference to be held on January 29, 2009 in Columbia. The conference would begin with a general session followed by a concurrent session, lunch, 2 more concurrent sessions, and a brief wrap up. The content for the concurrent session will be divided into three tracks: (1) Statewide Initiatives as they Relate to Transfer, (2) Best Practices in Transfer Credit, and (3) Transfer Student Data/Research. Dr. Grelle voiced concern that the conference may not be oriented toward transfer practitioners. Mr. White stated that COTA-AC would be issuing a call for presentations for the concurrent sessions. Dr. Gulstad stated that COTA-AC was committed to making the conference valuable for practitioners. COTA supported the content and format and directed COTA-AC to move on to the next stages of planning.

New Business

IV. Coordinated Plan

Dr. Jorgenson stated that the coordinated plan was adopted at the July Coordinating Board for Higher Education meeting. Dr. Jeanie Crain asked if any progress had been made on developing the indicators. Mr. Jeremy Kintzel stated that the work is just beginning and that MDHE staff is working on developing the process by which indicators will be reported.

Dr. Jorgenson also stated that CAI may need additional attention from COTA. Dr. Graham stated that COTA should encourage the institutions to involve faculty in the assessment pieces of CAI as well. Drs. Grelle, Crain and Jorgenson concurred. Dr. Grelle stated that the Missouri Assessment Consortium should also be involved. Dr. Jorgenson asked that the CAI steering committee members keep COTA informed and updated on CAI activities.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Other

None

Next Meeting

The next COTA meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2008 at 12:00 p.m. at the MDHE office in Jefferson City.