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Committee on Transfer and Articulation Conference Update

Coordinating Board for Higher Education

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BACKGROUND

Sections 173.020 (3) and 173.005.2 (6), RSMo, authorize the Coordinating Board for Higher Education to ensure efficient and effective transfer of students among Missouri institutions and to establish guidelines to promote and facilitate the transfer of students between institutions of higher education. The Committee on Transfer and Articulation (COTA), a standing advisory committee of the CBHE, works within the board's statutory authority to coordinate the transfer of students in Missouri. This agenda item reports on COTA's efforts in the past year to promote efficient transfer.

CURRENT STATUS

The Committee on Transfer and Articulation Structure and Members

COTA is comprised of 12 members appointed by the commissioner of higher education, one of which shall serve as chairperson of the committee. Membership shall consist of four representatives from the public two year colleges and four representatives from the public four-year colleges and universities, one of which must be from the University of Missouri and one of which must be from the other public four-year institutions; one representative from independent two-year colleges or proprietary institutions; two representatives from independent four-year colleges and universities and one at-large position. In addition, the commissioner or a designated representative will sit as an ex-officio voting member of the committee.

The current committee is comprised of Chair Melanie Stegeman, St. Louis Community College; Chair-Elect Brooke Lockhart, Southeast Missouri State University; Secretary Cheryl Dobson, Missouri Southern State University; Sue Bateman, University of Missouri-St. Louis; Helen Hale, Crowder College; Ross Hawkins, Missouri State University; David Jones, Westminster College; Roberto Koch, University of Missouri-Columbia; Kevin Manley, Lindenwood University; Gavin O'Connor, Ozarks Technical Community College; and Katelyn Wilson, Moberly Area Community College.

COTA members serve on one of three subcommittees: conference planning, policy, or Core 42. The committee as a whole meets monthly, and subcommittees meet as needed.

2020 Missouri Conference on Transfer and Articulation

The Missouri Conference on Transfer and Articulation, an annual statewide forum to address transfer and articulation issues, was held February 19, 2020, in Osage Beach, Missouri. Over 130 registrants from two- and four-year public and independent institutions attended the conference. Attendees included transfer practitioners, advisors, registrars, faculty, chief executive and chief academic officers, and MDHEWD staff.

The transfer conference theme was *2020 Vision: Seeing Transfer Clearly*. Responding to requests for information from several institutions about the department's Degrees When Due Initiative, Leanne Davis from the Institute for Higher Education Policy was invited to provide the keynote address. Educational breakout sessions were offered on the Clearinghouse's Student Tracker and Premium

Services, Credit for Military Learning, Equity in Missouri Higher Education, Scaling Math Pathways to Normative Practice, Degrees When Due, Transfer and Articulation Survey Results, State Initiatives, Enrollment Management, and Transfer Student Services and Support. A special pre-conference session was held on February 18 for early career professionals or those new to their roles. This session was included in response to last year's feedback that requested an avenue to learn more about the department, state initiatives, and navigating the resources on the department's website.

The assessment of the conference was generally positive, and included recommendations that will help plan the 2021 conference. Themes related to transfer that participants requested for next year's conference included dual credit and early college programs, information to support faculty advisors of transfer students, transfer evaluation technology resources and changes in accreditation.

Guidelines for Student Transfer and Articulation Among Missouri Higher Education Institutions

The committee drafted and will oversee the appeals process contained in the revision of 6 CSR 10-3.020, Guidelines for Student Transfer and Articulation Among Missouri Higher Education Institutions that was approved in December 2019. The committee will update several informational documents and guidelines with this revised information in their work this year.

RECOMMENDATION

This is an information item only.

NO ATTACHMENTS