

2014 COTA Transfer and Articulation Conference Keep Calm and Transfer On: Pathways to Degree Completion

January 29, 2014 Capitol Plaza Hotel Jefferson City, Missouri

8:30 Registration and Continental Breakfast (Hotel Lobby)

9:00 Welcome

Missouri Capitol Ballroom

Gavin O'Connor, Chair COTA David Russell, Ph.D., Commissioner of Higher Education, MDHE

9:15 Keynote Address

10:00 Break

MO/CAP Ballroom

Mr. Steven Johnson-Executive Vice President, Economic Development & Marketing Strategies, St. Louis Regional Chamber

"The Business Imperative of Increased College Attainment"

The St. Louis Regional Chamber is championing a bold strategy to lift the region's college attainment from 14th to 10th among the nation's largest metropolitan areas by 2025. This presentation will highlight the business imperative and rationale for focusing on this key metric, outline the strategy, and introduce a new regional metrics system to monitor and measure progress toward this toward this goal.

10:10 – 11:05 Session One Breakouts

Reverse Transfer- The Missouri Way.

Truman A

Presenters: Melissa Hattman, Director, Community College Relations, University of Missouri-STL

Larry Westermeyer, Director, Institutional Research, University of Missouri -St. Louis

Dixie Williams, Asst. Director of Admissions, Missouri State University

Crystal Kroner, Director, Missouri Reverse Transfer, MDHE

Moderator: Kim Harvey, Ph.D., Jefferson College

In this panel discussion, four members of the Missouri Reverse Transfer (MRT) Steering Committee will provide updates on the MRT initiative, including the timeline for implementing the committee's recommendations on a statewide basis. The presenters

will solicit feedback on the proposed process and ways the MRT committee can help make implementation easier.

<u>Transfer of Introductory STEM Courses</u>

Truman B

Presenters: Tim Walston, Associate Professor of Biology, Truman State University

Barbara Kramer, Associate Professor of Chemistry, Truman State University

David Garth, Professor of Mathematics, Truman State University

Moderator: Fran Padow, Metropolitan Community College Kansas City

While the Associate of Arts degree provides a broad educational foundation, it is weak on courses in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) disciplines. In addition, introductory and mid-level core STEM courses offered by the community colleges often fail to fulfill the degree requirements at the four-year institutions. Students transferring from community colleges into STEM majors at undergraduate institutions often find themselves behind their peers and needing a fifth year to graduate. This session will increase awareness of this problem and facilitate a discussion on possible solutions.

<u>Dual Enrollment Strategies - 'The Best of'</u>

Truman C

Presenter: Kimberly Fitzgerald, Acting Vice President of Student Affairs, St. Louis Community College

Moderator: Erika Murphy Malone, St. Louis Community College

Recruiting and retaining dual enrollment students can lead to a long term investment in your college or university. High school students have an opportunity to experience the college setting while still enrolled in high school and have the ability to earn college credit before they officially start their path to higher education.

Come prepared to share in an informal roundtable setting what's working – and what's not working – at your institution. Participants will walk away with ideas they can implement at their institutions by seeking 'the best of.'

11:10 – 12:05 Session Two Breakouts

<u>Taking Steps Toward Implementing Best Practices in Remedial Education</u>

Truman A

Presenters: Melody Shipley, Developmental Education Coordinator, North Central Missouri College Rusty Monhollon, Ph.D., Assistant Commissioner for Academic Affairs, MDHE Moderator: Amy Werner, MDHE

In this presentation, two members of the Taskforce for College and Career Readiness will provide an overview of the recently approved Principles for Best Practices in Remedial Education. The timeline for implementing the committee's recommendations on a statewide basis will be discussed. The presenters will solicit feedback on the proposed process and ways that the TCCR committee can help ensure a smooth implementation.

Demystifying Military Transfer Credit: Roundtable Discussion Truman B

Presenter: Eric Drummond, Senior Military Services Associate, Columbia College *Moderator: Erin Shaw, Truman State University*

In this roundtable, we will discuss the background of military transfer credit and identify some common tools used in the process. We will examine how institutions are interpreting the Executive Order 13607 (Principles of Excellence) to maintain compliance. The schools in attendance will then deliberate over the best practices for the award of credit. We will identify strengths and challenges of these procedures and exchange ideas for improvement. This will lead to an interchange of contact information and open networking opportunities amongst colleagues.

NACEP Accreditation: Advancing Quality College Courses in High School and Improving Credit Transfer Truman C

Presenters: Kent Scheffel, Vice President, Lewis and Clark Community College President-Elect, NACEP

Kathleen Burns, Ph.D., Academic Director, University of Missouri- St. Louis

Moderator: Kathleen Burns, Ph.D., University of Missouri - St. Louis

This presentation will include a brief description of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP) organization and mission, as well as the standards of NACEP. A brief synapsis of recent studies conducted via NACEP accredited programs and the data collected on course transfer.

11:10 -12:30 The Five Stages of Missouri Reverse Transfer Jefferson A

This is a **must-attend** special session for all MRT Reverse Transfer Coordinators! The pilot partner institution RTCs will be sharing their experiences with the MO Reverse Transfer initiative thus far with all other institution RTCs who will be embarking on this initiative for the first time in fall 2014. Jason Taylor of the Lumina Foundation with the "Credit When It's Due" program will also be joining us for the discussion. Want to know the Five Stages?? Join us.

12:15- 1:25 Lunch and Networking Session

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1:30- 2:25 Session Three Breakouts

Missouri's Core Transfer Library: Collaboration Toward a Common Goal Truman A

Presenter: Angelette Prichett, Research Associate, MDHE

Moderator: Jenn Plemons. MDHE

Collaboration is the new buzzword for higher education. Higher education institutions are becoming increasingly more dependent upon collaboration as a means for sharing curricular resources, facilities, faculty, and even students. Students are transferring in-and-between institutions at a higher rate than ever, so to better facilitate the transferability of courses, the Missouri legislature tasked the Missouri Department of Higher Education with developing a transfer library of at least 25 courses that transfer as equivalent among all public institutions. The result has been a statewide collaborative involving public and independent institutional registrars, chief academic officers, and state representatives. This session will examine the collaborative process, progress, and next steps for implementing Missouri's Core Transfer Library.

Importing Transfer Equivalencies: How to Maximize Your Efficiency Truman B

Presenters: Scott Ziolko, Senior Evaluator, Columbia College

Tim Horzmann, Senior System Operations Manager, Columbia College

Moderator: Crystal Kroner, Missouri Department of Higher Education

Columbia College Evaluations Department wanted to create a more proactive workflow that improved efficiency and cut down on manual entry. We did so through third party software solutions that allowed us to create better course databases which in turn made it easier to implement transcript document reading. By taking full advantage of technology both new and existing we have drastically reduced our turn-around time, streamlined our processes, and increased transparency of transfer equivalency rules. By pairing College Source's TES® product and Hyland Software's TCE solution we have maximized their potential and our efficiency.

Reverse Data Transfer Exchange: A Registrar and National Student Clearinghouse Proposal Truman C

Presenters: Brenda Selman, University Registrar, MU; UM Representative for Student Systems

Dave Pelham, Vice President, Higher Education Development and Client Relations,

National Student Clearing House

Moderator: Dixie Williams, Missouri State University

During the spring of 2013, several registrars approached the National Student Clearinghouse seeking to leverage the existing network to assist and facilitate reverse transfer nationally. (NOTE: This is a very different approach to the exchange process that will be used by the Missouri Reverse Transfer Initiative initially. Once completed, this newly proposed process would simplify the data exchange, as well as enable students and institutions to work across state lines and with multiple institutions.) NSC staff took under consideration and agreed to a three-phase pilot. This session will review the proposal and current status of the effort, including the pilot.

2:30 – 3:00 Closing Remarks, Conference Evaluation Collection and Attendance Prizes MO/CAP Ballroom