

OATN Technology Steering Committee Meeting – October 19, 2017

ODHE Statewide Guaranteed Credit Transfer (SGCT) Project Update

- ODHE Consultant Mr. Dave Sauter gave an overview of project and progress.
- The current focus is to deliver new codes that will be reported to the Higher Education Information System.
- New codes and definitions were proposed and vetted through ODHE internal staff. These codes and definitions were sent to the OATN Technology Committee.
- The SGCT committee recently reviewed the existing and proposed codes, and in addition an email was sent to institutions requesting liaisons to help implement the codes.
- OATN Technology Committee members suggested that we increase awareness and share information to ensure institutions are prepared with lead time to implement. In addition, concerns were raised about the viability of the College Credit Plus code for private non-profit institutions.
- A mandate *may* be necessary to guarantee that all institutions participate.

One Year Option (OYO) fall meeting

- Recently, discussions internally at ODHE has focused on participation for post-secondary institutions.
- All institutions that are authorized by HLC and ODHE to offer the ATS degree type (irrespective of it is A or B); will be authorized and expected to offer the five One Year ATS degree designations for chancellor approved 900 hour+ programs that equate to the award of 30 technical hours for the ATS degree.
- Proportional credit is a bit more complex and we are discussing this internally and information and a webinar will be planned for November for institutional feedback. That communication will go to the OYO lead that attended the meeting in spring for the institution of higher education or the person designated in the survey that followed the meeting.
- For more information contact Jamilah Tucker at jjones@highered.ohio.gov.

Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways Initiative

- Dr. Candice Grant at OATN provided an update on the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways Initiative. A PowerPoint provided key progress points and next steps. A copy will be provided to the committee via email; please visit our website at <https://www.ohiohighered.org/transfer/guaranteed-transfer-pathways>. Questions should be sent to Dr. Grant at cgrant@highered.ohio.gov.

Articulation & Transfer Clearinghouse (ATC) System

- ATC has done a good job supporting Ohio's public higher education institutions with transcript exchange. As we move forward with the HEI redesign, there is hope that the ATC might be considered for an update.
- Technology committee members spoke highly of the system, as it provides secure and dependable transcript exchange. Members also suggested that the ATC continue to be used for the Credit When It's Due (reverse transfer) process.
- When asked, there were no major concerns about the overhead and load on institutions to provide support for ATC alongside 3rd party vendor transcript solutions.

HEI Technology Update

ODHE representatives Jill Dannemiller and Michael Hopcraft provided an update on HEI re-modernization. A new target of March 2018 was provided as deadline to cutover to a new HEI Core Portal & Financial Aid upgrade. The handout provided at the meeting will be sent to the committee soon. To view the latest updates of the HEI project, please visit this site:

https://www.ohiohighered.org/content/re_engineering_hei

Institutional highlights and other updates

Lastly, the committee discussed initiatives and projects currently underway by their respective institutions. With Mr. Dave Sauter's retirement in February, the OATN is proud to announce that the next chair for the committee is Ms. Regina Randall. She has served on the committee over the years and we are happy that she has accepted the role. We look forward to her leadership in the new year.