OATN Technology Steering Committee Meeting – April 12, 2018

ODHE Statewide Guaranteed Credit Transfer (SGCT) Project Update

- ODHE Consultant Mr. Dave Sauter gave an overview of project and progress, which included history and updates. An update was also given on the Transcript Exploration Project.
- Key questions were brought up during the session, which included whether transcription was necessary, the workload it would take, and the possibility of errors.
- The focus of the project is help improve student outcomes, and the start of the conversation on transcription will help flush out other issues and determine the best path forward.
- A suggestion was made about the Academic Record being important to recording credit. In addition, a repository would still be a goal to bolster a statewide solution for having a credit bank.
- We hope to have a meeting soon to kick off the Transcript Exploration Project – at this time a target date would be the end of April or early May.

Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways Initiative

Katie Dean at OATN provided an update on the Ohio Guaranteed Transfer Pathways Initiative. Major updates include the release of the Business Pathways template and the soon to be finalization of Social Work. A PowerPoint will be provided to the committee via email.

Two key questions were brought up to the committee. First, how can we track student who complete a pathway? Second, how can institutions show a student has completed a guaranteed transfer pathway? The goal is to strengthen ongoing research to ensure the effectiveness of the initiative. The committee discussed potential answers, which included advising and a potential to use the transcript to track.

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.

Banner 9 upgrade and other SIS updates

The Banner 9 upgrade was brought up to committee members. A roadmap was released at a recent Ellucian meeting, including a cloud consideration that would mean less customization, and a more lenient timeline for the cutover to Banner 9 from version 8. OATN members emphasized the potential impact of the upgrade to Banner 9 on ATC (transcript system), and also that Youngstown State University and Wright State University are looking into workarounds to ensure compatibility.

HEI Technology Update

The committee welcomed ODHE representatives Jill Dannemiller and Michael Hopcraft, both of whom provided an update on HEI re-modernization project. The new HEI is live and was released in January, which coincided with the new War Orphans Scholarship and the Nurse Education Loan Program. OCOG (Ohio College Opportunity Grant) will be released in the fall and will complete the new HEI.

Institutional highlights and other updates

The committee discussed key projects currently underway by their respective institutions. A plug was made for the upcoming Credit When It's Due meeting on April 19th which will lead off the new round.