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## Special Features

### Complete College Ohio

A **full report** of the Complete College Ohio task force’s recommendations to increase degree and certificate completion in Ohio was released in mid-November. The notion of enhancing Ohio’s articulation and credit transfer initiatives is interwoven throughout the document, and we are thrilled by this exciting platform for innovation as the state moves forward!

### OTM Natural Sciences Summit – December 7, 2012

Nearly 100 devoted natural sciences faculty members came together for this event to discuss perspectives on what should be included in OTM natural science laboratory courses to inform the OTM Natural Sciences panel’s future reviews of such courses. The Summit was a tremendous success because



of the excellent participation from faculty around the state, and we are grateful to all attendees for their contributions. We are especially grateful to the OTM Faculty Subcommittee co-chairs, Cathy Chudzinski with Terra Community College and Randy Smith with The Ohio State University, and the

OTM Natural Sciences panel faculty lead, Paul Sampson with Kent State University, for their leadership during the Summit. The OTM Natural Sciences panel will continue to discuss this concept and refine its review processes.

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Many of you are likely aware that the Board of Regents has “moved in” with the Ohio Department of Education. Our new building is located at: 25 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215 with all other contact details remaining the same. The OATN staff is located on the 2nd floor of the building with lovely riverfront views and we welcome visitors!



*Our new home at 25 South Front Street in Columbus, Ohio.*

## Policy & Compliance Reports

Just as the Articulation and Transfer Policy keeps some of your staff members busy with course matching and CEMS submissions, our staff members are busy assisting them with match, submission and review questions, as well as charting progress on statewide participation in the initiatives. See below for snapshots on how the state is doing with the various required submissions.

### Academic Calendar Conversion Progress

- **TAG** - 92 % of TAG courses are approved, still under review or submitted for the winter review cycle. This leaves 125 matches to be submitted/resubmitted and approved to complete the necessary reviews for courses at schools affected by their recent conversion to a semester calendar.
- **CTAGs** - 49% of CTAG courses are approved or submitted to be reviewed for the winter cycle. This leaves 177 matches still to be submitted and approved.
- **OTM** - 93% of OTM courses are approved, still under review or submitted for the winter review cycle, leaving 100 calendar conversion courses to be submitted/resubmitted and approved.

### Transfer Module with Learning Outcomes in English Composition and Mathematics

81% of these courses are either approved or submitted and under

## Special Features (cont.)

### Advanced Energy Workshop – October 15, 2012

With remarks from Chancellor Petro and a number of insightful presentations, including industry panels on advanced energy workforce needs and shale gas course and program support, this event, co-sponsored with the University of Toledo, was “high energy” and informative! In addition to the industrial perspective, participants also were educated on the process of TAG and CTAG creation.

### IBEW/NECA Electrical Trades Apprenticeship Pathway to a Technical Associate Degree

We are delighted to announce that Ohio’s first Statewide Apprenticeship Pathway to an Associate Degree for the IBEW/NECA Electrical Trades was granted full approval by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) on December 6, 2012! We look forward to working with other Apprenticeship groups on additional statewide pathways.

review. We are still expecting 69 courses/matches out of a total of 360 courses/matches.

### Grace Period/Conditional Approval

A subset of the calendar conversion courses and OTM courses with learning outcomes in addition to Math and HIM TAG courses from those schools that have been on semesters (19 other schools) are currently conditionally approved under a grace period that expires at the end of the 2013 spring semester. There are still 138 OTM courses (57% of the total expected number) and 71 TAG courses (45% of the total expected number) that need to be approved.

### Deadlines

The next submission deadline is **January 15, 2013 for both TAG and OTM** and **January 14, 2013 for CTAGs**. Calendar conversion schools, please don’t forget to submit a new OTM Grid and course mappings for

Advanced Placement (AP) in the Course Equivalency Management System (CEMS) by January 15, 2013.

***Action is needed to get all of these courses approved by the end of Spring 2013, so please make this a “must” priority for early 2013. In the coming weeks, the OATN will be contacting each USO institution with individualized compliance reports and the request to finalize submissions so that students will continue to receive the benefits of the statewide guarantees of these courses.***

Questions regarding compliance for the OTM/TAGs can be directed to Hideo Tsuchida ([htsuchida@regents.state.oh.us](mailto:htsuchida@regents.state.oh.us)) and for CTAGs, to Ryan Cupp ([rcupp@regents.state.oh.us](mailto:rcupp@regents.state.oh.us)).

## Meetings of the Minds

A number of you participate with one of our many advisory groups. We truly believe these groups are the reason we are so successful in implementing transfer policies in Ohio. Here is a quick recap of some of the recent meetings of these and some other groups convened by the OATN:

### **OATN Oversight Board - December 6, 2012**

The Board discussed ongoing OATN business. Highlights of the meeting were a discussion of the Complete College Ohio Task Force's recommendations for improving college completion in the state, with a particular emphasis on statewide articulation and credit transfer, as well as a webinar overview of the Texas Tuning initiative led by Dr. Mary Smith, Assistant Deputy Commissioner in the Office of Academic Planning and Policy with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The Board's next meeting is Thursday, March 7. Location TBA.

### **OTM Faculty Subcommittee - September 14, 2012**

The Faculty Subcommittee met at The Ohio State University. Updates were shared from each of the Review Panels as well as from OATN staff. A highlight of the meeting was a larger discussion regarding concerns over the course review process for Anatomy and Physiology laboratory courses. At the suggestion of the Faculty Subcommittee, the statewide Natural Science Summit (discussed above) was held in early December. Excellent discussions occurred and the OTM Natural Sciences panel will follow up accordingly. The

subcommittee will convene again on Friday, April 12. Location TBA.

### **(CT)<sup>2</sup> Advisory Councils**

The **(CT)<sup>2</sup> Adult Advisory Council** met on October 4, 2012. A number of new members were welcomed and (CT)<sup>2</sup> processes affecting adult workforce education (AWE) centers were discussed during the meeting. Meeting highlights included Gayle Ashbridge's update on new Adult CTAGs in addition to members sharing excellent ideas related to better marketing (CT)<sup>2</sup> to AWE students who are completing their AWE programs and could take advantage of the credit transfer guarantees to further their education. This group meets again on Thursday, April 4. Location TBA.

The **(CT)<sup>2</sup> Secondary Advisory Council** met on October 11, 2012. During this meeting, several new members were welcomed and innovative ideas for enhancing (CT)<sup>2</sup> were shared. Highlights of the discussion included ideas on the best organizations to reach out to and events to attend to increase the visibility of (CT)<sup>2</sup> and better communicate with the field with publications and website enhancements. This group meets again on Tuesday, April 16. Location TBA.

### **OATN Advisory Council – November 15, 2012**

The Council met at Columbus State Community College. The meeting was full of updates and highlights, including a presentation from Dr. Pat Brewer regarding the American Council on Education (ACE) recommendations for Credit for Prior Learning, including Prior Learning Assessments (PLA) and military training and experience. There also was a discussion led by Dr. Wayne Carlson regarding The Ohio State University's decision to offer several courses through Coursera, one of the nation's largest Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) platforms. This group is scheduled to meet again on Thursday, May 16. Location TBA.

### **Exploration of new concepts related to dual enrollment – September 5, 2012**

Two committees were convened in early September to discuss a possible new set of statewide guarantees for introductory applied or technical courses that would not fit already existing statewide guarantees, as well as a potential process for the exception of dual enrollment courses that may not fit the forthcoming guidelines for dual enrollment. Data regarding the potential new set of statewide guarantees has been collected and is currently under analysis, and the dual enrollment exceptions continue to be refined by the committee. Since much of the membership overlaps, a decision was made to combine these committees and another meeting will be scheduled in the coming weeks to progress these concepts.

## Transfer Tech Tools

### New website launch

After months of preparation, [OhioMeansSuccess.org](http://OhioMeansSuccess.org) was launched in mid-November! This is an online tool that includes free resources designed to help Ohio students, their families and academic counselors find the best and most affordable pathways to completing college degrees and career-technical credentials. Included in these resources is the [Ohio Transfer to Degree Guarantee](http://OhioTransferToDegreeGuarantee.org) website, which makes it easier for students to learn about how their credits will transfer among USO institutions. We love the new site and our new logo, which you see on this newsletter!

### Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse (ATC)

**ATC Steering Committee – met September 18, 2012 and November 27, 2012**

The Articulation and Transfer Clearinghouse (ATC) Steering Committee was chartered over the summer to achieve a fully paperless transcript exchange process throughout the University System of Ohio (USO), in addition to beginning work on implementing an electronic import of transcript data directly into institutional Student Information Systems (SIS). The Committee met once in early September and again in late November to progress these goals. In support of these goals, Chancellor Jim Petro sent a letter on November 30, 2012 to all USO presidents communicating his expectation that all institutions

will be exclusively exchanging transcripts with one another electronically.

### ATC Summit – Save the date! April 25, 2013

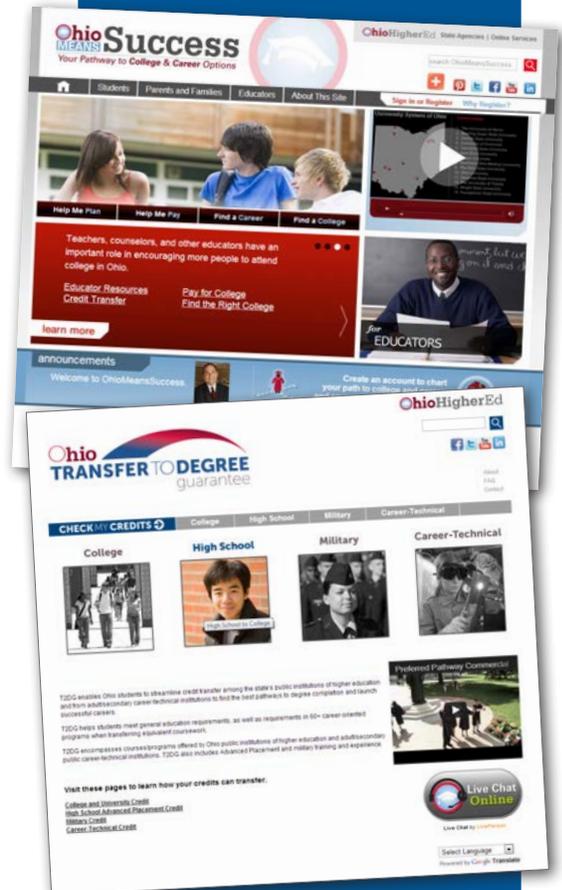
The OATN and the Ohio Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (OACRAO) are co-hosting an ATC Summit this spring to share information about the possibility of SIS imports of ATC transcript data across the USO. The Summit will include presentations and live demonstrations from USO institutions who have automated their various SIS import processes. Our hope is that participating institutions will walk away with the necessary information to adopt and implement one of the processes that will best fit their own business processes.

### Ohio eTranscripts project

We were delighted to receive nine proposals for funding for the Ohio eTranscripts project, which will engage various campuses in a project to import data directly from electronic high school transcripts into their various Student Information Systems (SIS). Once all paperwork is completed, an announcement of all grant award winners will be made and the project will officially get started.

### CEMS upgrade

The CEMS upgrade is in the testing phase. Once the comprehensive testing is complete, we will begin



Two new websites:  
*Ohio Means Success (top) &  
Ohio Transfer to Degree Guarantee*

to coordinate training for the many CEMS users before we go live with the upgraded system.

### Switching to WebEx for conference calls & webinars

The OATN has chosen WebEx to replace Qwest Communications/Century Link as our webinar and conference call provider. If you participate in any OATN conference calls, please note this change and consider connecting to the audio through your computer for added cost savings! If you ever need assistance with OATN conference calls, Carlos Bing can assist (614.466.4818).



## Staff Happenings

### Welcome Kevin Sosa!

We are so pleased to have recently welcomed the newest OATN staff member, Kevin Sosa! Kevin, our new Associate Director for Articulation and Transfer Technology (a new position created upon Terea Shambry-Wollins' departure), started in late November and has hit the ground running. He holds an MBA from the Keller Graduate School of Management and a Bachelor of Science in computer networking.

Prior to joining the OATN, Kevin worked for five years at DeVry University. He is an outdoorsman, participating in a variety of fresh-air activities such as basketball, Frisbee golf, running and tennis. He also enjoys traveling and hopes to visit his original home, Belize, in the next few years. He is dad to three canine kiddos, including two chihuahuas and a yellow lab. Even outside of work, Kevin is interested in technology as he loves tinkering with computers and learning about new technology.



### The Active OATN

We are so proud of our active staff! In September Mitsu Narui and Hideo Tsuchida participated in the 16th annual United States Air Force Marathon in Dayton, Ohio. Hideo completed the ½ marathon and Mitsu completed the full marathon as a precursor to the Columbus Marathon, which she completed in October, beating her personal best time by 8 minutes!

## Other News & Notes from Chancellor Petro's Office

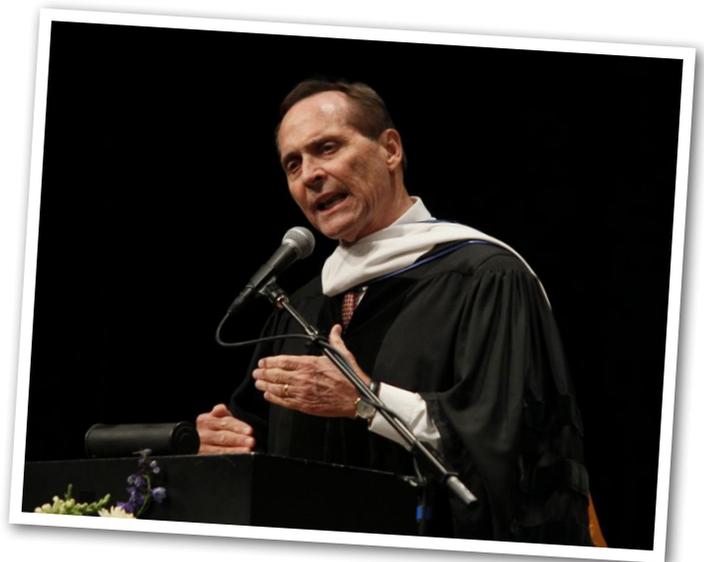
### Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Jim Petro to Retire from Public Service

COLUMBUS, OH - Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Jim Petro has announced he will retire from public service as of Feb. 1, 2013. Petro was appointed by Governor John Kasich in March 2011 and leads the University System of Ohio, one of the largest systems of public higher education in the nation.

"I appreciate Jim's work to help our Administration bring valuable improvements to the way Ohioans prepare for careers after they leave high school," said Gov. Kasich. "He's helped change a system that needed changing and has been a committed advocate for Ohioans of all ages who want to learn, upgrade their skills and make their futures brighter. I'll miss working with him, but wish him and Nancy well in this new chapter of their life together."

Under Petro's leadership, the Board of Regents accomplished several key objectives, including:

- **Expanded ability for commercialization at universities:** Petro improved commercialization efforts in the state, marshaling the expertise of Ohio's university research community and top business leaders to knock down barriers and encourage the further commercialization of innovative ideas and products.
- **Developed concrete strategies for increasing the state's overall attainment of degrees and workforce credentials:** Petro recently convened the Complete College Ohio Task Force, which produced the first-ever detailed approach to helping students complete their degrees. Petro's key advocacy has been to increase the number of students who attain their degrees in Ohio.
- **Streamlined Technology Resources:** Created OH-TECH, the Ohio Technology Consortium, by merging the Ohio Academic Resources Network, Ohio Supercomputer Center (OSC) and Ohio Learning Network (OLN) and shifting all IT personnel from OhioLINK into a single consortium. The merger cut down on the expenses caused by administrative, technological and management duplication and inefficiency, **generating an estimated savings of \$650,000 to \$850,000 per year.**



- **Upgrades to OARnet:** Launched Ohio into the future of technology through the **creation of a high-speed, statewide broadband pipeline designed to carry data at astonishing speeds of 100Gbps**, a tenfold improvement, and open a new frontier for Ohio's researchers and job creators.
- **Better Education Coordination: Improved P-20 collaboration** efforts by overseeing the move of the Ohio Board of Regents' office from the Rhodes Tower to the Ohio Department of Education Building at 25 S. Front St. The move was completed by Dec. 31, 2012.

"I am extremely honored that Gov. Kasich asked me to serve as chancellor of Ohio's university system," Chancellor Petro said. "Together we set an aggressive course for Ohioans to achieve a higher level of degrees and credentials of value that will help improve our state's overall economic success. There is no better state in our country than Ohio, and I feel privileged to have served as Attorney General, Auditor of State, State Representative, Cuyahoga County Commissioner, Councilman and Law Director. I am proud to have led teams of dedicated individuals whose goal has always been to serve Ohioans."

## Other News & Notes from Chancellor Petro's Office

### Ohio Announces Internship/Co-Op Program Award Recipients

#### *Grant Money Designed to Help Business/Education Partners Fill Workforce Needs*

COLUMBUS, OH – Up to 3,500 students at Ohio colleges and universities will benefit from co-ops and internships created through an \$11 million state investment with matching dollars from employers throughout the state such as Honda, Procter & Gamble, Owens Corning and First Energy.

Recipients of the funds – designed to award business and education partners that enhance learning opportunities for students in Ohio through co-ops and internships – have been announced, contingent upon approval by the State of Ohio Controlling Board in January. The grants are part of Governor John Kasich's workforce development strategies to align Ohio's higher education curriculum with skills that are in demand by Ohio's businesses.

"These awards are meant to provide Ohio employers with opportunities to benefit from the talents of Ohio's college and career technical students," said Ohio Board of Regents Chancellor Jim Petro. "And they'll provide students with valuable internship or co-op experience."

The state funding comes from casino license fees and is specifically for this purpose. Funding was awarded to 10 community colleges and 13 public or private universities and is projected to create up to 3,496 co-op and internship positions. Undergraduate programs are required to match 100 percent and graduate programs are required to match 150 percent of the awarded grant with private money. Lead

applicants must partner with businesses from the following JobsOhio target industries – advanced manufacturing, aerospace/aviation, automotive, biohealth, energy, financial services, food processing, information technology, polymers and business functions such as logistics and research and development.

Ohio institutions of higher education will partner with up to 1,500 employers to provide paid and credited internships and co-ops to their students. Small, medium and large employers are included in the mix of

places of employment for student interns and co-ops, and a complete list of participating businesses is available online at [www.ohiohighered.org/omic/employer-partnerships](http://www.ohiohighered.org/omic/employer-partnerships).

Schools receiving the awards are as follows:

Antioch College; Bowling Green State University; Central State University; Cincinnati State Technical and Community College; Clark State Community College; Cleveland State University; Cuyahoga Community College; Kent State University; Lorain County Community College/Stark State College; Marion Technical College; Miami University; The Ohio State University; Rhodes State College; Sinclair Community College; Southern State Community College; Terra Community College; University of Akron; University of Cincinnati; University of Dayton; University of Toledo; Wright State University; and Youngstown State University.

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