

COAPI Small Colleges and “Teaching-first” Universities Working Group

Charge

The Coalition of Open Access Policy Institutions (COAPI) strives to inspire, promote and implement open access policies at all institutions where such policies do not exist or are not effective. In an effort to fully support institutions of all sizes and status, this working group was formed to identify and support current COAPI members at smaller institutions or institutions with a teaching-first focus, as opposed to a research-first focus. This working group is charged with identifying current members that fall into this category and assessing how COAPI can better support them.

Responsibilities

1. Identify small and/or “teaching-first” institutions among the current COAPI membership.
2. Contact identified members directly or through a formal survey to assess:
 - a. How COAPI can better serve their needs
 - b. What specific obstacles their institution is facing in developing or implementing OA policies
 - c. What COAPI services could be added or changed to be more useful?
 - d. What is working (success stories)
3. Recruit new members among smaller colleges, such as:
 - a. Members of the Oberlin Group
 - b. HBCUs
 - c. Small religious institutions
4. Make recommendations to the Steering Committee based on assessment results
5. Develop new resources targeted to small and under-served institutions for the Toolkit
6. Use survey results to begin to develop potential programs and outreach strategies to help meet the needs of small and teaching-first” institutions
 - a. Possible mentoring program - full COAPI members can mentor affiliate (or new) members and give direct guidance and support
 - b. Gathering funds (from larger colleges or SPARC) to offer incentives for participating in COAPI activities

Membership

1. The working group should include at least 3 members, each serving a 2-year term
2. COAPI members of all membership levels are welcome to serve on the working group
3. Membership needs will be assessed after the first year (May 2020) to determine if recruiting is necessary, and then subsequently each year after in May as long as group exists

Current Members

Jennifer Coronado - Butler - (2021-2023)

Victoria Peters - DePauw - (2021-2023)

Erica Pye - Abilene Christian University - (2019-2021) Chair, (2021-2023)

Andrew Weiss - CSU Northridge - (2019-2021), (2021-2023) Chair

Former Members

Jere Odell - IUPUI - (2019-2021)

Timeline & Deliverables

1. Fall 2019
 - a. Identify small and teaching-first institutions among members
 - b. Develop questions or survey
 - c. Contact these institutions and document responses
2. Spring 2020
 - a. Written report submitted to Steering Committee with recommendations and findings
 - b. New COAPI members recruited among small and teaching-first institutions
 - c. Recruit new members (one or two) to Working Group and reassess the membership
3. Fall 2020
 - a. New resources developed and added to Toolkit
 - b. Begin to develop programs/outreach strategies identified in survey results
4. Spring 2021
 - a. Continue to develop and implement potential programs and outreach strategies