

**Kansas Board of Regents
Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee**

**MINUTES
Monday, June 1, 2020**

The June 1, 2020 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Schmidt at 11:03 a.m. The meeting was held by Zoom and live streamed for the public.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Schmidt, Chair Regent Kiblinger	Regent Harrison-Lee	Regent Van Etten
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson Julene Miller	Karla Wiscombe Crystal Puderbaugh Natalie Yoza	Samantha Christy-Dangermond Travis White Scott Smathers
Others:	Brian Niehoff, K-State Mark Haub, K-State Shawn Hutchinson, K-State Chuck Martin, K-State Howard Smith, PSU	Jeff Radel, KUMC Mike Werle, KUMC Matt Schuette, KUMC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Eric Elsinghorst, KUMC Robert Klein, KUMC Jean Redeker, KU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU

Regent Schmidt welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members, presenters, and KBOR staff.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Kiblinger moved to approve the May 20, 2020 meeting minutes, and Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussions, the motion passed.

Consent Items

- K-State is requesting a BS in Geographic Information Science and Technology. Brian Niehoff provided a brief overview of the program. Shawn Hutchinson, Professor of Geography and Director of K-State's Geographic Information Systems Spatial Analysis Laboratory was available for questions. Regent Kiblinger moved to approve the new program, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed. Regent Schmidt noted this proposal will be forwarded to the Board for approval on June 17, 2020.
- K-State is requesting a BS in Sports Nutrition. Brian Niehoff provided a brief overview of the program. Mark Haub, Department of Food, Nutrition, Dietetics and Health, was available for questions. Regent Kiblinger asked for clarification on the number of students in the first year, and if the program is estimated to grow. Brian responded he believes this program will grow quickly and he noted funding will be available for additional classes. Mark clarified there are about 60 students in the current Nutrition and Kinesiology dual degree option, and 24 students admitted for fall 2020 under the new degree plan. He noted the goal is to have about 80 students in the fall.

Regent Kiblinger moved to approve the new program, and Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed. Regent Schmidt noted this proposal will be forwarded to the Board for approval on June 17, 2020.

- KUMC is requesting an MS in Genetic Counseling. Eric Elsinghorst, Chair of the Department of Clinical Laboratory Sciences, and Jeff Radel, Department of Occupational Therapy Education, provided a brief overview and were available for questions. Eric noted this is a 57-credit hour, 2-year master's program. He stated genetic testing is the most rapidly growing area in the clinical laboratory. The ability to provide an interpretation and communication of the outcome of that kind of testing to both patients and healthcare teams, while also providing counseling in terms of that interpretation and the impact of that meaning, is a rapidly growing aspect of healthcare teams. Eric noted there is no similar program in Kansas. Jeff commented that he has been contacted by students interested in this program, and they have facilitated a survey to Genetic Counselors in the region which also demonstrated support. Regent Van Etten asked about science prerequisites for the program. Jeff responded they have expectations of basic science prerequisites and counseling psychology prerequisites or other courses with similar content. There aren't many specific course requirements, besides biochemistry and genetics. One of the letters of recommendation they require for admission is a letter from a supervisor who can speak to the applicant's advocacy experience. Eric noted they have left requirements relatively broad to avoid exclusion. Accreditors will have input on prerequisite courses.

Regent Van Etten moved to approve the new program, and Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed. Regent Schmidt noted this proposal will be forwarded to the Board for approval on June 17, 2020.

Act on Request for a New Certificate of Approval for Degree Granting Authority for National University

Crystal Puderbaugh presented an overview of the request. Crystal noted the application includes catalogs, enrollment agreements, financial statements, refund policies, mission and attendance requirements, and that they meet Kansas Statute requirements. Crystal stated she looks at faculty qualifications and the programs and compares them to similar programs offered in Kansas or elsewhere. This includes looking at regional and national standards, certifications, or accreditation to ensure the course work is relevant to the program offered.

Regent Harrison-Lee moved to approve the request, and Regent Kiblinger seconded the motion. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed.

Private Post-Secondary (PPS) Report

Crystal Puderbaugh provided an overview of the private and out-of-state postsecondary footprint in Kansas from July 2017 to June 2019. Crystal highlighted the following background information:

- Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act enacted in 2004 by K.S.A. 74-32, 162. This authorizes private and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas with a Certificate of Approval.
- Approved institutions offer instruction in business trades, technical and industrial occupations, and confer degrees.
- Institutions complete an annual renewal application for continued approval. The application includes ownership, financial statements, admission documentation, recruiting and marketing materials, program course work, and faculty qualifications. This includes an application fee. Schools must also submit an annual renewal application.

Crystal provided data and highlighted the following information:

- In 2018 and 2019 there was a continued decrease in approved institutions.
- Of the 128 approved institutions in 2019, 76 were in-state both physically located and incorporated or organized in Kansas.
- Only one institution is public, and they offer a dental hygiene program at Colby Community College.
- The largest level of approved programs is at the certificate/diploma level, and this includes real estate and insurance prelicensure programs. Most completions are in business and health related professions.

- Approved institutions have seen a decline in enrollment. In FY 2018 there were 19,422 enrolled, and in FY 2019 there were 18,032.

Crystal provided legislative updates. Due to the shortened legislative session, the Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act will be proposed next session. This legislation would strengthen the Board's authority by focusing on:

- Jurisdiction
- Consumer Protection
- Strengthening Oversight
- Penalties

Regent Schmidt asked if the certificates could be sorted out from the diplomas. Crystal responded that they combine these in the title because institutions call these different things, and there is nothing that delineates the difference. Regent Schmidt asked if the number of credits are consistent. Crystal responded that the credits or awarded program details are different for each and are based on the type of program. They are usually less than the 60-hour level. Regent Schmidt would like to look further into how many credit hours are going out-of-state to private institutions. Crystal will provide this as a follow-up.

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Update

Regent Schmidt will provide an update at the next meeting on June 17, 2020.

Coordinating Council Update

Regent Kiblinger noted the Council met on May 28, 2020. Items discussed include:

- Finalizing their charter;
- Standardizing spring break dates for post-secondary and K-12 schools;
- KBOR Workforce Development developing a database of online CTE courses for high school seniors;
- Developing advising connections between K-12 counselors and post-secondary academic advisors; and
- Discussions on developing common advisory committees for career and technical education programs.

Adjournment

Regent Schmidt discussed the next tentative agenda. The next meeting will be via video conference on June 17, 2020 and livestreamed for the public. There is a chance that Board members and university Presidents may be present in person, but all others will be virtual.

Regent Kiblinger moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.