

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

**MINUTES  
Monday, May 3, 2021**

The May 3, 2021 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 11:01 a.m. The meeting was held by Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Regent Kiblinger, Chair	Regent Schmidt	Regent Van Etten
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson Connie Beene Marti Leisinger	Karla Wiscombe Sam Christy-Dangermond Travis White Scott Smathers	Tara Lebar April Henry Cindy Farrier
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Brian Niehoff, K-State Erin Shaw, Highland CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jerry Pope, KCKCC Kim Morse, Washburn Melinda Roelfs, PSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Robert Klein, KUMC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Kelly Bosak, KUMC Linnea GlenMaye, ESU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Shannon Portillo, KU Cole Shewmake, PSU	Brian Inbody, Neosho County CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Mike Strohschein, Washburn Tech Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Regent Kiblinger welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

**Consent Items**

Brian Niehoff presented the K-State request for a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science. Pamela Kempton and Chris Culbertson were available for questions. This is an interdisciplinary degree where most courses are already being taught, so there is a low startup cost. K-State offers a secondary major in Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences, but this degree would give students an outlet for a stand-alone major, which allows cost savings for students who don't want to go back and get a secondary major. Job growth regionally and nationally is growing for these degrees, and salaries are above average. FHSU and KU have similar programs. The K-State degree will be more science-based. Surrounding states also have similar programs. Regent Van Etten asked if this is an industry-recognized degree. Pamela responded it is and is highly employable in the Environmental Science field.

Jean Redeker presented the KU request for a Master of Arts in Organizational Communication. Shannon Portillo was available for questions. The program will be offered online through the School of Professional Studies at the KU Edwards campus. Previously the Communications Studies department at the Lawrence campus offered a master's degree with a concentration in Organizational Communication. The courses in the program are already being offered, so there are no additional costs. Regent Kiblinger asked for clarification on program costs. Jean responded they would have to hire some teaching positions at the KU Edwards Campus, but this would be

covered by tuition. Jean clarified the costs are switching from the Lawrence campus to the KU Edwards campus as they will be taking on teaching and expenses for the program. Shannon noted these courses are already being taught, so some costs are shared with other programs.

Regent Van Etten moved to recommend both requests to the Board May agenda under consent, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Election Day as a Non-Instructional Holiday Update**

The Student Advisory Committee (SAC) has been working on an initiative this year to designate federal election day as a student holiday. This initiative was discussed at the last BAASC meeting on April 14. Daniel Archer stated that nearly all the SAC members would cycle off but noted Rija Kahn has won a second term and will remain Student Body President and on the SAC. Rija would like to gauge the interest of incoming student body presidents before proceeding, so this initiative is being placed on hold.

### **JCCC/KU Edwards Campus Transfer Pilot Update**

Shannon Portillo and Mickey McCloud presented the update. This pilot allows for increased transfer credit hours from JCCC to KU Edwards Campus and has shifted their understanding of making community college credits count the same way they would if they were transferring from a 4-year institution. An overview was provided in the agenda. Shannon and Mickey highlighted the following:

- The persistence and retention rates for participating students are high.
- Overall, it has increased the number of students who successfully transfer from the JCCC to KU Edwards.
- They have kept more Kansas students in Kansas and have also brought students back into the state.

### **Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Report**

Tara Lebar and Connie Beene presented the 2020 Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Report. This report can be found at [https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/credit\\_for\\_prior\\_learning](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/credit_for_prior_learning). This report tracks data from 15 types of CPL within the KBOR system, including CLEP, AP, IB, Credit for Military Learning, and Industry-Recognized Credentials. They highlighted the following from the report:

- Advanced Placement (AP) has the most credits issued, with Credit for Military Learning second.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) credits awarded made the top five for the first time.
- A Lumina Foundation grant provides funding to create new accelerated pathways for service members and veterans through four occupational areas.
- The grant requires universities to have 2-year college partners, and a list of partnerships is provided in the report. Additional partnerships can be added, and interest is growing.

Regent Van Etten asked about the question mark listed after Washburn and Allen CC, and whether universities are looking at other occupational areas outside of the four listed. Connie responded they would remove the question mark as these institutions have confirmed their partnership. Connie also responded the KBOR grant team cross-walked SOC codes to institutional CIP codes within the four Military Occupation Codes (MOC's) to assist institutions in identifying diverse degree options. Connie stated each university identified the MOC's they wanted to work on. The grant provides funding to the university and their 2-year partners, and universities are allowed to add additional MOC's and partners at any time during the grant project. Regent Schmidt asked for a list of all MOC's for which credit has been awarded and asked about Barton CC data which shows an extremely high number of credits awarded. Elaine Simmons, Vice President of Instruction at Barton CC, responded they serve two military bases. It was also clarified for the Regents that credit can be awarded for both graduate and undergraduate levels, but credit for graduate work is rare. Tara noted the advantage to CPL is giving students from different walks of life, including different age ranges and experiences a path to post-secondary education. Regent Kiblinger asked if they could break down how many credits are awarded to students by each high school or school district. Data for IB and AP are not disaggregated by high schools or districts to KBOR by

institutions, but we may have other options to find data to support the Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council's needs. Regent Van Etten suggested the data may be provided from the Kansas State Department of Education.

**Adjournment**

The next BAASC meeting is May 19, 2021, at 10:15 a.m. Regent Schmidt will provide an update from the Kansas Governor's Council on Education and asked this be added to this agenda.

Regent Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Van Etten seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.