

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

The November 2, 2021 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger Regent Winter	Regent Rolph	Regent Schmidt
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson April Henry Crystal Puderbaugh	Sam Christy-Dangermond Tara Lebar Cindy Farrier Scott Smathers	Karla Wiscombe Natalie Yoza Hector Martinez Lisa Beck
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Brenda Koerner, ESU Clay Stoldt, WSU Davood Askari, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn JoLanna Kord, ESU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Lisa Kirmer, FHTC Marc Malone, Garden City CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Remy Lequesne, KU Shawnee Hendershot, PSU Steve Loewen, FHTC Tiffany Evans, Colby CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Carter File, Hutchinson CC Corey Isbell, NCKTC Debbie Phelps, Cowley CC Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Jennifer Brown, NCKTC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Kim Withroder, MATC Laurel Littrell, K-State Melinda Roelfs, PSU Natalie Alleman, JCCC Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC Shirley Lefever, WSU Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Chuck Taber, KSU Cynthia Johnson, KU George Arasimowicz, ESU James Genandt, MATC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Jerry Pope, KCKCC Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Niya McAdoo, KU Rex Cheever, Hutchinson CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes, and Regent Rolph seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Items

- Crystal Puderbaugh presented the conditional certificate of approval for National American University (NAU). One of the roles of the Board is to regulate private and out-of-state institutions under the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutional Act. When NAU submitted its annual application to renew its certificate of approval, KBOR staff identified its financial statements did not meet minimum requirements. KBOR staff believe it is in the best interest to issue NAU a conditional certificate of approval to protect current and future Kansas students. In addition to requiring NAU to submit a financial improvement plan and quarterly financial statements, Crystal provided three additional options for consideration. The additional stipulations include prohibiting NAU from enrolling new Kansas residents, requiring a teach-out plan for current Kansas students, and requiring additional bonding.

Imposing these conditions rather than revoking NAU's renewal allows them to continue serving current Kansas students. Crystal clarified that if NAU cannot meet any of the conditions agreed upon, such as providing the requested bond amount, then BAASC would revisit revoking its certificate. Regents discussed the potential options, and Natalie Yoza, KBOR Associate General Counsel, provided clarifications.

Regent Kiblinger moved, and Regent Rolph seconded, to place on the Board consent agenda a recommendation to issue a conditional certificate of approval to NAU that includes a financial improvement plan, quarterly financial statements, and all three of the additional requirements as listed:

- Prohibit NAU from any new enrollments of Kansas residents until NAU meets the minimum financial requirements.
- Require a teach-out plan and listing of currently enrolled Kansas students, the program in which each student is enrolled, and the anticipated graduation date.
- Require additional bonding in an amount reasonable to protect Kansas students in the event of a closure.

Regent Schmidt requested the item be placed on the Board discussion agenda.

Regent Kiblinger amended her motion to place the item on the discussion agenda, and Regent Rolph agreed to the amendment. The amended motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Shirley Lefever presented two new WSU programs for approval: MS in Athletic Training and MS in Materials Engineering. Clay Stoldt, Interim Dean, provided an overview of the MS in Athletic Training. Several universities confirmed they have also shifted to master-level programs. Davood Askari, Associate Professor, provided an overview of the MS in Materials Engineering. It was noted there are no other similar programs within the regent system.

Regent Schmidt moved to place the two WSU new programs onto the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Rolph, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

AY 2020 Performance Reports

Sam Christy-Dangermond presented the AY 2020 Performance Reports for review and provided information on the performance funding process. Performance Agreement information can be found at https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/performance-agreements.

Performance reports from the following eleven institutions were presented. Each is eligible to receive 100% of any new legislative funding in July 2022, based on achieving at least four out of six indicators:

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| • Kansas State University | • Hutchinson Community College |
| • Pittsburg State University | • Johnson County Community College |
| • Washburn University | • Flint Hills Technical College |
| • Colby Community College | • Manhattan Area Technical College |
| • Cowley Community College | • North Central Kansas Technical College |
| • Garden City Community College | |

Institutional representatives provided a summary of their reports, and the Regents asked follow-up questions.

Regent Winter moved to approve the eleven institutions to receive 100% of any new funding for which they are eligible in 2022. Following the second of Regent Rolph, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Regent Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Kiblinger seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.