

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**

**MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, December 15, 2021
11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) will meet in Conference Room B, located in the Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas, 66612, with non-members being offered a virtual option. Meeting information will be sent to participants via email, or you may contact arobinson@ksbor.org.

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| I. Call to Order | Regent Kiblinger, Chair | |
| A. Roll Call and Introductions | | |
| B. Approve minutes from November 29, 2021 meeting | | p. 3 |
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II. Other Matters | | |
| A. Kansas State College Advising Corp | Tara Lebar & Meaghan
Higgins | p. 5 |
| B. Receive Qualified Admissions Report | Sam Christy-Dangermond | p. 7 |
| C. Advantage KS Coordinating Council (AKCC) Update | Regent Kiblinger | |
| D. Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Update | Regent Schmidt | |
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III. Suggested Agenda Items for January 4th Meeting | | |
| A. New Program Approvals | | |
| B. Tenure Track Extension | | |
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IV. Adjournment | | |

BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

Four Regents serve on the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC), established in 2002. The Regents are appointed annually by the Chair and approved by the Board. BAASC meets virtually approximately two weeks prior to each Board meeting. The Committee also meets the morning of the first day of the monthly Board meeting. Membership includes:

Shelly Kiblinger, Chair

Jon Rolph

Allen Schmidt

Wint Winter

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
AY 2022 Meeting Schedule**

<i>BAASC Academic Year 2021- 2022 Meeting Dates</i>			
Meeting Dates	Location	Time	Agenda Materials Due
August 31, 2021	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	August 10, 2021
September 15, 2021	Hybrid Meeting	1:30 p.m.	August 25, 2021
	*No Meetings in October		
November 2, 2021	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	October 12, 2021
November 17, 2021	Hybrid Meeting	10:30 a.m.	October 27, 2021
November 29, 2021	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	November 9, 2021
December 15, 2021	Hybrid Meeting	11:00 a.m.	November 24, 2021
January 4, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	December 14, 2021
January 19, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	December 29, 2021
February 1, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	January 11, 2022
February 16, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	January 26, 2022
March 1, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	February 8, 2022
March 16, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	February 23, 2022
April 5, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	March 15, 2022
April 20, 2022	FHSU	11:00 a.m.	March 30, 2022
May 3, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	April 12, 2022
May 18, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	April 27, 2022
May 31, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	May 10, 2022
June 15, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	May 25, 2022

*Please note virtual meeting times have changed to 9 a.m., and Board day meetings have changed to 11 a.m., unless otherwise noted.

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Monday, November 29, 2021

The November 29, 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	Sam Christy-Dangermond Tara Lebar Lisa Beck	Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier
Others:	Heather Morgan, KACCT Brenda Koerner, ESU Chuck Taber, KSU Janet Stramel, FHSU Jean Redeker, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Jess Fortner, Hutchinson CC Laurel Littrell, K-State Remy Lequesne, KU Shawnee Hendershot, PSU	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Howard Smith, PSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Morse, Washburn Monette DePew, Pratt CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Robert Klein, KUMC Tanya Gonzalez, KU	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC George Arasimowicz, ESU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Roberts, KU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tom Nevill, Butler CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes, and Regent Rolph seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Items

- Chuck Taber presented the K-State second reading for an MS in Aeronautics, offered by the College of Technology and Aviation on the Salina Campus. This program is responsive to industry requests, closely aligns with the K-State mission, and has strong demand. It focuses on serving the aerospace manufacturing sector, which is looking for new leadership and policy implementation skills.

Regent Rolph moved to place the MS in Aeronautics on the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Kiblinger, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Daniel Archer and Jennifer Roberts presented revisions to the Spoken English Language Policy. This policy addresses English speaking proficiency requirements for non-native-speaking faculty and teaching assistants at the six public institutions. Daniel provided a summary of the two substantive proposed changes to KBOR policy II.C.2.b.iii, which can be found on page 144 of the agenda. The first proposed set of changes adds specific English proficiency exams and details requisite scores for such exams. The second proposed set of changes aligns requirements for all appointment types of faculty and Graduate Teaching Assistants. KU would also like to align exclusions for sign language and foreign language instruction. Jennifer provided further details of the current differences in policy and the

reasons behind the request. Jennifer and Daniel addressed Regents' questions.

Regent Rolph moved to place revisions to the Spoken English Language Policy on the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Winter, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Discussion Item

Karla Wiscombe presented new Systemwide Transfer (SWT) courses for approval. She thanked everyone involved in this year-long process. During the 2021 KCOG Conference, groups reviewed 13 current Systemwide Transfer (SWT) courses and generated outcomes for six new SWT courses. TAAC approved the updated outcomes for 13 review courses and recommended the following six new courses for inclusion in SWT:

1. BIO2040 - Microbiology and Lab
2. BUS2030 - Business Law
3. EDU2020 - Educating Exceptional Students
4. HSC2010 - Prevention and Care of Athletic Injuries
5. POL2020 - State and Local Government
6. SOC2030 - Cultural Diversity and Ethnicity

These courses will be presented to the Board for approval in December. In January, the Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) will be asked to certify their course information in Course Inventory. Karla provided a background summary, details of the KBOR policy, and TAAC membership, as provided starting on page 20 of the agenda. With the six new courses, the total number of SWT courses will be 114. Karla answered clarifying questions from the Regents.

Regent Winter moved to place New Systemwide Transfer Courses on the Board discussion agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Rolph, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.

Regent Rolph moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Schmidt seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.



KANSAS STATE

College Advising Corps



AmeriCorps

ABOUT US

KSCAC hires recent college graduates to serve as college advisers full-time in select high schools. The college adviser assists by providing guidance and encouragement needed for students to navigate the college admissions and financial aid processes.

The need stems from the demands of a shifting economic and workforce development landscape.

- In the last 10 years, 40 percent of new jobs created in the Kansas City region required a bachelor's degree.
- 1 in 10 low-income students graduate with a bachelor's degree.
- The state of Kansas averages one counselor to every 430 students.
- The fastest growing jobs through 2026 will require postsecondary education.
- COVID-19 exacerbates barriers to higher education, further widening the economic opportunity gap

WHAT WE DO

Best-Fit Postsecondary Planning

Advisers help students explore all college and career opportunities, providing individualized support to ensure the student is prepared and intentional about postsecondary plans. *KSCAC advisers work to find the best fit institution and are not K-State admissions representatives.*

Student and Family Engagement

Advisers create a college-going culture by conducting college and financial aid workshops, facilitating campus tours, and connecting families to resources.

Removing Barriers

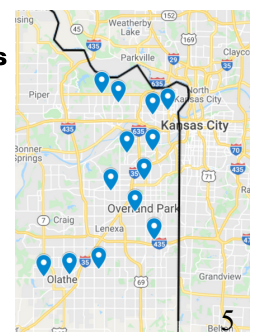
Advisers break down complicated admissions and financial aid processes by walking students through applications, the FAFSA, as well as other scholarship opportunities.

WE BELIEVE THAT EVERY STUDENT DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER AND COMPLETE HIGHER EDUCATION

The Kansas State College Advising Corps aims to increase the number of low-income, first-generation, and underrepresented high school students who pursue and achieve postsecondary credentials.

Serving Kansas City high schools since KSCAC's launch in 2016

Kansas City
Olathe
Shawnee Mission
Turner



IMPACT

Accomplishments
by KSCAC advisers
since 2016...

43,951

one-on-one advising
sessions held with 21,998
seniors.

41,735

college applications were
submitted with adviser help
for 14,571 seniors.

\$273M+

was accessed for seniors in
institutional aid and
scholarship dollars with our
advisers' help.

12,145

seniors supported in the
completion of the FAFSA.

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EXPANDING ACROSS THE STATE

Using the established KSCAC program and placing advisers in areas of greatest need, KSDE & KBOR will begin improving our state college-going rate impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The KBOR/KSDE collaboration allows KSCAC to expand from 13 schools to 51 schools in 24 areas to support Kansas students over the next three academic years.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All schools listed:

- 40% or lower FAFSA Completion*
- 30% or greater Free/Reduced Lunch*
- Senior Class larger than 100*

YEAR 1 2021-2022

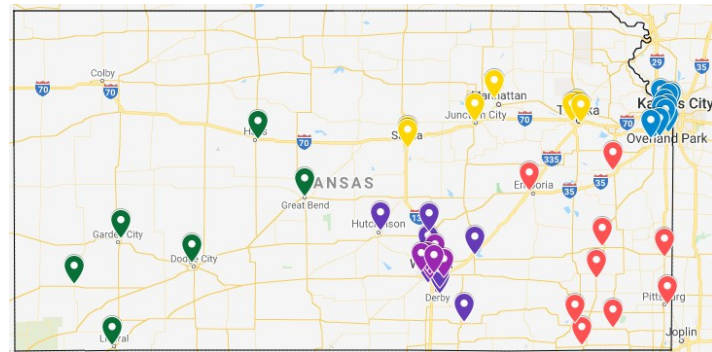
- 20** Advisers & 2 New staff supervisors
Dodge City, Garden City,
Liberal HS*, Ulysses
Campus HS, Valley Center,
Mulvane*
*still looking for an adviser

YEAR 3 2023-2024

- 51** Advisers & 1 New staff supervisor
Iola, Emporia, Chanute, Ottawa,
Field Kindley HS, Fort Scott,
Pittsburg, Independence,
Labette County HS
Wichita USD #259

YEAR 2 2022-2023

- 34** Advisers
Salina Central, Salina South,
Topeka HS, Topeka West,
Manhattan, Highland Park HS,
Junction City
Great Bend, Hays HS
El Dorado HS, Newton, Derby
Winfield HS, Hutchinson



KANSAS STATE

College Advising Corps

Receive Annual Report on Exceptions to the Minimum Admission Standards at State Universities

Summary and Recommendation

The report on the admission of the 2020-2021 freshman class and 2020-2021 transfer students is mandated by K.S.A. 76-717. This statute requires the Board to annually submit to the Legislature information on the following categories of student admissions: (1) the number and percentage of freshman class admissions permitted as exceptions to the minimum admissions standards and (2) the number and percentage of transfer student admissions permitted as exceptions to the minimum admissions standards. Staff notes the only category in which a state university exceeded the limit on the number of applicants admitted as exceptions to the minimum standards was the category of non-resident freshmen. Staff recommends acceptance of the data in this report for submission to the Legislature to fulfill reporting requirements.

December 15, 2021

Background

From 1915 to 2001, Kansas had an open admission policy which guaranteed admission to anyone who graduated from an accredited high school in Kansas. In 1996, the Legislature passed K.S.A. 76-717, which established minimum admission standards for state universities. Those became effective in 2001. The statute requires the Board to annually submit to the Legislature information on undergraduate students admitted to state universities who did not meet minimum admission standards.

Minimum Admission Criteria for 2020-2021 Freshman Applicants

K.S.A.76-717 requires resident freshmen applicants under the age of 21 and non-resident freshman applicants to meet one of the following criteria in order to gain admittance to a state university:

- (1) graduate from an accredited high school and earn a minimum ACT score of 21; or
- (2) graduate from an accredited high school and rank in the top one-third of the class; or
- (3) graduate from a non-accredited private high school and earn a minimum ACT score of 21; or
- (4) earn a GED with the prescribed minimum scores (Kansas residents only).

In addition to the above criteria, state regulations K.A.R 88-29a-5 and K.A.R. 88-29a-7 required all freshman applicants under the age of 21 to complete the precollege curriculum with a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0 for residents and 2.5 for non-residents. (The precollege curriculum will no longer be required for applicants of the Summer 2021 semester and later.)

Any applicant 21 and older must meet one of the following criteria in order to gain admittance to a state university as a freshman:

- (1) graduate from an accredited high school; or
- (2) graduate from a non-accredited private high school (Kansas residents only); or
- (3) earn a high school equivalency credential with the prescribed minimum scores.

2020-2021 Freshman Applicants

K.S.A. 76-717 requires that on or before January 31 of each year, the Board submit a report that includes the following information on the number and percentage of **resident freshman class admissions permitted as exceptions to the minimum admissions standards**, disaggregated by institution (Table 1). State universities may, at their discretion, admit applicants who do not meet the minimum freshmen admissions criteria, provided that the number of resident freshmen admitted as exceptions is limited to 10 percent of the university's total freshmen admitted. No institution exceeded the 10 percent limit.

Table 1: Number of Resident Freshman Exceptions 2020-2021

	Resident Freshman Exceptions	Admits	Percent
Emporia State University	123	1,376	8.9%
Ft. Hays State University	106	1,664	6.4%
Kansas State University	418	6,413	6.5%
Pittsburg State University	66	1,839	3.6%
University of Kansas	487	14,398	3.4%
Wichita State University	267	6,069	4.4%
TOTAL	1,467	31,759	4.6%

Table 2 presents the number and percent of non-resident freshman students admitted as exceptions, disaggregated by institution. By regulation, the number of non-resident freshman exceptions is limited to either 10 percent of the total number of admitted non-resident freshmen, or 50 students, whichever is greater. Kansas State University exceeded the limit by 4.9%, or, by a total of 127 students. Per K.A.R. 88-29a-8c,

(c) If the state educational institution exceeds the allotted number of admissions using this exception window, the excess over the allowable total number of exceptions shall be subtracted from the subsequent year's allowable total number of exceptions for nonresident freshman class admissions.

Consequently, for the 2021-2022 Academic Year, Kansas State University has 127 fewer allowable exceptions (calculated as 10% of the total number) in the non-resident freshman category. Please note that changes to Qualified Admissions were made to be effective beginning with the 2021-2022 Academic Year. For this year and moving forward, for non-resident freshman applicants graduating from an accredited high school, Kansas State University requires either a 21 or higher on the ACT exam, or at least a 3.25 overall high school GPA. No other state university exceeded the limit of exceptions allowed in this category. Though Emporia State University exceeded 10 percent, they admitted only 16 of 50 allowable exceptions, which is well within the limit.

Each state university has a written policy to guide decisions about exceptions and per KBOR policy, every student admitted as an exception to the minimum qualified admission standards, resident or non-resident, shall receive an individual plan for student success from the university prior to enrollment. The individual plan for success shall be reviewed by the student and the student's advisor at least once each semester in the first academic year immediately succeeding adoption of the plan.

Table 2: Number of Non-Resident Freshman Exceptions 2020-2021

	Non-Resident Freshman Exceptions	Admits	Percent
Emporia State University	16	156	10.3%
Ft. Hays State University	18	327	5.5%
Kansas State University	346	2,320	14.9%

	Non-Resident Freshman Exceptions	Admits	Percent
Pittsburg State University	39	758	5.1%
University of Kansas	650	8,675	7.5%
Wichita State University	122	2,471	4.9%
TOTAL	1,191	14,707	8.1%

Minimum Admission Criterion for 2020-2021 Transfer Applicants

State universities are required to admit resident transfer applicants who have earned at least 24 credit hours of transferable coursework with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale. State universities may admit non-resident transfer applicants who have met this criterion, but they are not required to do so. State universities may adopt additional and/or more stringent standards to admit non-resident transfer applicants.

Exceptions to the Minimum Admission Standards

State universities may admit transfer applicants who have earned less than a 2.0 GPA on 24 or more transferable semester credit hours, but the number of these exceptions is limited by statute. The number of resident transfer exceptions is limited to 10 percent of the university's resident transfer admissions. The number of non-resident transfer exceptions is limited to 10 percent of the university's non-resident transfer admissions. Admitting applicants as exceptions is at the discretion of the state university and each student receives an individual success plan.

K.S.A. 76-717 requires the Board to report the following to the Legislature on or before January 31 of each year: (1) the number and percent of resident transfer students admitted as exceptions, and (2) the number and percent of non-resident transfer students admitted as exceptions. The statute specifies this information be disaggregated by institution.

Table 3 presents the number and percent of transfer students admitted by each state university through the 10 percent exception window. This information is disaggregated by institution and by residency status. No institution exceeded the 10 percent limit.

Table 3: Number of Transfer Students Admitted as Exceptions 2020-2021

	Resident Transfer			Non-Resident Transfer		
	Exceptions	Admits	Percent	Exceptions	Admits	Percent
Emporia State University	3	451	0.7%	0	38	0.0%
Ft. Hays State University	59	1,316	4.5%	68	869	7.8%
Kansas State University	14	957	1.5%	4	510	0.8%
Pittsburg State University	8	447	1.8%	5	275	1.8%
University of Kansas	22	1,357	1.6%	16	706	2.3%
Wichita State University	42	1,775	2.4%	10	394	2.5%
TOTAL	148	6,303	2.3%	103	2,792	3.7%

2020-2021 Admission Denials

Though not required by K.S.A. 76-717 as part of the report to the Legislature on exceptions to qualified admissions, the following information on the numbers of applicants denied admission due to not meeting the minimum admission criteria may be of interest. Table 4 shows the number of freshman applicants denied admission to state universities.

Table 4: Number of Freshman Applicant Denials 2020-2021

	Resident			Non-Resident		
	Denials	Applied	Percent	Denials	Applied	Percent
Emporia State University	10	1,230	0.8 %	0	156	N/A
Ft. Hays State University	21	1,358	1.5 %	9	336	2.7 %
Kansas State University	110	4,203	2.6 %	318	2,638	12.1 %
Pittsburg State University	7	1,088	0.6 %	5	763	0.7 %
University of Kansas	206	5,929	3.5 %	574	9,249	6.2 %
Wichita State University	16	3,614	0.4 %	16	2,487	0.6 %
TOTAL	370	17,422	2.1%	922	15,629	5.9%

Table 5 shows the number of transfer applicants denied admission to state universities.

Table 5: Number of Transfer Applicant Denials 2020-2021

	Resident			Non-Resident		
	Denials	Applied	Percent	Denials	Applied	Percent
Emporia State University	0	451	N/A	0	38	N/A
Ft. Hays State University	1	1,317	0.1 %	16	885	1.8 %
Kansas State University	6	963	0.6 %	11	521	2.1 %
Pittsburg State University	1	448	0.2 %	0	275	N/A
University of Kansas	30	1,387	2.2 %	34	740	4.6 %
Wichita State University	34	1,809	1.9 %	0	394	N/A
TOTAL	72	6,375	1.1%	61	2,853	2.1%

Summary and Recommendation

The only category in which a university exceeded the maximum number of allowable exceptions was the non-resident freshman. However, Qualified Admissions requirements have changed, effective for the 2021-2022 Academic Year and beyond. As such, staff does not anticipate an issue with the number of exceptions for subsequent years, and recommends acceptance of this report.