

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

**MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, November 16, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) will meet at Kansas State University in the Alumni Center Banquet Room, 100 Alumni Center, 1720 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66506. To the extent possible, a virtual option will be provided to accommodate those who prefer not to attend in person. Information will be sent to participants via email, or you may contact arobinson@ksbor.org.

- I. Call to Order** Regent Kiblinger, Chair
 - A. Roll Call and Introductions
 - B. Approve minutes from November 1, 2022 p. 3

- II. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Act on Request for a New Certificate of Approval with Degree Granting Authority for Aspen University Crystal Puderbaugh p. 6

- III. Other Matters**
 - A. [TAAC Quality Assurance Report](#) Casey Fraites-Chapes
 - B. Kansas First/Diploma Plus Update Regent Lane
 - C. Educator Workforce Task Force Update Regent Lane
 - D. Strategic Plan Dashboard Update Regent Lane
 - E. Systemwide General Education Implementation Update Daniel Archer

- IV. Suggested Agenda Items for November 29th Virtual Meeting**
 - A. Request to change indicator for AY 2020 – AY 2022 Performance agreement – Butler CC & Washburn University
 - B. Continue AY 2021 Performance Reports
 - C. Approve New Systemwide Transfer Courses
 - D. New Program Approvals

- V. 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

Cynthia Lane

Blake Benson

Diana Mendoza

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
AY 2023 Meeting Schedule**

<i>BAASC Academic Year 2022- 2023 Meeting Dates</i>			
Meeting Dates	Location	Time	Agenda Materials Due
August 30, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	August 9, 2022
September 14, 2022	Topeka	10:30 a.m.	August 24, 2022
October 4, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	September 13, 2022
November 1, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	October 11, 2022
November 16, 2022	Kansas State University	11:00 a.m.	October 26, 2022
November 29, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	November 8, 2022
December 14, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	November 23, 2022
January 3, 2023	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	December 13, 2022
January 18, 2023	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	December 28, 2022
January 31, 2023	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	January 10, 2023
February 15, 2023	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	January 25, 2023
February 28, 2023	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	February 7, 2023
March 22, 2023	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	March 1, 2023
April 4, 2023	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	March 14, 2023
April 19, 2023	Pittsburg State University	11:00 a.m.	March 29, 2023
May 2, 2023	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	April 11, 2023
May 17, 2023	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	April 26, 2023
May 30, 2023	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	May 9, 2023
June 14, 2023	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	May 24, 2023

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

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

The November 1, 2022, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom, with an in-person option at the Board office.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger	Regent Mendoza	Regent Lane
Staff:	Daniel Archer Karla Wiscombe John Yeary	Amy Robinson Tara Lebar Gage Rohlf	Sam Christy-Dangermond Cindy Farrier Marti Leisinger
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Brent Thomas, ESU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Howard Smith, PSU Jennifer Ball, Washburn Jennifer Roberts, KU Jim Genandt, MATC Karen Johnson, PSU Kim Jackson, Butler CC Linnea Glenmayer, WSU Melinda Roelfs, PSU Ryan Stanley, FHSU Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Steve Loewen, FHTC Denise Hoeffner, SATC Robert Klein, KUMC Janice Stover, Cowley CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Bella Price, ESU Chuck Taber, K-State Greg Nichols, SATC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Brown, NCKTC Jerry Pope, KCKCC John Kirk, WSU Katie Hagan, rpk GROUP Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Lisa Kirmer, FHTC Nate Brunsell, KU Sarah Riegel, Barton CC Shawn Keough, ESU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Scott Lucas, WSU Tech Kim Withroder, MATC Katie Phillips, Cowley CC	Ashley Jack, WSU Ben Schears, NWKTC Cathy Blasi, Pratt CC Henry Hinkle, KCKCC Jean Redeker, KU Jennifer Callis, SATC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU JoLanna Kord, ESU Mike Daly, rpk GROUP Laura Stephenson, Washburn Lumen Mulligan, KU Rex Cheever, Hutchinson CC Seth Carter, Colby CC Shirley Lefever, WSU Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Marc Malone, Garden City CC Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Lane moved to approve the September 14, 2022, meeting minutes, and Regent Mendoza seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Rpk GROUP Update

Mike Daly and Katie Hagan, rpk GROUP, provided an overview and answered questions. The focus of their presentation was on workload review and teaching activity. For those who wish to share information or engage in the project through the feedback form, please visit the project website at https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/academic-portfolio-reviews. The next step will be for the Steering and Data teams to hold a joint meeting on December 1 to receive a draft presentation of what rpk will share with the Regents at the December 14 Board meeting.

AY 2021 Performance Reports

Sam Christy-Dangermond introduced institutional representatives who presented the AY 2021 Performance

Reports for review. Performance Agreement information can be found at https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/performance-agreements.

Committee members received performance reports from the following nine institutions, each being recommended to receive 100% of any new legislative funding in July 2023 for which they are eligible based on achieving at least four out of six indicators:

- Cloud County Community College
- Kansas City Kansas Community College
- Manhattan Area Technical College
- Northwest Kansas Technical College
- WSU Campus of Applied Sciences & Technology
- Hutchinson Community College
- Flint Hills Technical College
- North Central Kansas Technical College
- Salina Area Technical College

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

Regent Mendoza moved to recommend that the nine institutions receive 100% of any new legislative funding for which they are eligible. With the second from Regent Lane, the motion passed unanimously.

Reoccurring Updates

- Regent Kiblinger provided an Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council (AKCC) update. They continue to look for a director with the right combination of skills. The council met recently and has begun streamlining its strategic plan.
- Regent Lane provided an Educator Workforce Task Force update. The College of Education Deans are leading the work and will meet next on November 3. They have formed four committees to look at apprentice models to attract people to the field, licensure issues and how to improve training, conditions for the educator workforce overall, and looking at the number of teachers with master's degrees to expand opportunities for concurrent enrollment. The task force will report to the Board in December.
- Regent Lane provided a Strategic Plan Pillar One Dashboard update. She shared and discussed the dashboard draft of foundational and supporting indicators and systemwide approaches. A request for feedback has been emailed to institutional representatives. KBOR staff is helping ensure they have clear definitions and that data is collected. More updates will be provided at future Board meetings.
- Daniel Archer provided a Systemwide General Education Implementation update. KBOR has created a webpage at https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education, and has scheduled two webinars to help answer policy implementation questions. The webinars will be on November 21 and December 16. Chief Academic Officers from all institutions were emailed the registration link.

Regent Kiblinger moved to direct Dr. Blake Flanders in the next 30 - 60 days to develop a clear timeline and action plan to assist and support institutions in the full implementation of the general education package by Fall 2024. With the second from Regent Lane, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. This meeting will be held on the Kansas State University campus with a virtual option available.

Regent Lane moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Mendoza seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

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

Summary

Aspen University has applied for a certificate of approval to operate in Kansas and is requesting degree granting authority. After a thorough review of staff qualifications, record keeping systems, coursework, and supporting materials, the institution demonstrates that it meets and complies with statutorily imposed requirements. Staff recommends the institution be issued a Certificate of Approval. November 16, 2022

Summary of Institution Requirements

The Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act (Act) requires private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions to obtain a certificate of approval from the Kansas Board of Regents (Board) to lawfully operate in Kansas. This Act not only covers “brick and mortar” institutions having a physical location within Kansas but also institutions that offer or provide online distance education to Kansans who remain in the State while receiving their education.

To qualify for a certificate of approval, an institution subject to the Act must meet the standards established by the Act and the regulations adopted pursuant to the Act. To determine if institutions meet the minimum requirements, Board staff reviews substantial documentation and evidence to demonstrate compliance with minimum requirements. Financial statements, proof of accreditation, evidence of compliance with safety codes, enrollment agreements, catalog, copies of advertisements, schedules of tuition and fees, and refund policies are reviewed by Board staff. Institutions are also required to provide descriptions of their programs and courses, administrator and instructor credentials, program objectives, and ownership structure information.

Aspen University

Aspen University, located in Phoenix, AZ, began in Denver, CO, in the 1960s as International Academy and later ISIM University. The University specialized in business and management programs. In 2003, the institution’s name changed to Aspen University. Today, Aspen University offers certificate and degree programs in education, business, computer science, and health care. In addition to offering programs online, Aspen University has campus locations in Arizona, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, and Texas. Aspen University is seeking approval from the Kansas Board of Regents for its online program offerings.

Aspen University is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission, an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends issuance of a certificate of approval with degree granting authority to Aspen University.