

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Thursday, June 29, 2023

The June 29, 2023, 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 Benson	Regent Lane
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Gage Rohlf Karla Wiscombe	Daniel Archer Cindy Farrier Mistie Knox Scott Smathers	Tara Lebar Charmine Chambers Marti Leisinger
Others:	Brandon Galm, Cloud CC Howard Smith, PSU Lydia Barnhart, ESU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Brent Thomas, ESU Beth O’Neil, Washburn	Chuck Taber, K-State Joey Linn, FHSU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Nick Stevens, KU Shirley Lefever, WSU Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC	Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Rebeca Book, PSU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Discussion Agenda

Regent Kiblinger called the special meeting to discuss the free application days program. She noted that if passed, this work would need to start soon. Tara Lebar and Daniel Archer presented the Kansas Free Application Days for consideration from page 3 of the agenda. This program proposes that all undergraduate admission application fees for Kansas public universities and participating technical colleges would be waived for a three-day period this fall, November 7-9, 2023.

In March 2023, Student Advisory Committee members provided feedback, and on May 17, 2023, the Board of Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC), along with Provosts, discussed the proposal. In June 2023, University admissions directors provided feedback and suggested dates in early November that may work best. Based on feedback, the proposal has been adjusted from a five-day to a three-day free application program and would occur the first week of November instead of October. Discussion ensued on ways to collect data, determine the program’s success, and board members requested data to consider eliminating all general undergraduate admission application fees at state universities in the future.

Regent Lane moved to approve a 3-day Kansas Free Application Days pilot for dates Nov. 7-9th, 2023. With a second from Regent Mendoza, the motion passed unanimously.

Regent Lane moved that BAASC receive a pilot report in January 2024 that includes submitted application numbers for volume and, subsequently, a report in October 2024 on the yield data and a plan from universities

to move towards potentially eliminating all application fees in the future. With a second from Regent Benson, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for September 5th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Regent Benson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Mendoza seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.