

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, November 20, 2019**

The November 20, 2019, meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair David Cordle at 8:56 a.m. The meeting was held at Pittsburg State University, 1701 S. Broadway Street, Pittsburg, Kansas, 66762, in room 206 of the Overman Student Center.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	David Cordle, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Charles Taber, K-State
	Howard Smith, PSU	Rick Muma, WSU	Daniel Archer, KBOR
	Carl Lejuez, KU	Robert Klein, KUMC	JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn

Staff:	Karla Wiscombe	Sam Christy-Dangermond	Amy Robinson
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Others:	Jon Marshall, Allen CCC	Jean Redeker, KU	Kim Krull, Butler CC
	Lori Winningham, Butler CC	Chris Claterbos, KU	Dee Steinle, KU
	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC	Professor Wintoki, KU	Brad Bennett, Colby CC
	Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville	Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC	Linnea Glenmayer, WSU
	Kevin Bracker, PSU	Brian Niehoff, K-State	Mike Calvert, Pratt CC
	Joe McCann, Seward CC	Rick Moehring, JCCC	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Tech
	Erin Shaw, Highland CC	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC	Matt Pounds, NWK Tech
	Greg Schneider, ESU	Deatrea S. Rose, PSU	Aswad Allen, ESU

Chair David Cordle welcomed everyone and roll call was taken for university members.

**SECOND READINGS**

- Rick Muma made a motion to approve the University of Kansas Master of Science in Business Analytics proposal. Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. No additional information or questions were presented, and the motion passed.

Howard Smith made a motion to approve the Emporia State University Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Ethnic, Gender, and Identity Studies proposal. Rick Muma seconded the motion. David Cordle stated he did not have any new information and reminded the Committee that the program resources are already in place and the program was requested by students. The motion passed.

David Cordle stated these two proposals, as well as the four passed on the October conference call, will go to the Council of Presidents (COPS) later in the morning for approval.

**OTHER REQUESTS**

- Jill Arensdorf motioned to approve the KU request to change the name of their Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture & Design to a Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture. Chuck Taber seconded the motion. Carl Lejuez, University of Kansas, discussed the program briefly. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed.
- Howard Smith motioned to approve the two requests from KU for name changes. KU is requesting to change the name of their Master of Science in Business and Organizational Leadership to a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership. KU is also requesting to change the name of their Master of Science in Business to a Master of Science in Supply Chain Management and Logistics. Jill Arensdorf seconded the

motion. Carl Lejuez discussed the programs briefly. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed to approve both requests.

- Rick Muma motioned to approve the KSU request to change the name of their Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design, to the Department of Interior Design and Fashion Studies. Carl Lejuez seconded the motion. Chuck Taber, KSU, discussed the change briefly. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed.
- Jill Arensdorf motioned to approve the WSU request to create a new School of Digital Arts, within the College of Fine Arts. Howard Smith seconded the motion. Rick Muma discussed the proposal briefly, noting the new school will be called the School of Digital Arts. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed.
- Chuck Taber motioned to approve a request from PSU to consolidate their Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Physics and their Bachelor of Science in Physics, thus eliminate their Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Physics. Carl Lejuez seconded the motion. Howard Smith, PSU, discussed the change briefly. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed.
- Howard Smith motioned to approve a request from KU to create a School of Professional Studies at the KU Edwards Campus. Chuck Taber seconded the motion. Carl Lejuez discussed the program request briefly. He noted that currently existing academic programs are done in collaboration with colleges or schools at their Lawrence campus or at the KU Med Center. Carl stated that while this creates great collaborations, it also can slow responsiveness to the Kansas City job market. David Cordle asked if the five programs listed under the School of Professional Studies currently exist. Carl responded that they either currently exist or they are moving towards them. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed.
- David Cordle noted that the KU request to create a new School of Professional Studies will go to COPS later in the day. The other six requests will now go to Blake Flanders for review.

#### **COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS**

- Greg Schneider, ESU, presented an update. He stated they will meet today and discuss the CPL guidelines as well as topics to be discussed at the December 18<sup>th</sup> breakfast with the Board.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

- Chuck Tabor, KSU, discussed a proposal for a new Community College Leadership Ed.D. This program originated out of the University of Texas and was currently looking for a university home. The KSU College of Education was excited for this opportunity so it will soon be brought to KSU.
- Sam provided an update on the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP), a multi-state tuition reciprocity program that includes Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, and Wisconsin. Sam stated that Michigan is pulling out of the agreement and discontinuing their participation, so new Michigan students will no longer receive a discounted tuition rate after AY2021. Sam stated that last year 35 students from Michigan received the discount.
- Daniel Archer discussed the two recent changes to ACT. Students who have previously taken the ACT will now be able to retake individual sections of the test and use the highest score from sections to create a “superscore”. Daniel discussed that right now our qualified admissions does not allow superscoring, but we may want to investigate allowing this in the future and there are different ways to examine this. Daniel stated he was open to any discussion on the best way to handle this change. Chuck Taber stated he would like to have admission representatives look this over the next three or four weeks. Daniel stated he would

send an email out asking for representatives to create a working group to look into this further. He mentioned that KBOR has a regulation specifying that the highest composite score will be used, and this would need to be changed if it was decided to use the superscore.

- Daniel Archer discussed qualified admission changes. The changes were approved when COCAO met in September, and KBOR regulations will need to be changed before the qualified admission changes go into effect. KBOR anticipates the criteria will start to be used AY 2021-2022. Daniel noted he emailed this information out to K-12 contacts and Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO), and Daniel asked for this information to be disseminated as much as possible.
- Daniel Archer discussed the AY 2020 Board goal of exploring positive pathways to help students who do not meet qualified admissions standards. Daniel stated that some members are concerned with the stigma associated with rejection, and there is a desire for a positive tone in messaging and that options are presented to them. Daniel discussed the need to develop an action plan going forward and stated admission representatives may want to develop that plan. There was a brief discussion on similarities between this plan and the Student Success Plan for those admitted through the ? window, the goal of positive pathways, and next steps. Jon Marshall asked if there was a way the two-year colleges can help partner towards improving the GPA or being part of the positive pathway plan. There was discussion on existing partnerships between universities and community colleges. It was agreed that this would be a topic to explore with a group of admission officers that Daniel will coordinate in the near future.
- Daniel gave a status update on the 2 PLUS 2 Program. He stated that in 2015 this was a Board goal and it resurfaced at the 2019 Board Retreat. Daniel stated he would like to get an updated inventory of the 2 PLUS 2 that the universities have with community colleges, and then examine it further. He will be sending out an email with an inventory sheet to the universities in the near future.
- Aswad Allen, Chief Diversity Officer, ESU, and Jennifer Ng, Interim Vice Provost of Diversity & Equity, KU, provided an overview of the 2019 Tilford Conference that was held in October. Jennifer provided a handout and asked that this information be taken back to each of the institutions if possible. Jill Arensdorf asked if attendees and their roles at the conference have been tracked. Jennifer responded that they have all the data going back 10 years, and the turnout has been consistent over the years. It was agreed that the data will be provided to the Committee. The next conference is in October 2020 and they were looking for keynote speakers. Jennifer asked if anyone had any ideas on speakers to contact her at [diversity@ku.edu](mailto:diversity@ku.edu). Jennifer discussed challenges such as balancing between the number of people who registered versus attended and the inability to verify the information such as job titles when people registered.
- The Committee discussed the elimination of National Association for College Admission Counseling (NACAC) rule preventing the recruitment of other institutions students. Concerns and support for this change were discussed, as well as concerns and support for the NACAC organization in general.
- Rick Muma made a motion to recess and reconvene at lunch time. Carl Lejuez seconded the motion passed. The Committee recessed at 9:57 a.m. The Committee reconvened at 12:10 p.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Howard Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2019 meeting. Chuck Taber seconded the motion and the motion passed.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

David Cordle noted that the University Press of Kansas would be meeting upon adjournment. Howard Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned.