

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 16, 2021

The June 16, 2021 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Shirley Lefever at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was initially scheduled to be held in Topeka. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Shirley Lefever, WSU Chuck Taber, K-State Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU George Arasimowicz, ESU Howard Smith, PSU	Robert Klein, KUMC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Sam Christy-Dangermond Karla Wiscombe	Amy Robinson Tara Lebar	Cindy Farrier April Henry
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Kim Morse, Washburn Luke Dowell, Seward CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Erin Shaw, Highland CC	Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Clay Stoldt, WSU Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Mindy Markham, K-State Rich Bomgardner, WSU Steven Skinner, WSU Jerry Pope, KCKCC	Brian Lindshield, KSDE Davood Askari, WSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Marc Malone, Garden City CC Mike Strohschein, Washburn Tech Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU Corey Isbell, NCK Tech Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC

Shirley Lefever welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Howard Smith moved to approve the May 19, 2021 meeting minutes, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

First Readings

Shirly Lefever presented the first readings for the following WSU programs:

1. Master of Science in Athletic Training
2. Master of Science in Materials Engineering

Rich Bomgardner, Athletic Training Program Director, provided an overview of the MS in Athletic Training. He stated their national accreditor and governing body, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE), requested that undergraduate programs be transitioned to a master level. This is a national requirement to maintain accreditation. They are currently operational at the undergraduate level and hope to begin at a master's level by June 2023. Chuck Taber noted the K-State athletic training program is supportive of the proposal. No questions were presented.

Davood Askari, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, provided an overview of the MS in Materials Engineering. This is a new program based on a need in Kansas, and currently, there is no other BS, MS, or Ph.D. in materials science in the state. Davood stated they currently have courses and faculty that can be utilized, allowing them to start the program immediately after approval. He noted they would attract students from the

need in local industry. No questions were presented.

These programs will be up for their second reading at the September COCAO meeting.

Other Matters

Jean Redeker provided an overview of the KU requests found on page 22 of the agenda:

1. Name Change of Department of Slavic and Eurasian Languages & Literatures to Department of Slavic, German, and Eurasian Studies
2. Name Change of the BA in Slavic Languages & Literatures to BA in Slavic, German, & Eurasian Studies

Howard Smith moved to approve both KU requests as presented, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. With no questions presented, the motion passed unanimously through a roll-call vote. These requests will go to Blake Flanders, President and CEO, for final approval.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP) Update

Aleksander Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Faculty Senate President, provided an update. Aleks thanked the COCAO members as this will be his last meeting, and a new Faculty Senate President will start attending in September. At the COFSP's meeting later that day, they plan to welcome new faculty senate presidents, discuss challenges and opportunities for the upcoming year, and potentially discuss the state government request on whether critical race theory is being taught. Aleks noted it would be beneficial for faculty to have a virtual option for future COCAO meetings and endorsed hybrid meeting modality. The Council thanked Aleks for his service.

Opportunities that Universities are Considering or Planning to Pursue in the Future

No discussion was presented.

Adjournment

The next COCAO meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2021.

Howard Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.