

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 20, 2022**

The April 20, 2022, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Jill Arensdorf at 9:18 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Chuck Taber, K-State Gary Wyatt, ESU	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Howard Smith, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU	Robert Klein, KUMC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Karla Wiscombe Sam Christy-Dangermond Judd McCormack Steve Funk	Amy Robinson Hector Martinez Lisa Beck Scott Smathers	Tara Lebar Cindy Farrier Marti Leisinger
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Christy Craft, K-State Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Janet Stramel, FHSU Alysia Johnston, FHSU JoLanna Kord, ESU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Luke Dowell, SCCC Mindy Markham, K-State Robert Klein, KUMC Heather Morgan, KACCT Corey Isbell, NCK Tech	Brian McCornack, K-State Chwen Sheu, K-State Greg Paul, K-State Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Roberts, KU Kim Krull, Butler CC Laurel Littrell, K-State Melanie Hilgers, K-State Monette DePew, Pratt CC Shelly Gehrke, ESU Tiffany Bohm, KCKCC Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Suzanne McGurk, College Board	Christie Launius, K-State Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Huston Gibson, K-State Jean Redeker, KU Jeremy Marshall, K-State Kim Morse, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mike Pritchard, K-State Remy Lequesne, KU Stuart Day, KU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Maureen Ewing, College Board

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chuck Taber moved to approve March 16, 2022, meeting minutes, and Gary Wyatt seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

**Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Request**

Janet Stramel, Chair and FHSU Faculty Senate President, presented a request for approval to change Advanced Placement (AP) cut scores. Per the Board's policy on Credit by Examination, Dr. Stramel facilitated a meeting of the English department chairs of the state universities, who voted to change the AP cut score from a 3 to a 4 in both English Literature & Composition and English Language & Composition tests. Final approval from COCAO is needed to make this change. Suzanne McGurk and Maureen Ewing with College Board presented national data on AP students as compared to students who did not take an AP course. No motion was presented from COCAO members, and as such, the AP cut score for both English Literature & Composition, and English Language & Composition will remain a 3.

**1<sup>st</sup> Readings**

- Chuck Taber presented the first reading for a BS in Digital Innovation at K-State. This program is interdisciplinary and crosses three colleges; the College of Arts and Sciences, the College of

Engineering, and the College of Business Administration.

- Chuck Taber presented the first reading for an Ed.S. in School Counseling at K-State. The program will be housed in the College of Education. The program currently exists within a sub-plan of the MS of Counseling and Student Development, requiring 48 hours. The request is for a new “stand-alone” program in School Counseling, as the accrediting body has recently changed requirements to 60 credit hours.
- Chuck Taber presented the first reading for a BS in Real Estate & Community Development at K-State. This program is embedded within a department that studies regional and community planning. The new program will provide expertise and knowledge that leads to community development professional opportunities within the real estate environment. WSU provided feedback, and K-State adjusted the proposal based on their comments.
- Chuck Taber presented the first reading for a BS in Operations & Supply Chain Management. This program builds off the existing supply chain management track within the management major, which has shown growth. By creating a separate bachelor’s degree, they believe they can create greater visibility and more growth.
- Barbara Bichelmeyer and Stuart Day presented the first reading for a Bachelor in Professional Studies at the KU Edwards Campus. This will be a hybrid undergraduate degree largely intended for workforce-focused students seeking a degree completion option.

These programs will be up for a second reading and vote at the next COCAO meeting.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Readings**

Chuck Taber moved to approve the Doctor in Advanced Social Work Practice at KU, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote with no further discussion.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the MS in Communication Sciences & Disorders at K-State, and Shirley Lefever seconded the motion. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the MS in Integrated Systems Design & Dynamics at K-State, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Shirley Lefever moved to approve the BS in Entomology at K-State, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded the motion. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

These programs will move forward to COPS later in the day for approval.

### **Other Requests**

- Chuck Taber presented a request for approval to change the name of the Ph.D. in Human Ecology to Ph.D. in Health and Human Sciences at K-State. This change reflects the name of the College of Health & Human Sciences in which it is housed.

Howard Smith moved to approve the name change of the Ph.D. in Human Ecology to Ph.D. in Health and Human Sciences at K-State, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Chuck Taber presented a request for approval to merge the Department of Communication Studies and the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communication at K-State. This merge will result in the A.Q. Miller School of Media and Communication, housed within the College of Arts & Sciences.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve merging the Department of Communication Studies and the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communication at K-State, and Gary Wyatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Chuck Taber presented a request for approval to merge and rename the BA/BS in American Ethnic Studies and the BA/BS in Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies at K-State. The change is pursuant to K-State strategic program alignment a few years back in which they were seeking to revitalize and energize several low enrolled programs. The new program will be a BA/BS in Social Transformation Studies.

Shirley Lefever moved to approve the merging and renaming of the BA/BS in American Ethnic Studies and the BA/BS in Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies at K-State as presented, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Robert Klein presented a request for approval to merge the Departments of Anatomy & Cell Biology and Molecular & Integrative Physiology at KUMC, resulting in the Department of Cell Biology and Physiology. This change follows a common practice across medical schools. The degrees will remain separate, and the faculty and Dean support this change.

Chuck Taber moved to approve merging the Departments of Anatomy & Cell Biology and Molecular & Integrative Physiology at KUMC, and Gary Wyatt seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

### **Discuss Opportunities**

Members acknowledged and congratulated Shirley Lefever on her appointment from Interim Provost to Provost at WSU.

Barbara Bichelmeyer stated KU is preparing for HLC reaffirmation, which happens in early spring 2025. They have also convened a search committee for an Executive Dean for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. K-State just completed its site visit for HLC reaccreditation, and FHSU is preparing for the site visit in 2023. PSU's site visit will be in October. Jill Arensdorf mentioned it might be helpful for Regent Accreditation Liaison Officers (ALOs) to connect and discuss experiences as they prepare and reflect. Jean Redeker offered to reach out to this group over the summer.

### **Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for May 18, 2022.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.