

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 18, 2022**

The May 18, 2022, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Jill Arensdorf at 9:25 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Chuck Taber, K-State Gary Wyatt, ESU	Jennifer Roberts, KU Howard Smith, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU	Robert Klein, KUMC Laura Stephenson, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Amy Robinson Steve Funk	Sam Christy-Dangermond Hector Martinez Lisa Beck	Tara Lebar Cindy Farrier Marti Leisinger
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Brian Inbody, Neosho CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Gwen Bohling, KU Jean Redeker, KU Jim Truelove, PSU Kim Krull, Butler CC Laurel Littrell, K-State Monette DePew, Pratt CC Mary Pomatto, PSU Bob Frisbee, PSU Sarah Robb, Neosho CC Stanton Gartin, SATC Tom Hallaq, K-State Mickey McCloud, JCCC Tim de Noble, K-State Shaun Schmidt, Washburn	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud CC Carrie Scala, KUMC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Huston Gibson, K-State Jennifer Ball, Washburn JoLanna Kord, ESU Kim Morse, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Paul Grimes, PSU Heather Morgan, KACCT Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tom Nevill, Butler CC Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Stuart Day, KU Andrew Hippisley, WSU	Brad Bennett, Seward County CC Christy Craft, K-State Greg Paul, K-State Janet Stramel, FHSU Kara Wheeler, KUMC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Lisa Blair, NWKTC Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC Remy Lequesne, KU Robin Henry, WSU Shelly Gehrke, ESU Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC Jerry Pope, KCKCC Corey Isbell, NCKTC Steven Skinner, WSU Shawnee Hendershot, PSU Gary Brooking, WSU

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chuck Taber moved to approve April 20, 2022, meeting minutes, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

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

Chuck Taber moved to approve the Bachelor of Professional Studies at KU, and Shirley Lefever seconded the motion. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Howard Smith moved to approve the Ed.S. in School Counseling at K-State, and Gary Wyatt 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 Real Estate & Community Development at K-State, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Howard Smith moved to approve the BS in Operations & Supply Chain Management at K-State, and Gary Wyatt seconded the motion. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Gary Wyatt moved to approve the BS in Digital Innovation at K-State, and Howard Smith 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 BA/BS in Journalism & Mass Communication to BA/BS in News & Sports Media at K-State. Changing the name will provide more precise terminology for the program's content.

Gary Wyatt moved to approve changing the name of the BA/BS in Journalism & Mass Communication to BA/BS in News & Sports Media at K-State, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Gary Wyatt presented a request for approval to change the name of MS in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to MS in Health, Physical Education, & Coaching at ESU. Changing the name will more accurately reflect the nature of the program and appropriately highlight the coaching component.

Chuck Taber moved to approve changing the name of MS in Health, Physical Education, and Recreation to MS in Health, Physical Education, & Coaching at ESU, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Shirley Lefever and Andrew Hippisley presented a request for approval to change the name of BA in Women's Studies to BA in Women's, Ethnicity, and Intersectional Studies (WEIS) at WSU. This name change is part of several changes to the department and more accurately reflects program components.

Chuck Taber moved to approve changing the name of BA in Women's Studies to BA in Women's, Ethnicity, and Intersectional Studies (WEIS) at WSU, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Shirley Lefever, Gary Brooking, and Steven Skinner presented a request for approval to change the name of BS in Applied Computing to BS in Cybersecurity at WSU. Changing the name will more accurately reflect the content and focus of the degree and allow the program to fall under the ABET cybersecurity accreditation credentials.

Howard Smith moved to approve changing the name of BS in Applied Computing to BS in Cybersecurity at WSU, and Chuck Taber seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Howard Smith and Mary Carol Pomatto presented a request for approval to merge the BA in Political Science with BS in Geography and rename it BS in Geographical and Political Sciences at PSU. These changes are for efficiency and recognition of a more contemporary alignment of the two fields.

Chuck Taber moved to approve merging the BA in Political Science with BS in Geography and rename it BS in Geographical and Political Sciences at PSU, and Gary Wyatt seconded. The motion passed

unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Howard Smith presented the request for approval of a substantial reorganization at PSU found on page 63. The request cites declining enrollments, and merges several departments, creates several schools, and changes a department name. Changes will improve efficiency and reduce costs.

Chuck Taber moved to approve the reorganization at PSU as presented, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Each of these requests will go to Blake Flanders for final approval, except the PSU reorganization requests, which will go to COPS and then the Board for final approval.

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

Janet Stramel, Chair and FHSU Faculty Senate President, presented her last update as Chair. The Council continues to discuss and monitor the temporary policy related to workforce management. CoFSP unanimously opposes this policy as they believe it unnecessary as universities have the latitude to align expenditures with available resources. The Council also has concerns with the proposed general education framework and policy, but faculty are likely to support the policy's aim. CoFSP members for the 2022-23 year have been identified, and KU will be the host school. Janet thanked everyone, noting it has been a very educational opportunity and experience.

### **Discuss Opportunities**

FHSU is undergoing a similar reorganization as PSU presented. KU is working on degrees in cybersecurity and data analytics. These will be presented to COCAO in a future meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022.

Shirley Lefever moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jen Roberts seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.