

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

The April 19, 2023, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Bichelmeyer at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was held at Pittsburg State University with a virtual option through Zoom.

In Attendance:

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| Members: | Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Chuck Taber, K-State Brent Thomas, ES | Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Howard Smith, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU | Robert Klein, KUMC Laura Stephenson, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR |
| Staff: | Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Tara Lebar | Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier April Henry | Judd McCormack Marti Leisinger Charmine Chambers |
| Others: | Ashlie Jack, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Gary Brooking, WSU Jen Roberts, KU Karen Johnson, PSU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Nate Brunsell, KU Shawn Keough, ESU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Amy Sage Webb-Baza, ESU Alysia Johnston, Fort Scott CC Brett Whitaker, FHSU | Andy Howe, ESU Erik Perrins, KU Jean Redeker, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Mario Medina, KU NWKTC Representatives Steven Skinner, WSU Tom Nevill, Butler CC Seth Kastle, FHSU Tara Lindahl, Washburn Tech | Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Callis, SATC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kristen Kremer, K-State Luke Dowell, Seward County CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Rex Chever, Hutchinson CC Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC Steve Loewen, FHTC Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC Heather Morgan, KACCT |

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve March 22, 2023, meeting minutes, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update

Nate Brunsell, KU's faculty senate president and CoFSP Chair, provided the update. They met last week and discussed concerns with legislative efforts regarding DEI. They appreciate those asserting the importance of DEI. Nate encouraged institutions to contact faculty experts for assistance in these efforts.

First Readings

- Jill Arensdorf and Seth Kastle presented the first reading for an MS in Global Strategic Leadership at FHSU. This program is 36 hours, entirely online, and designed for students wanting to consider leadership in context and who are currently working in non-technical professional roles. It will have two concentration areas, Leadership in Health Administration and Information Technology Policy Administration.
- Jill Arensdorf, Seth Kastle, and Brett Whitaker presented the first reading for a BAS in Applied

Leadership at FHSU. This degree will be offered in-person and online and will create a new pathway for AAS graduates to complete their bachelor's degree in less than four years by maximizing military, technical, and vocational credits. This stackable credential is designed for military service members and community and technical college students with extensive work experience and/or an associate of applied science degree. FHSU received a letter outlining some concerns from WSU. They will address those concerns in writing and will update the proposal, including a change to the CIP code, before the second reading.

- Chuck Taber and Kristen Kremer presented the first reading for a BA/BS in Addiction Counseling at K-State. This program will serve an important need in the state and was identified by the rpk GROUP as having underserved workforce needs. It is designed to provide treatment for people who suffer from addiction and other mental and behavioral disorders. It's a clinical program that will make use of current clinical sites in the Social Work program. It will be delivered in a hybrid format for student flexibility and will use existing resources and faculty.
- Barbara Bichelmeyer, Erik Perrins, and Mario Medina presented the first reading for a BS in Cybersecurity Engineering at KU. This degree is distinct from other cybersecurity programs as it is engineering-based and is designed to meet ABET accreditation requirements. As such, KU is also requesting approval to seek accreditation, and due to accreditation requirements, the program exceeds the 120-credit hour threshold, so the university will be requesting an exception to the 120-hour requirement, as well. The program will require no new faculty resources.
- Howard Smith presented the first reading for an AA in General Studies at PSU. This proposal is an outgrowth of the National Institute of Student Success (NISS) discussions, and PSU has identified the creation of this degree as one of many strategies to improve student success, especially with persistence. This path will only be available for students pursuing a Bachelor's degree at PSU and will allow current students the opportunity to be awarded a degree that they have already earned and paid for. Howard noted that in the last three years, PSU had 570+ students with hours for such a degree. There are no additional resources or costs required, and students can opt-out. As a reminder, when a university wishes to offer an associate degree, per policy, 2-year colleges are allowed a 45-day comment period. For this proposal, this comment period ends on May 29th.

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

Other Requests

- Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request to approve a Minor in Athletics Coaching at KU. This minor will be housed in the Department of Health, Sport, and Exercise Sciences and will utilize existing resources.

Shirley Lefever moved to approve the KU request as presented, and Chuck Taber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Jill Arensdorf presented a request to approve changing the name of the Department of Computer Science and Information Science Engineering to the Department of Computer Science at FHSU. They no longer offer their Information Science Engineering program.

Howard Smith moved to approve the new minor as presented, and Brent Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Brent Thomas and Amy Sage Webb-Baza presented a request for approval to change the name of the

BA in Modern Languages to a BA in Languages, Literary Studies, & Writing at ESU. This title change reflects the major's specializations in English and Spanish and will familiarize students with the language, linguistics, cultures, and writing in the areas of English and Spanish literary arts.

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the ESU name change as presented, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Shirley Lefever, Steven Skinner, and Gary Brooking presented a request for approval to change the name of the BS in Engineering Technology to a BS in Applied Engineering at WSU. The change is to align the degree with accreditation requirements, removing "Technology" from the title. This will also allow the program to be classified under a new CIP code for "Applied Engineering."

Howard Smith moved to approve the WSU name change as presented, and Chuck Taber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

These requests will go to Dr. Blake Flanders for final approval.

Other Matters

Robert Klein stated that KUMC would have a Ph.D. in Clinical Investigation up for a first reading in June. Howard Smith stated that PSU is discussing a leadership emphasis in their nursing program. Barbara Bichelmeyer stated that KU is working on a BAS in Professional Performance and a Master's in Human Organizational Performance Effectiveness. KU may also have a Minor in Sports & Exercise Psychology if it passes internal approval.

Adjournment

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for May 17, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Chuck Taber moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.