

Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee Minutes

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

10:30 a.m.

**Kathy Rupp Conference Room
Kansas Board of Regents
Topeka, Kansas**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room of the Kansas Board of Regents, Topeka, Kansas, at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 14, 2014.

Members Present: Robba Moran, Chair
Mildred Edwards
Tim Emert
Helen Van Etten

Board Staff: Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Karla Wiscombe, Jacqueline Johnson, Blake Flanders, and Cynthia Farrier

Others Present: Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; April Mason, Kansas State University; and Rick Muma, Wichita State University

Approve April 29, 2014 Minutes

Regent Van Etten moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to approve the April 29, 2014 Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee Meeting minutes as written. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

BAASC 13-02, Transfer and Articulation: Update – Karla Wiscombe and Gary Alexander

Karla Wiscombe updated BAASC regarding the status of the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC). TAAC will meet tomorrow and look at a list of courses to pare them down to a list of courses that will effectively transfer. They will also work on clarifying the reports from the Kansas Core Outcome Groups and its agenda to clarify their charge of articulating outcomes. The fall meeting will be September 12th at Johnson County Community College with a proposed timeline from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Joey Linn will present the Quality Assurance Report to the Board in June.

BAASC 13-04, Developmental Education Update – Gary Alexander

The Developmental Education Group is in the final stages of preparing its report, which will be presented in June. It makes concrete proposals we hope will be considered by the campuses.

Credit for Prior Learning – Gary Alexander

The final version of the guidebook removed Appendix D. The content of Appendix D is included in the issue paper as a working guide. Gary Alexander thanked Blake Flanders, Zoe Thompson, Kathy Hund, and Karla Wiscombe for their work with the working group to develop the guidebook. It was noted “Credit for Prior Learning” (CPL) will be the official title for this project. Academic Affairs, with assistance from Career and Technical Education staff, will work with the System Council of Chief Academic Officers and the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee in coordinating and moving CPL forward.

A workshop is scheduled for May 30th in Wichita, conducted by staff of the Council on Adult and Experimental Education (CAEL). Most of the institutions are sending participants. Regent Moran plans to attend this conference.

Vice President Alexander noted the increased activity in such areas as transfer/articulation, Credit for Prior Learning, developmental education, reverse transfer and student success plans. He observed we are reaching the point where it is necessary to consider seriously the implications for staffing and funding as we maintain and further develop these and related initiatives.

BAASC asked that the CPL guidebook be distributed system-wide.

Regent Emert moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend the Board direct institutions to review their CPL policies and practices, and continue to ensure students have ample opportunity to make use of CPL in a manner consistent with the institution’s staffing and resources. Motion carried.

Regent Van Etten moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend that the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) project be placed under the aegis of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee, with the Vice President for Academic Affairs being responsible for coordinating system CPL activities. Motion carried.

Student Success Plans

Gary Alexander updated BAASC regarding the student success plans report. In 2012 the Legislature required individual student success plans for students admitted under the exception windows. Board policy directs institutions to regularly report to the vice president for academic affairs on their progress. All of the institutions have reported. The number of students admitted as exceptions remains low. Institutions have energetically undertaken this project.

Performance Funding

Gary Alexander indicated the definition of new state funds needs to be updated in Performance Agreement: Funding Guidelines.

The proposed revisions: 1) incorporate the Board’s May 2013 determination that Tuition for Technical Education distributions (secondary students) meet the statutory definition of funds that are subject to performance funding; 2) add the Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentive Special Revenue Fund to the list of funds that are statutorily subject to performance funding; and 3) provide clarification.

Definition of New State Funds

Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3202d, each public postsecondary educational institution's receipt of "new state funds" shall be contingent upon achieving compliance with its performance agreement, as determined by the Kansas Board of Regents. ~~Any~~ Except as otherwise specifically required by statute or appropriation proviso, only those funds that are designated appropriated by the Legislature for to a specific postsecondary educational institution or for a specific purpose by using a separate line item shall be exempted from performance funding not to be considered "new state funds" for this purpose.

Accordingly, the Board has determined that the following line items are subject to performance: (1) State university and Washburn University operating grants ~~increases~~; (2) community college, technical college and Washburn Institute of Technology Postsecondary Tiered Technical State Aid and Non-Tiered Course Credit Hour Aid ~~increases~~; (3) eligible institutions' Career Technical Education Capital Outlay Aid and Technology Grant Funding ~~increases~~; ~~and~~ (4) Tuition for Technical Education (secondary students); (5) Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentive Special Revenue Fund; and (6) any other state funding ~~increases~~ consistent with the statutes. ~~apply to any~~ "new state funds" received by any postsecondary institution under the original 1999 Senate Bill 345 provisions for 2% performance grant funding, codified in K.S.A. 76-771, will also be subject to performance.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3202d, the Board of Regents will determine the amount of new state funds to be received by each institution, taking into account the institution's level of compliance with its performance agreement and the funds available for distribution. For the purpose of this statute, "New state funds" will equal means the amounts of additional state funding each institution received appropriated for the fiscal year from a particular line item that is in excess of state funding that institution received appropriated for the previous fiscal year from that line item. The Board will determine the amount of new state funds each institution is eligible to receive for each line item if the institution is determined to be in full compliance with its performance agreement. If the Board determines that an institution is not in full compliance with its performance agreement, the Board may allocate to the institution none or a portion of the new state funds for which the institution would otherwise be eligible. Any portion not allocated to an institution in the fiscal year shall not be reallocated to any other institution. ~~Any~~ Except for those funds that never become a part of the institution's base, any portion not allocated to an institution will be deemed to be part of the institution's base budget for the purpose of determining the following fiscal year's allocation. This provision precludes an institution from permanently losing multi-year state funding due to noncompliance with its performance agreement. The intended effect of this provision is that such loss of funds would be only for one fiscal year.

~~Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3202d, any funds designated appropriated by the Legislature for to a specific institution for a specific purpose shall be exempted from these provisions related to performance funding.~~

BAASC, by consensus, endorses updating the definition of “new state funds” in the *Performance Agreement: Funding Guidelines* document as per the language above.

Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.