

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024

The February 14, 2024, System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mickey McCloud. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom with an in-person option at the KBOR offices.

In Attendance:

Members: Mickey McCloud, JCCC	Laura Stephenson, Washburn	Phil Speary, Butler CC
Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Howard Smith, PSU	Luke Dowell, Seward County CC
Brent Thomas, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
Shirley Lefever, WSU	Scott Lucas, WSU Tech	Debra Mercer, KSU
Karla Wiscombe, KBOR	Marc Malone, Garden City CC	

Approval of Minutes

Luke Dowell moved to approve the January 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Jill Arensdorf seconded, and the motion passed.

Systemwide Updates

- Mistie Knox provided an update on the Apply Free Days and Apply Kansas. Apply Kansas took place in the month of October. Apply Free Days took place on November 7th-9th. The annual reports and data highlights can be found on the KBOR website. She also provided a FAFSA update.
- Jane Holwerda provided the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Report. TAAC met last week on February 7th and approved new Systemwide Transfer (SWT) courses not previously offered at three community colleges. The TAAC's next meeting is March 6th. March 1 is the deadline for institutions to apply to include SWT courses not previously offered to be added to the Transfer Portal for the 2024-25 academic year.
- Sam Christy-Dangermond provided an update on Math Pathways. The Math Pathways Task Force met on January 29th and plans to meet every 3-4 weeks. Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education is the next discipline group to meet on February 23rd to discuss appropriate math courses, and the Math Course Placement Measures Committee will meet on February 28th to discuss common course placement measures for the gateway math courses.
- Sam Christy-Dangermond provided an update on the Systemwide Elementary Education Transfer Associate Degree. Staff from 15 community colleges participated in this articulated program, getting program requirements entered into the program inventory at KBOR.
- Sam Christy-Dangermond provided an update on Performance Agreements/Reports & Performance Funding Guidelines. A sample agreement and report were provided, as guidance for what is due July 1 of this year and what is expected over the next two years. Reports will go to BAASC for review in late August. A Funding Model and Guidelines draft document was provided. The draft is expected to be submitted to BAASC by the March meeting, and it will ultimately need full Board approval to become official.

Other Matters

- Mickey McCloud noted work is underway to update language and processes for the [Off-Campus Delivery of Academic Courses and Programs policy](#). The KCIA group provided recommendations and

the revised policy will go to KBOR legal for review before it is disseminated. It should be ready for review next month.

- Karla Wiscombe gave a general Academic Affairs update. KBOR restructured the administrative support group, and additional staff will assist Academic Affairs. She provided an update on Systemwide Gen Ed Exceptions, which will be posted on the website by March 1. An email was sent to all Chief Academic Officers requesting representatives to create a systemwide associate degree for four programs: Business Administration, Computer Science, Nursing, and Social Work. The deadline for the work is May 24.

Adjournment

Brent Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting. Shirley Lefever seconded, and the motion passed.