

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE  
AGENDA**

**September 19, 2018**

**10:30 am – 11:30 am**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee will meet in the Board Room located in the Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas, 66612.

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Committee Matters**

- A. Approve Minutes from the September 4, 2018 committee meeting p. 2
- B. BAASC 19-08 Receive Update on Credit for Prior Learning p. 4  
*Connie Beene, KBOR*  
*Sam Christy-Dangermond, KBOR*
- C. Act on Naming of Two Academic Units p. 4  
*Charles Taber, KSU*
- D. BAASC 18-01 Approve Requests for Undergraduate Degrees in Excess of 120 Credit Hours p. 5  
*Jean Redeker, KBOR*
- E. Next BAASC Meeting: October 22, 2018, 11:30am, Teleconference *Jean Redeker, KBOR*  
Draft Agenda Items: Approval of Degree Programs and AY 2107 Performance Reports

**III. Adjourn**

**Meeting Schedule**

Meeting Dates	Location	Time	Agenda Materials Due
October 22, 2018	Conference Call	11:30 am	October 8, 2018
November 26, 2018	Conference Call	11:30 am	November 12, 2018
December 12, 2018	Topeka	10:30 am	November 20, 2018
January 7, 2019	Conference Call	11:30 am	December 17, 2018
January 16, 2019 (tentative)	Topeka	10:30 am	December 28, 2018
February 4, 2019	Conference Call	11:30 am	January 21, 2019
March 4, 2019	Conference Call	11:30 am	February 18, 2019
March 20, 2019	Topeka	10:30 am	March 1, 2019
April 1, 2019	Conference Call	11:30 am	March 18, 2019
April 29, 2019	Conference Call	11:30 am	April 15, 2019
May 15, 2019 (tentative)	Topeka	10:30 am	April 26, 2019
June 3, 2019	Conference Call	11:30 am	May 20, 2019
June 19, 2019 (tentative)	Topeka	10:30 am	May 31, 2019

**Kansas Board of Regents  
Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee**

**MINUTES**

**Tuesday September 4, 2018**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents met by conference call at 11:17 a.m. on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

**In Attendance:**

Members:           Regent Ann Brandau-Murguia   Regent Helen Van Etten   Regent Daniel Thomas

Staff:               Jean Redeker                       Karla Wiscombe           Max Fridell  
                      Sam Christy-Dangermond

Institutions Represented:

FHSU	KSU	PSU
KU	KUMC	WSU
FHTC	NCK Tech	NWKTC
Allen CC	Barton County CC	Butler CC
Colby CC	Cowley CC	Dodge City CC
Fort Scott CC	Garden City CC	Highland CC
JCCC	Labette CC	Neosho County CC

Meeting was called to order at 11:17 a.m. by Regent Brandau-Murguia. Regent Brandau-Murguia welcomed everyone to the conference call and discussed the format for the meetings.

**Approval of Minutes**

Regent Thomas moved that the minutes of the June 20, 2018, meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Van Etten, the motion passed.

**Agenda Planning for September 19<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**

A. Consent Agenda - Request Approval for a Bachelor of Applied Science in Workforce Leadership and Applied Learning at WSU was presented by Jean Redeker. Discussion was held.

Regent Van Etten moved that the Bachelor of Applied Science in Workforce Leadership and Applied Learning at WSU be placed on the Board Consent Agenda. Following the second of Regent Thomas, the motion passed.

B. Discussion Agenda - Request Approval on Recommended Cut Scores for Placement and Assessment in Developmental Education Courses was presented by Jean Redeker. Discussion was held.

Regent Van Etten moved that the Recommended Cut Scores for Placement and Assessment in Developmental Education Courses be placed on the Board Discussion Agenda. Following the second of Regent Thomas, the motion passed.

**Other Board Matters**

A. **BAASC 19-02** Approval of Performance Reports for Academic Year 2017 was presented by Jean Redeker for the following institutions:

<b>University/College</b>	<b>Funding Recommendation</b>
Emporia State University	100% funding
Fort Hays State University	100% funding
Pittsburg State University	100% funding
Washburn University/Institute of Technology	100% funding
Allen Community College	100% funding
Colby Community College	100% funding
Cowley Community College	100% funding
Fort Scott Community College	100% funding
Garden City Community College	100% funding
Highland Community College	100% funding
Hutchinson Community College	100% funding
Johnson County Community College	100% funding
Kansas City Kansas Community College	100% funding
Labette Community College	100% funding
Neosho County Community College	100% funding
Flint Hills Technical College	100% funding
North Central Kansas Technical College	100% funding
Northwest Kanas Technical College	100% funding
Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology	100% funding

Discussion was held.

Regent Van Etten moved that the above listed institutions receive the recommended funding. Following the second of Regent Thomas, the motion passed.

BAASC reviewed and discussed the meeting dates and times listed below. By consensus, BAASC members agreed to the meeting dates and times.

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Regent Brandau-Murguia adjourned the meeting at 11:38.

**Credit for Prior Learning Update**

**Connie Beene, Senior Director  
Samantha Christy-Dangermond, Associate Director**

**Summary**

*Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is the awarding of college credit for equivalent knowledge and skills gained outside the traditional postsecondary classroom, and supports the Board’s goal to increase higher education attainment among Kansans. The Report for CPL given at the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 BAASC meeting will include the first complete year of CPL data and will also summarize efforts to support the awarding of CPL for military learning and training, credit by examination, industry-recognized credentials, and other sources of CPL.*

**Act on Naming of Two Academic Units – KSU**

**Charles Taber, KSU Provost**

**Summary**

*At the September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 BAASC meeting, Kansas State University will request formal approval to name the Department of Chemical Engineering and the Department of Architectural Engineering after two separate individuals. According to Board policy “academic units shall be named for an individual, individuals or business entity by the Board upon the recommendation of the chief executive officer of the state university and the Board Academic Affairs Committee. No public communication of a proposed name shall be made until the name is presented for consideration to the open meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee.”*

## **BAASC 18-01 Approve Requests for Undergraduate Degrees in Excess of 120 Credit Hours**

### **Summary and Recommendation**

*At the June 2018 BAASC meeting, 40 degree programs requested exemption to the 120 credit hour benchmark. Thirty degree programs, most at or below 128 credit hours, were recommended for exemption by BAASC, and will be forwarded to the Board for approval. Ten engineering degree programs, ranging from 129 to 133 credit hours, were scheduled for additional review at the September 19, 2018 BAASC meeting. Since the June 2018 BAASC meeting, nine of the ten engineering programs have reduced, or are exploring reducing, the overall number of credit hours to 128 or below. One program is requesting an exemption for 129 credit hours. Staff recommends approval of these ten exemption requests.*

### **Background**

At its May 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed its policy on semester credit hour requirements for baccalaureate degree programs and found that, at that time, 33% of system baccalaureate programs required 120 credit hours. Since then, a significant shift was made to reduce credit hour requirements. Currently, more than 90% of all undergraduate programs are currently at, or soon will meet, the 120 credit hour benchmark.

At the June 2018 BAASC meeting, 40 degree programs requested exemption to the 120 credit hour benchmark. After careful review, BAASC recommended 30 degree programs, most at or below 128 credit hours, be approved for exemption. Ten engineering degree programs, ranging from 129 to 133 credit hours, were scheduled for additional review at the September 2018 BAASC meeting.

With 128 credit hours as the new benchmark established at the June 2018 BAASC meeting, nine of the ten engineering programs have reduced, or are in discussions to determine if they can reduce, the overall number of semester credit hours to 128 or below. Detailed information about these ten programs follow.

### **Requested Exemptions and Update on Progress**

Wichita State University is seeking exemption for one program, Aerospace Engineering. Having recently undergone a reduction in semester credit hours from 135 to its current 129 in October of 2017, it is now ten semester credit hours below the national average for aerospace-specific content. At 129 credit hours, the program exactly matches the engineering accreditation body's minimum math and science requirements.

Kansas State University requests exemption to three programs that have been reduced from 129 credit hours to the 128 credit hour standard established at the June 2018 BAASC meeting. These programs are Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Biomedical Engineering.

Effective August 2018, the University of Kansas reduced credit hours requirements for the following degree programs, as detailed below, and is exploring ways to further reduce the credit hour requirements to 127 or 128. Such discussions began at department retreats held in August 2018.

- Aerospace Engineering: reduced from 133 to 129 credit hours.
- Electrical Engineering: reduced from 130 to 129 credit hours.
- Petroleum Engineering reduced from 133 to 130 credit hours, and is the only such degree in the state.

For degrees programs in Computer Engineering (129 credit hours), Architectural Engineering (132 credit hours), and Civil Engineering (132 credit hours), discussions began at department retreats held in mid-August, and will continue into the academic year. Each department has indicated an openness to consider ways to reduce credit hour requirements while preserving the rigor and key components of the existing curriculum. Faculty do note credit hour reductions for all six degree programs would most likely manifest in a reduction of foundational engineering coursework because the general education coursework cannot be reduced. KU notes its median time to degree for each of the six degree programs is 4.0 years.

**Recommendation**

Since the June 2018 BAASC meeting, each of these three institution's faculty, staff, and administration carefully reviewed these specific programs to determine if additional reductions could be made to the programs' credit hour requirements. Their cooperation and support have been instrumental to the success of this effort.

In six cases, reductions in credit hours were accomplished. In three cases, departments are in discussions to determine if degree requirements can be reduced to 128 credit hours. One program, WSU's Aerospace Engineering, which recently experienced a six semester credit hour reduction in the program, is requesting to maintain its 129 semester credit hour requirement, only one credit hour above the 128 benchmark guideline. Staff recommends approval of these ten exemption requests.