Council of Chief Academic Officers

MINUTES
Wednesday, October 16, 2019

The October 16, 2019 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair David Cordle at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held by conference call.

In Attendance:
Members: David Cordle, ESU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Charles Taber, K-State Jean Redeker, KU Rick Muma, WSU Daniel Archer, KBOR

Staff: Karla Wiscombe Sam Christy-Dangermond Erin Wolfram Cynthia Farrier Amy Robinson

Others: Lori Winningham, Butler CC Chris Claterbos, KU Dee Steinle, KU Jennifer Ball, Washburn Professor Wintoki, KU

Chair David Cordle welcomed everyone and roll call was taken for university members.

Approval of Minutes
Rick Muma moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2019 meeting. Chuck Taber seconded the motion and the motion passed.

First Program Readings
- Jide Wintoki, KU Professor of Finance and Director of Analytics, Information & Operations Management, presented a program overview for the Master of Science in Business Analytics from the University of Kansas. They currently have a successful Bachelor’s Degree in Business & Analytics and started with a dozen majors and have over 200 now. They have received input from students and industry and believe this major will be just as successful. No questions were presented to Professor Wintoki. Rick Muma, WSU, commented that they are looking at similar degree options.

If there are further questions or comments, Jean Redeker can be contacted. The second reading will go on the November COCAO agenda.

- David Cordle presented information for the proposed Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Ethnic, Gender, and Identity Studies at Emporia State University proposal. This is going to be built on the existing minor, so the framework is already in place. Because the program is already being taught there are no startup costs or new faculty needed. Rick Muma, WSU, commented that they are in the process of changing the name of their Women’s Studies Department to the same title ESU is proposing. Jean Redeker, KU, stated they have a similar program with some overlap, and their Area Director is supportive of the program. Jill Arensdorf, FHSU, stated their Sociology Department which houses a minor and certificate in this area, is supportive of ESU moving forward with this degree program. David Cordle asked if FHSU is having any conversations about building a major on this foundation. Jill responded that she is not aware of any.

If there are further questions or comments, David Cordle can be contacted. The second reading will go on the November COCAO agenda.
Second Program Readings

- The Committee reviewed and voted on the three programs for Kansas State University: Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance, Associate of Applied Science in Professional Pilot and Master of Industrial Design. The Committee also reviewed and voted on the Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Science for KUMC. No further comments were presented from COCAO members since their first readings on September 18th.

By unanimous consent on each, COCAO approved the above programs for KSU and KUMC. They will now go on the COPS agenda for November.

OTHER MATTERS

- The next COCAO meeting is being held at PSU on November 20, 2019.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.