

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

**MINUTES
Wednesday, May 20, 2020**

The May 20, 2020 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Schmidt at 10:17 a.m. The meeting was held by Zoom and live streamed for the public. This was originally scheduled as a face-to-face meeting in Topeka but was moved to Zoom based on COVID-19.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Schmidt, Chair Regent Kiblinger	Regent Harrison-Lee	Regent Van Etten
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson	Karla Wiscombe Erin Wolfram	Samantha Christy-Dangermond Travis White
Others:	Mickey McCloud, JCCC	Shannon Portillo, KU	

Regent Schmidt welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members, presenters, and KBOR staff.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Kiblinger moved to approve the May 4, 2020 meeting minutes, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

KU Edwards Campus Transfer Agreement Update

Mickey McCloud, JCCC, and Shannon Portillo, KU, presented the update. The agreement just completed its first year with around 150 students participating. Shannon discussed the preliminary data, noting it has potential to increase the transfer pipeline as well as persistence and graduation. Mickey highlighted the success of recapturing students, noting this was an unexpected increase. Mickey stated they are looking at ways to ensure courses taken at their 2-year institution for an AA degree are geared towards a career field or align with a 4-year program, as opposed to simply meeting criteria to complete an AA.

Regent Kiblinger stated this agreement provides a good example for looking at a better pathway from all community colleges to post-secondary. She asked if they had student demographics. Shannon responded they do not have specific demographics on the 150 students but referred to their overall university demographic data. Mickey discussed the demographics of JCCC as well. Regent Kiblinger stated future demographic tracking for participating students would be beneficial.

Regent Schmidt asked them to discuss their marketing efforts. Mickey stated that JCCC engaged in social media as well as direct marketing through their college counselors and advocates. Shannon noted KU has updated its transfer guides to indicate that students should meet with their advisors and counselors at JCCC, as well as their KU Edwards Campus academic success coaches. The KU academic success coaches work with students from recruitment through graduation, and this allows them to reach out early when students are still at the community college level to help them line up classes with their future in mind.

Associate-to-Baccalaureate Proposed Transfer Plan

Daniel Archer provided information on three critical areas that are central to creating this plan. He discussed the details of each as provided in his materials.

1. Having a common general education package for transferrable associate degrees.

2. Creating a framework where program-specific courses transfer as a block without the loss of credit.
3. Examining associate-to-baccalaureate credit hour parameters.

Daniel discussed the formation of a general education working group as discussed during the April SCOCAO meeting. Daniel noted the group will consist of equal representation and will work toward a collaborative process for this systemwide issue. Their primary focus will be on creating a common general education package, and secondarily they will look into program specific courses.

If BAASC supports the plan, Daniel plans to take it to the Board in June. Regent Kiblinger and Regent Schmidt discussed their support of the transfer plan and the working group. Regent Harrison-Lee noted that she encourages the plan and working group to move this quickly. Daniel noted he will provide updates in the upcoming year to BAASC.

Strategic Program Alignment/Low-Enrollment Programs

Daniel stated last month the Board expressed their desire to review strategic program alignment. Daniel previously provided specific criteria to help guide the Committee. Regent Kiblinger asked for further information to understand the cost and inefficiency that may be involved in programs that are continuing. Daniel stated this information can vary, and more information can be brought to the next meeting. Regent Schmidt stated he believes they should look at all programs not meeting the minimum of 25 students enrolled as listed in the agenda. Regent Van Etten agreed and wants to look at short- and long-term goals. Regent Kiblinger noted if the Committee would like to look at all programs not meeting the minimum of 25 enrolled, there may be a need to prioritize so as not to burden universities. Regent Harrison-Lee believes if universities can review all of these programs, they should for the sake of efficiency. There is a total of 60 programs that do not have the minimum 25 majors.

Regent Kiblinger motioned to move forward with all programs not meeting the minimum of 25 enrolled to be reviewed and if there are universities that feel this is burdensome, they could appeal to BAASC to have the list shortened for their institution only. Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Update

Regent Schmidt stated the DSP group met recently online. WSU has taken the lead as a working group and is moving forward with developing a curriculum. While this will not lead to a degree, it does fit into many pathways to education.

Coordinating Council Update

The next meeting has been rescheduled to May 28th. The agenda will include:

- Finalize Draft Council Charter
- Discuss benefits of aligning all spring breaks for the entire education system in Kansas (K-12 through postsecondary)
- Discuss the development of a resource page that displays all online postsecondary courses including Excel in CTE courses that are available to high school students
- Discuss idea of developing advisory connections between K-12 counselors and postsecondary academic advisors
- Discuss interest in developing a survey for HS seniors for use in K-20 planning
- Discuss developing common advisory committees for career and technical education programs
- Discuss issues related to COVID-19 that the two systems can work on together

Adjournment

Regent Schmidt discussed the next tentative agenda. The next meeting will be via video conference on June 1, 2020 and livestreamed for the public. Regent Kiblinger moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:16 a.m.