

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

**MINUTES
Wednesday, December 16, 2020**

The December 16, 2020 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 10:17 a.m. The meeting was held by Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger, Chair Regent Brandau-Murguia	Regent Schmidt	Regent Van Etten
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson Steve Funk	Karla Wiscombe Sam Christy-Dangermond Judd McCormack	Tara Lebar Marti Leisinger
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Howard Smith, PSU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jacob Rooker, KUMC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Marisa-Nicole Zayat, KUMC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brian Niehoff, K-State Erin Shaw, Highland CC Jean Redeker, KU Kim Morse, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Robert Klein, KUMC	Charles Taber, K-State Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC David Cordle, ESU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Luke Dowell, Seward County CC Lori Winningham, Butler CC Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC

Regent Kiblinger welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the December 1, 2020 meeting minutes, and Regent Brandau-Murguia seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Items

Regent Kiblinger introduced a last-minute request, "Request for a Spring 2021 Schedule Change - K-State". The Committee presented this time-sensitive request for discussion and voted whether it could go to the Board under Consent later in the day. Daniel provided a summary of the request. Daniel stated K-State does not have a spring break this year, and this request adds April 16, 2021, as a "wellness day" in which students will have no classes. Earlier in the year, the Board approved a temporary measure to allow Blake Flanders and the Board Chair the authority to approve changes to academic calendars that arise from the pandemic and COVID-19 case increases. Most universities at that time canceled spring break. This change does not fall under that process as it is not a direct result of the pandemic. This request will be voted on by BAASC and then approved by the Board per policy.

Regent Van Etten moved to approve April 16, 2021, as a "wellness day" for K-State, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. With no further questions or discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Additional Updates

Daniel Archer provided an update from the General Education (GE) Working Group. Daniel stated through surveying they identified common threads in knowledge and skills they want students to exhibit upon

completion. Common ground was found in written communication, oral communication, quantitative literacy, and critical thinking skills, and was emphasized throughout our system in both universities and colleges. Each institution is also submitting general education outcome statements, in which institutions articulate the knowledge and skills they want students to demonstrate as a result of general education. The surveys and documents collected will establish the knowledge and skills to emphasize when creating a general education package in Kansas. Daniel noted the working group is also adding additional faculty members who will start attending at the next meeting. Daniel thanked Co-Chairs Barbara Bichelmeyer and Jon Marshall for their valuable time and leadership on this project.

Regent Schmidt provided an update from the Direct Support Professional (DSP) Working Group. He stated they recently had a conference call with around 20 different stakeholders involved in DSP initiatives. This call was centered around work being done by the Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization, putting together a curriculum for high school students to be worked into CTE pathways. The DSP Working Group will hold their next meeting in February.

Regent Kiblinger provided an update from the Coordinating Council. The Council last met on December 7, where they worked on aligning spring break dates across Kansas and were provided updates from the IPS Coordinating Work Group and Coordinating Advisory Committee. Regent Kiblinger stated the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) has sent out communication to K-12 Superintendents that they strongly encourage schools to align their spring breaks. Regent Kiblinger noted she is hopeful that by 2023 almost 100% of schools will have alignment. She also stated several webinars and resources were created and shared on the KSDE website on topics such as college admissions during COVID-19, financial aid, and a "Kansas Post-Secondary Exploration Guide," to name a few. Regent Kiblinger stated headway is being made on Individual Plans of Study (IPS) by creating lessons that will become a standardized IPS piece at the K-12 level. The Coordinating Council plans to meet next on February 1, 2021.

Adjournment

The next BAASC conference call scheduled for January 5 at 11 a.m. has been canceled. The next meeting will be on January 20, 2021, at 10:15 a.m.

Regent Van Etten moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Brandau-Murguia seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:36 a.m.