

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

**MINUTES
Tuesday, February 2, 2021**

The February 2, 2021 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 11:00 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 Natalie Yoza Julene Miller	Karla Wiscombe Sam Christy-Dangermond April Henry Cindy Farrier	Tara Lebar Diane Linderman Scott Smathers
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Ben Schears, NWK Tech David Cordle, ESU Dennis Rittle, Cowley CC Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Kim Morse, Washburn Michael Calvert, Pratt CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Robert Klein, KUMC Sarah Leftwich, WSU Tech Steve Loewen, FHTC Clayton Tatro, Dodge City CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brian Niehoff, K-State Deborah Fox, Highland CC Erin Shaw, Highland CC Howard Smith, PSU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Linnea GlenMaye, ESU Matt Schuette, KUMC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Sandy Valenti, ESU Shirley Lefever, WSU Harold Nolte, Dodge City CC Tom Roberts, Cloud County CC	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Cordell Jordan, Independence CC Deborah Phelps, Cowley CC Greg Belcher, PSU Jerry Pope, KCKCC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Lori Winningham, Butler CC Mark Allen, Independence CC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC Sharon Kibbe, Cloud County CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC

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

Approval of Minutes

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the January 20, 2021 meeting minutes, and Regent Brandau-Murguia seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Item

David Cordle presented the ESU request for approval for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship. David noted the program's purpose is to prepare students to launch start-up businesses. Though the program is offered by the School of Business, it requires work in a second academic area. Students in Humanities and Art programs who want to be prepared to start a business based on their area of study will especially benefit. Regent Schmidt mentioned that ESU might want to look into The Entrepreneurial Bootcamp for Veterans with Disabilities (EBV). Regent Schmidt mentioned veterans can apply for this program, and he believes it could tie into ESU's program very well. Regent Kiblinger noted the BA program looks very efficient and aligns with efforts the Governor's Council on Education is discussing to promote industry and innovation in Kansas.

Regent Schmidt moved to place the Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship on the Board's consent agenda, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Discussion Item

Greg Belcher, Director of the Kansas Center for Career and Technical Education (CTE), presented the PSU request for approval for an Associate of Applied Science in Career & Technical Education. Greg stated the associate degree is a step towards a bachelor's degree and gives working students, most of whom attend part-time, a shorter degree option. Greg also stated this is a joint effort between community and technical colleges, and PSU. The technical and community colleges deliver the technical courses and general education courses, which will tie in with the PSU Teacher Education program's pedagogical courses. Though it is unusual for a university to offer an associate level degree, Greg indicated he is unaware of any technical or community college who can offer the teacher education component. PSU has received support for this program from many technical and community colleges in Kansas. As part of evaluating this proposal, technical and community college feedback was provided in the agenda materials.

Regent Van Etten moved to place the Associate of Applied Science in Career & Technical Education on the Board's discussion agenda, and Regent Brandau-Murguia seconded the motion. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

AY 2019 Performance Reports

Sam Christy-Dangermond presented seven AY 2019 Performance Reports for review. Reports are typically measured from six metrics with a goal to meet or exceed the baseline of each metric. The Committee was presented performance reports from seven institutions that qualify for 90% of any new legislative funding in July 2021 based on their AY 2019 Performance Reports, as they met or exceeded the baseline on three of their six indicators. Individuals from the following seven institutions, as allowed by policy, are requesting to move to the next higher funding tier of 100% and have provided information on the indicator they are using for the request, any alternative evaluation criteria being used, and their justification for moving to the 100% tier level:

1. Emporia State University – David Cordle
2. Cloud County Community College – Amber Knoettgen and Kim Zant
3. Cowley Community College – Michelle Schoon and Dennis Rittle
4. Dodge City Community College – Jane Holwerda, Clayton Tatro, and Harold Nolte
5. Highland Community College – Erin Shaw
6. Independence Community College – Mark Allen
7. Northwest Kansas Technical College – Ben Schears

Regent Schmidt asked ESU to address decreases in their #4 indicator, *Enrollment growth strategies for traditional students ages 24 years or younger*. David Cordle responded it is an uphill struggle to maintain these students. As demographics have changed, they are looking for opportunities at the graduate level and online programs to offset this decline.

Regent Kiblinger asked Cloud CC if not filling their nursing instructor position impacted more than their #6 indicator. Amber Knoettgen responded she does think it had an impact on the #3 indicator, but that a decline in enrollment is a contributing factor for the #2 indicator, *Increase number of certificates and degrees awarded*. Additionally, their baseline for this indicator was skewed by an anomaly in reporting by the previous administration.

Regent Kiblinger asked Highland CC about their #5 indicator, *Increase the first-attempt pass rate for NCLEX-RN (certification test for registered nurses) for program completers*, high pass rates in 2017 and 2018, and what contributed to their decrease in 2019. Erin Shaw responded that contributing factors were outlined in their materials, and she focused on their improvement plan, which includes more intrusive academic counseling,

additional prerequisite content reviews, developing a common debriefing model, increasing faculty professional development, formalizing student conferences and study groups, and using their existing ATI tools. Regent Schmidt noted he would like to receive an update on this indicator before their next performance review due to its significance. Erin noted the 2020 test results were delayed due to COVID, but she will check with the Director of Nursing to see when they should expect them. Regent Kiblinger asked that they give any updates to Daniel, who can bring this to the Committee.

The Committee discussed ways to obtain out-of-state employment data to assist with performance agreements. Cindy Farrier noted that we have a Kansas-Missouri agreement; however, obtaining data from other states places additional risk to the organization due to ensuring the data's protection. She noted there is a new national interchange system where we can obtain data from all states, but the data can only be used for Federal reporting purposes. Cindy stated they could look into potentially adopting Federal reporting indicators for a performance agreement metric, which would allow access to the data.

Regent Brandau-Murguia moved to approve all seven AY19 Performance Reports as presented to the next higher funding tier of 100%, and Regent Schmidt seconded. With no further discussion or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Coordinating Council Update

Regent Kiblinger provided an update from the Coordinating Council. The Council received a report from Dr. Lane, Chair of the Governor's Council on Education. Dr. Lane shared information on a recommendation they will be making soon to establish an Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council. They recommend the Coordinating Council take on this role, and they have come up with some ambitious goals and strategies to close economic gaps in Kansas. Initiatives this new group may work on include JumpStart Kansas, Talent Ready Kansas, and Opportunity Kansas. The key players to move these initiatives forward are KBOR, KSDE, and the Kansas Chamber of Commerce. The Coordinating Council is already comprised of these agencies, so it's a natural fit. The next Coordinating Council meeting is May 24, but more frequent meetings may occur with this new direction.

The Coordinating Council was briefed on FAFSA completion initiatives. Materials are being developed to train K-12 individuals to disseminate information to parents and students to complete their FAFSA. The Council received an update on Individual Plans of Study (IPS) from the IPS Coordinating Work Group. The group is currently working on a checklist of required activities for students who plan to attend technical college, community college, or a university. A checklist will ensure a clear timeline of the steps needed to go on to specific higher education institutions. The Council also received an update from the Coordinating Advisory Committee on the work currently being done. Regent Kiblinger stated she is pleased with the progress, and things are coming together that are beneficial for our Kansas students and economy.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is February 17, 2021, at 10:15 a.m.

Regent Brandau-Murguia moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.