Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

The November 2, 2021 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:
Members:
Regent Kiblinger
Regent Rolph
Regent Schmidt

Staff:
Daniel Archer
Amy Robinson
April Henry
Crystal Puderbaugh
Sam Christy-Dangermond
Tara Lebar
Cindy Farrier
Scott Smathers
Karla Wiscombe
Natalie Yoza
Hector Martinez
Lisa Beck

Others:
Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC
Brenda Koerner, ESU
Clay Stoldt, WSU
Davood Askari, WSU
Elaine Simmons, Barton CC
Jason Sharp, Labette CC
Jennifer Ball, Washburn
JoLanna Kord, ESU
Kim Zant, Cloud County CC
Lisa Kirmer, FHTC
Marc Malone, Garden City CC
Monette DePew, Pratt CC
Remy Lequesne, KU
Shawnee Hendershot, PSU
Steve Loewen, FHTC
Tiffany Evans, Colby CC
Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC
Carter File, Hutchinson CC
Corey Isbell, NCKTC
Debbie Phelps, Cowley CC
Heather Morgan, KACCT
Jean Redeker, KU
Jennifer Brown, NCKTC
JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn
Kim Withroder, MATC
Laurel Littrell, K-State
Melinda Roelfs, PSU
Natalie Alleman, JCCC
Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC
Shirley Lefever, WSU
Tom Nevill, Butler CC
Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC
Chuck Taber, KSU
Cynthia Johnson, KU
George Arasimowicz, ESU
James Genandt, MATC
Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
Jill Arensdorf, FHSU
Jerry Pope, KCKCC
Linnea GlenMaye, WSU
Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC
Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC
Niya McDoo, KU
Rex Cheever, Hutchinson CC
Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC
Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes
Regent Schmidt moved to approve the September 15, 2021 meeting minutes, and Regent Rolph seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Items

- Crystal Puderbaugh presented the conditional certificate of approval for National American University (NAU). One of the roles of the Board is to regulate private and out-of-state institutions under the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutional Act. When NAU submitted its annual application to renew its certificate of approval, KBOR staff identified its financial statements did not meet minimum requirements. KBOR staff believe it is in the best interest to issue NAU a conditional certificate of approval to protect current and future Kansas students. In addition to requiring NAU to submit a financial improvement plan and quarterly financial statements, Crystal provided three additional options for consideration. The additional stipulations include prohibiting NAU from enrolling new Kansas residents, requiring a teach-out plan for current Kansas students, and requiring additional bonding.
Imposing these conditions rather than revoking NAU's renewal allows them to continue serving current Kansas students. Crystal clarified that if NAU cannot meet any of the conditions agreed upon, such as providing the requested bond amount, then BAASC would revisit revoking its certificate. Regents discussed the potential options, and Natalie Yoza, KBOR Associate General Counsel, provided clarifications.

Regent Kiblinger moved, and Regent Rolph seconded, to place on the Board consent agenda a recommendation to issue a conditional certificate of approval to NAU that includes a financial improvement plan, quarterly financial statements, and all three of the additional requirements as listed:

- Prohibit NAU from any new enrollments of Kansas residents until NAU meets the minimum financial requirements.
- Require a teach-out plan and listing of currently enrolled Kansas students, the program in which each student is enrolled, and the anticipated graduation date.
- Require additional bonding in an amount reasonable to protect Kansas students in the event of a closure.

Regent Schmidt requested the item be placed on the Board discussion agenda.

Regent Kiblinger amended her motion to place the item on the discussion agenda, and Regent Rolph agreed to the amendment. The amended motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Shirley Lefever presented two new WSU programs for approval: MS in Athletic Training and MS in Materials Engineering. Clay Stoldt, Interim Dean, provided an overview of the MS in Athletic Training. Several universities confirmed they have also shifted to master-level programs. Davood Askari, Associate Professor, provided an overview of the MS in Materials Engineering. It was noted there are no other similar programs within the regent system.

Regent Schmidt moved to place the two WSU new programs onto the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Rolph, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

**AY 2020 Performance Reports**

Sam Christy-Dangermond presented the AY 2020 Performance Reports for review and provided information on the performance funding process. Performance Agreement information can be found at [https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/performance-agreements](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/performance-agreements).

Performance reports from the following eleven institutions were presented. Each is eligible to receive 100% of any new legislative funding in July 2022, based on achieving at least four out of six indicators:

- Kansas State University
- Pittsburg State University
- Washburn University
- Colby Community College
- Cowley Community College
- Garden City Community College
- Hutchinson Community College
- Johnson County Community College
- Flint Hills Technical College
- Manhattan Area Technical College
- North Central Kansas Technical College

Institutional representatives provided a summary of their reports, and the Regents asked follow-up questions.

Regent Winter moved to approve the eleven institutions to receive 100% of any new funding for which they are eligible in 2022. Following the second of Regent Rolph, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.
Adjournment
The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021, at 10:30 a.m.

Regent Schmidt moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Kiblingar seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.