

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

The February 1, 2022, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 9:01 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom, with an option to view the virtual meeting at the Board office.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger Regent Rolph	Regent Winter	Regent Schmidt
Staff:	Daniel Archer Tara Lebar Renee Burlingham Julene Miller Scott Smathers	Sam Christy-Dangermond Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier Lisa Beck Hector Martinez	Amy Robinson Blake Flanders Judd McCormack Marti Leisinger April Henry
Others:	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brent Thomas, ESU Gary Wyatt, ESU Howard Smith, PSU Jean Redeker, KU Jerry Pope, KCKCC Joan Brewer, ESU Keith Dreiling, FHSU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mary Carol Pomatto, PSU Shawnee Hendershot, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU Rick Staisloff, rpk GROUP Jess Fortner, Hutchinson CC	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Chuck Taber, K-State Gina Wyant, KU Janet Stramel, FHSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jennifer Roberts, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Kim Jackson, Butler CC Lisa Blair, NWKTC Remy Lequesne, KU Shelly Gehrke, ESU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Katie Hagan, rpk GROUP	Bobby Winters, PSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Heather Morgan, KACCT Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jerald Spotswood, ESU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Laurel Littrell, K-State Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tom Nevill, Butler CC Wooseob Jeong, ESU Ani Kokobobo, KU

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Rolph moved to approve January 19, 2022, meeting minutes, and Regent Winter seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Program Review Next Steps – rpk GROUP presentation

Last year the Board discussed low enrollment programs and expressed interest in discussing the program review process further. As PSU and KU had previously used rpk GROUP for institutional work, and because they have extensive experience working with higher education systems, the rpk GROUP was asked to provide a proposal for consideration. [Rpk GROUP](#) specializes in sustainable financial models, strategic platform creation, and the business model behind missions and equitable student success. Rick Staisloff, Founder and Senior Partner, and Katie Hagan, Senior Associate, presented the proposal, which includes the following goals:

- Understand to what degree KBOR institutions are offering programs that align with student interest and lead to successful outcomes
- Identify areas of program duplication across KBOR institutions and recommend opportunities for

academic portfolio optimization

- Determine if current program offerings meet state and national workforce needs and make recommendations for program investment and reallocation to align offerings with labor market

Regent Rolph moved to place the rpk GROUP proposal on the discussion agenda at the next Board meeting, and Regent Schmidt seconded. Regent Kiblinger asked that rpk GROUP include the executive summary and framework from their work in Vermont, and that additional options be presented, which include faculty workload and student outcomes. Rpk GROUP agreed they could shape proposals to fit needs. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Consent Items

- Jill Arensdorf presented an MS in Computer Science program at FHSU for approval. FHSU's BS in Computer Science has grown significantly in recent years. A master's program will help meet student and market demand. This program will be online and use existing faculty.

Regent Rolph moved to place the MS in Computer Science program at FHSU as presented under the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Winter, the motion passed unanimously.

- Howard Smith presented a BS in Computer Science program at PSU for approval. Interest has been identified through student surveys and local businesses have requested this degree.

Regent Rolph moved to place the BS in Computer Science program at PSU as presented under the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Winter, the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Regent Rolph moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Schmidt seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.