

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

The February 28, 2023, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblenger at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom with an in-person option at the Board office.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblenger Regent Lane	Regent Benson	Regent Mendoza
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Cindy Farrier	Tara Lebar Charmine Chambers Gage Rohlf	Karla Wiscombe John Yeary Julene Miller
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Anamika Ratri, KUMC Bella Price, ESU Eric Elsinghorst, KUMC Howard Smith, PSU Jeff Pulaski, WSU Jess Fortner, Hutchinson CC Karen Johnson, PSU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Steward Day, KU Tom Nevill, Butler CC Brent Thomas, ESU	Andy Howe, K-State Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Chuck Taber, K-State Erin Youngs, KUMC Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Mezvah Nobi, KUMC Robert Klein, KUMC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Mickey McCloud, JCCC Jennifer Callis, SATC	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Ashlie Jack, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Heather Rinkenbaugh, Butler CC Jean Redeker, KU Jennifer Roberts, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Laura Stephenson, Washburn Mistie Knox, USD 224 Shirley Lefever, WSU Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Lisa Blair, NWKTC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Benson moved to approve February 15, 2023, meeting minutes, and Regent Mendoza seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

- Robert Klein introduced two School of Medicine students, Anamika Ratri and Mezvah Nobi, who are shadowing KUMC leaders this week to satisfy curricular requirements. Robert Klein, Eric Elsinghorst, and Erin Youngs presented the request to seek approval for accreditation for an MS in Genetic Counseling at KUMC from the Accreditation Council for Genetic Counseling (ACGC). There is an initial cost of \$11,500, an anticipated annual fee of \$6,000, and an anticipated site visit in 2027 for \$5,000.

Regent Benson moved to place the KUMC request under the Board consent agenda, and Regent Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer and Stuart Day presented a BAS in Operations Management at KU for approval. The program will be housed at the KU School of Professional Studies on the Edwards Campus and was

designed to meet growing employment demands in the Kansas City Metro area. This will be a hybrid degree, which provides flexibility for students.

Regent Mendoza moved to place the BAS in Operations Management at KU under the Board consent agenda, and Regent Lane seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

Barbara Bichelmeyer and Stuart day presented a BA/BS in Criminal Justice at KU for approval. The program will be housed at the KU School of Professional Studies on the Edwards Campus, offered with a hybrid option and an online option, and is proposed to meet growing employment demands of law enforcement, corrections, policy, and courts administration in the Kansas City metropolitan area. During January 18, 2023, meeting of the Chief Academic Officers and the February 15, 2023, meeting of the Council of Presidents, there was a split vote of 3-3. Letters supporting and opposing the program were submitted and can be found starting on page 28 of the agenda. Discussion ensued on workforce needs, degree modality, marketing plans, program duplication, and potential collaboration.

Regent Benson moved to place the BA/BS in Criminal Justice at KU under the Board discussion agenda, and Regent Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Regent Kiblinger noted that for program review work currently being conducted, she would like Provosts to bring ideas on what measures and metrics should be looked at to determine what is productive program duplication.

Concurrent Enrollment Cost Model Presentations

On Sept. 14, 2022, the System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCACO) agreed to provide space for institutions to present information on best practices and strategies which promote the Board's *Building a Future* Strategic Plan related to access, affordability, and success. One specific topic that was identified was concurrent enrollment access and affordability. Clifton-Clyde USD 224 and Butler Community College recently presented their concurrent enrollment cost model to SCOCACO.

Mistie Knox, High School Counselor, presented USD 224 Clifton-Clyde's concurrent enrollment cost model. Because of HB2134 in 2021, USD 224 Clifton-Clyde Board of Education adopted a policy in August 2021 to pay 50% of the tuition for up to 6 hours maximum per student per semester. If the student fails the course, the student must pay back the amount of tuition to the district. A maximum of \$4,000 per school year is set aside for this purpose. They also worked with Cloud County Community College to negotiate a lowered tuition of \$106 per credit hour. In 2021, 27% of their high school students took college courses, and 7% were enrolled in more than one course. In 2022 this increased to 39% of high school students taking courses, and 13% were enrolled in more than one course. Currently, they are working to increase the financial assistance maximum allowance of \$4,000. The district also consistently meets with college partners to strengthen partnerships to update policies that eliminate barriers for students and support teachers. Clifton-Clyde has 93% of its students graduating with some college credit.

Heather Rinkenbaugh, Dean of Online, High School & Community Learning at Butler Community College, presented on Butler's concurrent and dual enrollment cost models. Butler has two main options for dual enrollment. H+ offers select courses tuition free to high school students who are residents of the state of Kansas. Early College Academy is a two-year program where students spend half their high school day on the Butler campus. These students are considered full-time college students, and last year, 98% of Early College Academy graduates earned their associate degree from Butler and their high school diplomas simultaneously. Heather noted that creating access and affordability is essential. Butler participates in the Excel in CTE state initiative, has created a general education tuition waiver, and utilizes open educational resources (OER). Butler offers information sessions for parents and students, facilitates placement testing and enrollment services to all high

school partners, and provides professional development for all CEP instructors.

Other Matters

The Committee discussed the next steps of rpk GROUP recommendations. Provosts are planning to provide draft recommendations for consideration by the Board by April. The Provosts have discussed what they use for program review and are looking at common themes. Regent Lane stated they also would be interested in recommendations on the frequency of program review. Provosts will also try to include Regent Kiblenger's request to bring ideas on what measures should be examined to determine what productive duplication may be.

Daniel Archer provided a Math Pathways update. Work with math pathways began last spring during a conversation in SCOPS. Daniel then contacted [Dana Center Mathematics Pathways \(DCMP\)](#) at the University of Texas in Austin, which assists states in creating strategies to implement math pathways. The Dana Center has helped over 20 systems with implementation. Last September, KBOR was awarded a technical assistance grant that supports the work in Kansas. At the outset, the grant had two early requirements, create a math task force and have them attend the annual convening in Austin last November, both of which were accomplished. Math reform creates success for all students, profoundly impacts students of color and low income, and is essential to addressing equity gaps. A survey is being created to identify math skills needed in academic programs, and an implementation timeline will be developed as the next step.

Last month the [Building a Future Pillar One Dashboard](#) went live. Regent Lane provided a visual overview and stated that the KBOR data team is currently uploading data from the existing indicators and then pulling in other indicators approved at the February 15th Board meeting. She encouraged everyone to visit the dashboard and noted there would be time for more discussion later.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

Regent Benson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Mendoza seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.