

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023**

The March 22, 2023, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Lane at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held at the Board office with a virtual option through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Regent Lane	Regent Benson	Regent Mendoza
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Gage Rohlf Judd McCormack	Daniel Archer Tara Lebar Cindy Farrier Matt Keith	Karla Wiscombe Charmine Chambers Jennifer Armour Marti Leisinger
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Ashlie Jack, WSU Howard Smith, PSU Jean Redeker, KU Joan Brewer, ESU Karen Johnson, PSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Susan Castro, WSU Tara Lindahl, Washburn	Andy Howe, ESU Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Brent Thomas, ESU Jennifer Callis, SATC JoLanna Kord, ESU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Melanie Wallace, Allen CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Luke Dowell, SCCC Shawn Keough, ESU Shirley Lefever, WSU Melinda Roelfs, PSU Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Regent Benson moved to approve February 28, 2023, meeting minutes, and Regent Mendoza seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

**Receive State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Report**

Jennifer Armour presented the annual [SARA report](#). SARA allows accredited degree-granting institutions to offer distance education in member states without seeking approval from each state. The Board serves as the state portal entity and approves participation from Kansas institutions. Jennifer highlighted the following from the report:

- Institutional participation remained relatively flat from last year
- There are over 2300 participating institutions, 47 of which are in Kansas
- 2021 enrollment data shows over 18,000 out-of-state students were enrolled in participating Kansas SARA institutions, with over 13,000 Kansans enrolled out-of-state
- Over 3900 out-of-state students were placed in Kansas, and 3500 Kansas students were placed out-of-state
- Interactive data dashboards are available at <https://nc-sara.org/data-dashboards>

Regent Benson moved to place the SARA report under the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the

second of Regent Mendoza, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Matters**

- Tara Lebar presented an Open Educational Resources (OER) update. On behalf of the OER Steering Committee, she encouraged attending the OER Showcase at the capitol on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Tara also provided the new list of [OER discipline liaisons](#) and reviewed the OER faculty [workshops](#) and [discipline roundtables](#) in 2023. The OER Steering Committee is also conducting its third annual survey to gather information on OER implementation. Tara will email the survey information and requests that each institution submit its data by May 5, 2023.
- Regent Lane, Judd McCormack, and Matt Keith presented a [Strategic Plan Pillar One Dashboard](#) update. The foundational metrics were approved at the February 15<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, and the KBOR team has been working to put these in an accessible and visually engaging format. They walked through and collected feedback on the design and attributes. The next steps will be to get all the approved metrics on the Dashboard by June 1<sup>st</sup>, continue working on additional pillars, and elevate the Dashboard on the KBOR website to maximize its visibility.
- Dr. Joan Brewer, Dean of The Teachers College at ESU, presented the Educator Work Force Task Force update. She noted they are making progress in the universal elementary associate degree transfer pathway and the statewide structured literacy plan. Dr. Paul Adams is leading a team who created a preliminary 60-hour transfer program framework that aligns to the new Gen Ed buckets. The next step is taking the framework and having a series of summits with the goal of addressing individual, institutional needs such as accreditation, state approval, and program variation. Community colleges will be included in the summits to finalize plans and ensure program fidelity. The goal is to complete this work by the summer of 2023, with a launch date of fall 2024. Dr. Debbie Mercer and Dr. Jim Truelove are leading work on the statewide literacy plan task force. The task force includes literacy experts from all KBOR institutions and takes a two-part approach. They have a quick-start plan with the goal of expanding that plan into a longer-term strategy to address the literacy needs of Kansas schools, teachers, and students. The quick start plan is underway, and a task force has been created with input from all KBOR universities. Work will initially focus on creating core learning materials, such as online curricular modules for pre-service teachers. The goal is to pilot modules by the fall of 2023, with full implementation of the modules and programs by the spring of 2024. A second piece of the core learning materials will be to prepare Zoom presentations in collaboration with Regent universities for all in-service teachers. The goal is to deliver these in the summer or fall of 2023.
- Daniel Archer and Barbara Bichelmeyer led a discussion on program review and instructional workload next steps. University Provosts are working on drafting newly proposed criteria for the KBOR program review process. The Provosts will present a draft to BAASC at the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting at Pittsburg State University and anticipate the draft going to the Board in May. Barbara provided, and the Regents discussed, four statements on the purpose of program review as identified by the Provosts:
  1. Align institutional data with the six existing criteria for program review, and have appropriate and accurate data
  2. Ensure each institution is addressing low-enrolled programs
  3. Ensure each institution is making adjustments based on student demand and capacity
  4. Review and adjust the number of blended programs within the KBOR system (identify opportunities for collaboration and distinguish between similar programs in the system)
- Daniel Archer provided a Systemwide General Education Package update. As a reminder, institutions must submit the [General Education Implementation Check-In Form](#) by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There was also a

question on the flexibility of bucket seven, the institutionally designated area. This bucket was designed to allow a wide array of credits, and institutions are encouraged to be as flexible as possible.

**Adjournment**

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled virtually for April 4, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Regent Benson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Mendoza seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.