

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, May 30, 2023

The May 30, 2023, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom with an in-person option at the Board office.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger Regent Mendoza	Regent Benson	Regent Lane
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Gage Rohlf	Daniel Archer Cindy Farrier Julene Miller	Karla Wiscombe Charmine Chambers
Others:	Andy Howe, ESU Ashlie Jack, WSU Chuck Taber, K-State Howard Smith, PSU Jennifer Ball, Washburn Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Rebeca Book, PSU Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Angela Pool-Funai, FHSU Erik Perrins, KU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Laura Stephenson, Washburn Mark Watkins, Labette CC Luke Dowell, SCCC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Mario Medina, KU	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Heather Morgan, KACCT Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Karen Johnson, PSU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Robert Klein, KUMC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Benson moved to approve May 17, 2023, meeting minutes, and Regent Mendoza seconded the motion. Regent Lane asked for “agenda” to be changed to “agent” on page 4. With no other corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

- Angela Pool-Funai presented an MS in Global Strategic Leadership at FHSU for approval. Regent Lane asked for more information on their projected student enrollment. Angela noted that the program meets the 20-student minimum for their third year projections, and they can provide more information at the next meeting.

Regent Lane moved to table the proposal to review year-one numbers, and Regent Mendoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This program will be presented at BAASC on June 14th.

- Angela Pool-Funai presented a BAS in Applied Leadership at FHSU for approval. The primary target audience for this program is students with a military background, but will also be beneficial for community college and technical college students interested in a bachelor of applied science degree.

Regent Benson moved to place the program on the Board consent agenda, and Regent Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Chuck Taber presented a BA/BS in Addiction Counseling at K-State for approval. This program is in high demand in Kansas and is designed to provide treatment for people who suffer from addiction and other mental and behavioral disorders. It's a clinical program that will be delivered in a hybrid format and will use existing resources and faculty.

Regent Mendoza moved to place the program on the Board consent agenda, and Regent Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer, Mario Medina, and Erik Perrins presented a BS in Cybersecurity Engineering at KU for approval. This degree is distinct from other cybersecurity programs as it is engineering-based and is designed to meet ABET accreditation requirements. As such, KU is also requesting approval to seek accreditation, and due to accreditation requirements, the program exceeds the 120-credit hour threshold, so the university is also requesting an exception to the 120-hour requirement.

Regent Lane moved to place the program, and additional program requests as presented on the Board consent agenda, and Regent Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Agenda

- Regent Kiblinger moved to amend the agenda by tabling the Dual/Concurrent Task Force Recommendations until the June 14th meeting and changed the item order to hear the Associate Degree Policy right after the PSU request for an AA in General Studies. With a second from Regent Lane, the motion passed.
- Howard Smith presented a request to award an AA in General Studies at PSU. This proposal is an outgrowth of the National Institute of Student Success (NISS) discussions, and PSU has identified the creation of this degree as one of many strategies to improve student success, especially with persistence. This path will only be available for students pursuing a bachelor's degree at PSU. It will allow current students to be awarded a degree they have already earned and paid for. Howard noted that in the last three years, PSU had 570+ students with hours for such a degree. No additional resources or costs are required, and students can opt-out.

Discussion ensued on potential concerns and how a broader policy could improve the reverse transfer process for students. It was noted that automating this process and having a true opt-out system in place would benefit students. Regent Kiblinger requested that the committee hear the draft Associate Degree Policy before voting on the PSU request.

Daniel Archer presented a draft for Associate Degree Policy revisions. The revisions would create parameters for a limited pathway for universities to offer associate in arts degrees in general studies or liberal arts. Secondly, it will renew the system's commitment to reverse transfer. A committee will be created this summer to review reverse transfer communication and administrative practices.

Regent Lane moved to approve the PSU request to award the AA in General Studies for the Board discussion agenda, with the understanding that when revisions to the Associate Degree Policy are passed, it will supersede the PSU-specific request. With a second from Regent Benson, the motion passed unanimously. Revisions to the Associate Degree Policy will be carried over to the next BAASC meeting on June 14th.

- Daniel Archer provided draft language for an Instructional Workload Policy Standard. Institutional and rpk GROUP feedback helped determine that a policy should be created where each university must create an institutional policy. The draft policy was on page 65 of the agenda.

Regent Lane moved to place the policy as presented to the Board discussion agenda, and Regent Mendoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Other Matters

- Sam Christy-Dangermond presented changes to the K-State Performance Agreement. K-State requested a change to indicators #3 and #4 because the entity that provides the rankings for these indicators is no longer in operation. This would be in effect for the reporting year AY 2022. These changes were provided on pages 79-80 of the agenda.

Regent Benson moved to approve the K-State Performance Agreement changes as presented, and Regent Mendoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Regent Mendoza provided an update from the Educator Work Force Task Force and its Registered Apprenticeship Program. This is a collaboration between KBOR and KSDE for a pilot program to start in Fall 2023, where 10-12 districts across Kansas participate. The program allows a person to work as a paraprofessional for a school district while acquiring the competencies needed to become an educator. Several funding sources will provide tuition assistance, and districts will be responsible for providing wages. More information will be provided as the pilot program advances.
- Daniel Archer provided an update on Program Review and the feedback from the draft framework presented to provosts last month. He noted that at least 5% of programs would need to be identified as underperforming, and provosts would prefer a preestablished figure which indicates a program is underperforming. The provosts would also prefer alternative language to “underperforming.” Written feedback closed May 26th and Daniel will have an updated policy ready for the BAASC June 14th meeting. Provost Arensdorf asked if there could be a virtual meeting with the provosts and Daniel Archer to discuss the draft framework before finalization. Regent Kiblinger stated she would be available for such a meeting over the next few weeks.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

Regent Benson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Mendoza seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.