

Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, April 30, 2024

The April 30, 2024, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Lane at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held in-person at the Board office, with a virtual option available.

In Attendance:

Members: | Regent Lane Regent Ice Regent Johnston Regent Mendoza

Approval of Minutes

Regent Ice moved to approve the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes; Regent Johnston seconded, and the motion passed.

Program Review Reports

Regent Lane provided a recap of the intention of the program review process and the expectations. Thirty-one programs have been identified for review. Today Pittsburg State University, University of Kansas, and Kansas State University will be presenting. On May 15 Emporia State University, Wichita State University, and Fort Hays State University will present. Recommendations for next steps will then be discussed at the June 4 meeting.

Sam provided information about the various statuses in KBOR's Program Inventory and an explanation of the addendum distributed at the meeting.

Provost Howard Smith, Pittsburg State University, began by explaining the institution's on-campus academic review process and the actions taken in the last two years as a result. Actions taken included the discontinuance of the Bachelor of Arts Music and the Bachelor of Arts History. Provost Smith provided a summary of the review of the Bachelor of Science in Math, the Bachelor of Science in History, the Bachelor of Music, the Bachelor of Science in Polymer Chemistry, and the Bachelor of Science in Physics; all identified by the Board of Regents for this review. Provost Smith explained the action plans for each of these programs as a result of this review process. Provost Smith also shared the review of the BBA in International Business and the resulting phase out plan for this program.

Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer, University of Kansas, provided an explanation of the institution's on-campus program review process and the actions taken in the last two years as a result of this process, including discontinuance of a total of 76 concentrations, minors, certificates, and degrees. Provost Bichelmeyer shared a review of the BSE in Physical Education Plus, which KU proposes to merge with the BSE in Secondary Education. Provost Bichelmeyer then covered the action plans for the remaining programs reviewed, which included the BA/BGS in African & African American Studies, BA/BGS in American Studies, BA/BGS in Religious Studies, BA in Jewish Studies, BA/BFA/BM in Music, BA in Global & International studies, BA/BS in Astronomy, BS in Engineering Physics, BA/BGS in Geography, and the BS in Atmospheric Science.

Interim Provost Debbie Mercer, Kansas State University, explained the on-campus academic review and revitalization process for the institution, the goals of the review process, and results of the review process. Five programs have been phased out and one is in the process of being phased out as a result of this review process. Interim Provost Mercer shared the review of the BA/BS in Geography and the BA/BM in Music programs, as identified by the Board of Regents, and the resulting action plans for those programs.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting will be held in-person on May 15, 2024.
The meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.