

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS**  
**BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

Chair Diana Mendoza called the September 18, 2024, Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Kathy Rupp conference room, located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka

MEMBERS PRESENT:                   Regent Diana Mendoza, Chair  
  Regent Alysia Johnston  
  Regent Neelima Parasker

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regent Johnston moved that the minutes of the September 4, 2024, meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Parasker, the motion carried.

**INTRODUCTIONS**

Regent Mendoza asked the Student Government Association Presidents and the Faculty Senate Presidents who were in attendance to introduce themselves.

**OTHER MATTERS**

**DISCUSS NEW PROGRAM REVIEW PROCESS**

Dr. Rusty Monhollon provided a presentation summarizing the new program review process. The University of Kansas and Kansas State University are scheduled to review their academic programs for AY2025. Wichita State University will review in AY2026 and Pittsburg State University, Fort Hays State University, and Emporia State University in AY2027. Within this presentation he also presented several questions for the committee to consider and discuss. These discussion items included reviewing the purpose of the program review process and considering modifications to the minima for the number of majors and graduates in interdisciplinary programs without a department, the number of students enrolled in master's programs, the possibility of combining the number of master's and doctoral students and applying different minima for those programs, the same thresholds being applied to all universities despite the difference in size and mission, and including the number of students enrolled in graduate study one year after graduation to supplement the talent pipeline metric. The regents and university provosts expanded on these questions. These items will be discussed more in-depth at a later date.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES**

Ms. Samantha Christy-Dangermond provided updates on Academic Affairs matters. All programs have selected a gateway math course, and these decisions are available on the KBOR website under the Academic Affairs section. The multiple placement measures for entry into gateway math courses with corequisite support were approved at the last BAASC meeting. An email to CAO's went out on September 4 communicating the new measures that were approved. These measures will be posted to the KBOR website soon.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SERIES**

Ms. Samantha Christy-Dangermond provided updates on the professional development series KBOR is providing for Math Pathways. The trainings range from one-time events to monthly meetings, such as the Executive Implementation Team meetings. All thirty-two institutions attended the August Executive Implementation Team meeting and 90 percent of institutions were represented at the first Math Faculty Professional Development session on September 6. There are resources available on the website for those who were unable to attend the meetings, such as meeting agendas, notes, and chat questions., Recordings will be posted to the website soon. Two upcoming trainings were mentioned. The first was an introduction to Math Pathways, which is a general session available to all higher education professionals. This training will be offered as a zoom webinar on October 8. The second was a "Lunch & Learn" training for advisors, which will be offered on October 15.

**DISCUSS "FIRST 15"**

Dr. Monhollon provided information on a discussion regarding creating a "First Fifteen" pathway more accessible to all transfer students in the general education bucket, beyond just the career and technical education. Regents have made overtures to the legislature to fund this initiative but have been unsuccessful in securing that funding. Next steps will involve devising alternative funding options.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

As a reminder there will be no BAASC or KBOR meeting in October. The next BAASC meeting will be virtual on November 6 and the next in-person meeting will be November 20 hosted by Kansas State University.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Regent Johnston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Following the second of Regent Parasker, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.