The April 17, 2019, meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Lynette Olson at 8:53 a.m. The meeting was held in Room 1010, in the Capitol Federal Hall, KU Campus, Lawrence, KS.

In Attendance:

Members:  
Lynette Olson, PSU  
David Cordle, ESU  
Jeff Briggs, FHSU  
Carl Lejuez, KU  
Charles Taber, KSU  
Rick Muma, WSU  
JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn  
Robert Klein, KUMC  
Jean Redeker, KBOR

Staff:  
Karla Wiscombe  
Max Fridell  
Sam Christy-Dangermond  
Natalie Yozza  
Connie Beene

Others:  
Jon Marshall, Allen CC  
Lori Winningham, Butler CC  
Kim Krull, Butler CC  
Greg Schneider, ESU  
Grady Dixon, FHSU  
Cliff Morris, PSU  
Steve Loewen, FHTC  
Erin Shaw, Highland CC  
Rick Moehring, JCCC  
Beth Ann Krueger, KCKCC  
Michael McCloud, JCCC  
Michael Calvert, Pratt CC  
Brian Niehoff, KSU  
Todd Carter, Seward CC  
Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU  
Kitrina Miller, WSU  
Linnea GlenMaye, WSU  
Matt Madden, WSU  
Spencer Wood, KSU  
Tanya Gonzalez, KSU  
Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC  
Stephani Johns-Hines, SATC  
Michael Fitzpatrick, Pratt CC

Chair Lynette Olson welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes
Rick Muma moved to approve the March 20th minutes. Following the second of David Cordle, the motion carried.

Second Program Readings

• WSU – Bachelor of Science in Applied Computing
  Rick Muma reviewed the degree program information and stated there have been no further comments since the first reading.

  Charles Taber moved to approve the Bachelor of Science in Applied Computing at WSU. Following the second of Jeff Briggs, the motion carried. This degree proposal will be presented to the Council of Presidents at its meeting today.

• KU - Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology and Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology
  Carl Lejuez reviewed the degree programs and stated there have been no further comments since the first reading.

  Jeff Briggs moved to approve the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology and to approve the Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology at KU. Following the second of Rick Muma, the motion carried.
Developmental Biology. Following the second of Charles Taber, the motion carried. These degree proposals will be presented to the Council of Presidents at its meeting today.

- KU - Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies
  Carl Lejuez reviewed the degree programs and stated there have been no further comments since the first reading.

Rick Muma moved to approve Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies at KU. Following the second of Charles Taber, the motion carried. These degree proposals will be presented to the Council of Presidents at its meeting today.

- KU - Master of Arts in Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion
  Carl Lejuez reviewed the degree program and stated there have been no further comments since the first reading.

Rick Muma moved to approve the Master of Arts in Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion at KU. Following the second of Charles Taber, the motion carried. This degree proposal will be presented to the Council of Presidents at its meeting today.

**First Program Readings**

- FHSU – Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Geoscience
  Jeff Briggs presented the degree program and introduced Grady Dixon. Grady Dixon discussed the degree program and answered questions. If there are further comments or questions, please contact Jeff Briggs prior to the May 15, 2019, meeting. This is a first reading and no action is required.

- KSU – Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering
  Charles Taber presented the degree program and answered questions. If there are further comments or questions, please contact Charles Taber prior to the May 15, 2019, meeting. This is a first reading and no action is required.

**Other Requests**

- KU - Request for Approval to Change the Name of the School of Education to School of Education and Human Sciences was presented by Carl Lejuez.

  David Cordle moved to approve the School of Education name change at KU. Following the second of Jeff Briggs, the motion carried.

- KUMC - Request for Approval to Merge the Department of Health Policy & Management and the Department of Preventive Medicine & Public Health was presented by Robert Klein. The name of the combined department will be the Department of Population Health.

  Rick Muma moved to approve the request to merge the two departments listed above at KUMC. Following the second of Carl Lejuez, the motion carried.

**Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update**

Clifford Morris, PSU, stated CoFSP will discuss the Student Advisory Committee Open Educational Resource proposal at its meeting today.
OTHER MATTERS

• Proposed changes to COCAO’s review of new degree programs was discussed. Jean Redeker discussed the current process for approving degree programs. Suggestions were made to help institutions discuss and resolve potential problems before the second reading. COCAO members will discuss this issue with the appropriate individuals at their institution and propose a timeframe for informing institutions of proposed degree programs at the May 15th meeting.

• Informational items
  o KSU – announced an Inter-Institutional Memorandum of Understanding of Clinical Affiliation Site Cooperation by and between KSU, KUMC, and WSU. Discussion was held and COCAO requested the topic be placed on the May 15th agenda.

• University Press of Kansas Board of Trustees will meet on May 15th after the COCAO meeting.

The Chair recessed the meeting at 9:27 am, and reconvened at 12:20 pm.

• Kaye Monk-Morgan, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at WSU was introduced. Monk-Morgan is responsible for providing leadership on assessment activities of the university, regional and specialty accreditation activities, and university-wide strategic planning.

• Tilford Conference discussion was held. The comments provided on the proposed procedures were discussed.
  o Each university’s Diversity Officer title and reporting role was clarified.
  o Inclusion of Washburn University on the Council of Chief Diversity Officers (CCDO) was discussed.
  o Top issues with the Proposal for the Vision and Purpose of the Michael Tilford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism are:
    ▪ Reporting lines of the CCDO and the Tilford Conference Planning committee
      o Requested clarification of the reporting role of CCDO to the Council of Presidents.
      o Requested the Tilford annual report measure the success in the classroom (short term and long term) as well as the efficiency and operational success of the conference.
    ▪ Consistent financial support of the conference
      o Requested clarification if the budget is determined by COPs or COCAO.
      o Requested to set a budget for each conference.
      o Potential to seek financial support from donors.

Discussion was held on the vision and purpose of the conference for students and faculty. COCAO supports the Michael Tilford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism and wants to ensure all aspects are covered in the proposal.

• Jean Redeker informed COCAO that Program Review is on the April 17th Board agenda.

• The Strategic Program Alignment Policy Pilot for KU and WSU will be presented to BAASC at its May 15th meeting and to the Board on June 19th.

JuliAnn Mazachek moved to adjourn the meeting. Following the second of David Cordle, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm.