The December 18, 2019, meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair David Cordle at 9:07 a.m. The meeting was held in Suite 530, located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, KS.

In Attendance:
Members:  David Cordle, ESU  Jill Arensdorf, FHSU  Charles Taber, K-State
          Howard Smith, PSU  Rick Muma, WSU  Daniel Archer, KBOR
          Carl Lejuez, KU  Robert Klein, KUMC  JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn

Staff:  Karla Wiscombe  Sam Christy-Dangermond  Amy Robinson
        Lisa Beck  Charmine Chambers  April Henry
        Erin Wolfram  Marti Leisinger

Others:  Jean Redeker, KU  Robert Klein, KUMC  Kim Krull, Butler CC
         Linnea Glenmey, WSU  Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC  Jon Marshall, Allen CC
         Brian Niehoff, K-State  Marc Malone, Garden City CC  Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC
         Michael McCloud, JCCC  Mike Calvert, Pratt CC  Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC
         Lisa Kolm, Pratt CC  Monette DePew, Pratt CC  Joe McCann, Seward County CC
         Jennifer Ball, Washburn  Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU  Heather Morgan, KACCT
         Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC  Ken Trzaska, Seward CC  Jeff Briggs, FHSU
         Steve Sedbrook, FHSU  David Fitzhugh, FHSU  Greg Schneider, ESU
         Kevin Bracker, PSU  Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Tech  Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC
         Lori Winningham, Butler CC  Erin Shaw, Highland CC  Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC

Chair David Cordle welcomed everyone.

Approval of Minutes
Rick Muma moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting. Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion and the motion passed.

First Reading
FHSU is requesting approval to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training. This proposal is a degree transition driven by accreditation changes. Jill Arensdorf introduced Jeff Briggs, Steve Sedbrook, and David Fitzhugh who gave a brief presentation. Chuck Taber and David Cordle indicated their support, noting they had the same challenges due to the accreditation changes. The Committee had no further comments or questions. This program will be now be placed on the next COCAO agenda for a second reading and action.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents
Greg Schneider, ESU, presented an update. He stated they will meet later today and discuss a series of talking points on the free expression resolution as well as topics to be discussed the next day at breakfast with the Board.
Other Matters
Rick Muma, WSU, discussed efforts to start a nursing cohort at K-State in fall 2021 and stated they have received approval this month from the Kansas State Board of Nursing. He noted they are also working on two graduate-level programs in Data Analytics and Materials Engineering.

JuliAnn Mazachek shared that Washburn is working on developing 3+3 law programs. She noted they are similar to that at KU, and they have been in conversations with KU and a few other schools. JuliAnn stated she will continue to reach out to the others.

PSU stated they are working on a master’s program in Data Analytics as well.

Samantha Christy-Dangermond discussed program reviews coming up. She noted the due date on the agenda should be changed to February 21st, 2020, and an email was sent out with the updated due date, as well as an attached memo with programs to be reviewed and instructions. Sam stated anyone who wished to see what was submitted the prior year could email a request. No questions were presented by the Committee.

Jill Arensdorf started a discussion on the possibility of extending the due date for the strategic plan high impact practices, which was discussed during the SCOCACO meeting. The Committee decided to extend the deadline to February 7th. Carl Lejuez asked if their leadership team should provide feedback. Daniel responded that it is valuable to get feedback from two different perspectives.

Carl motioned for the Committee to recess until lunch. Lunch, drinks, and dessert will be in room 530. Rick Muma seconded the motion and the motion passed.

The Committee reconvened during lunch. No further business was discussed.

Adjournment
David Cordle noted that the University Press of Kansas would be meeting upon adjournment. Howard Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting. Chuck Taber seconded the motion and the motion passed.