

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

The December 15, 2021, meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Jill Arensdorf at 8:59 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Chuck Taber, K-State Linnea GlenMaye, WSU	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU George Arasimowicz, ESU Howard Smith, PSU	Robert Klein, KUMC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Karla Wiscombe Tara Lebar Marti Leisinger	Sam Christy-Dangermond Judd McCormack Lisa Beck	Amy Robinson April Henry Hector Martinez
Others:	Alysia Johnson, Fort Scott CC Bobby Winters, PSU Janet Stramel, FHSU Jean Redeker, KU Keith Dreiling, FHSU Laura Loyacono, KSCAC Lisa Blair, NWKTC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Remy Lequesne, KU Shirley Lefever, WSU Steve Loewen, FHTC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC	Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Morse, Washburn Luke Dowell, SCCC Laurel Littrell, K-State Mary Carol Pomatto, PSU Robert Klein, KUMC Tanya Gonzalez, KSU Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Andrew Hippisley, WSU	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Grady Dixon, FHSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jennifer Roberts, KU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Meaghan Higgins, KSCAC Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC Robin Henry, WSU Tom Nevill, Butler CC Tiffany Bohm, KCKCC

Jill Arensdorf welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

George Arasimowicz moved to approve the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

1st Readings

Jill Arensdorf, Grady Dixon, and Keith Dreiling presented the first reading for an MS in Computer Science at FHSU. The focus of the program is the high-demand area of data science. FHSU recognizes that other computer science programs in Kansas exist and has provided information on how their program differs. They currently offer an online undergraduate program that has grown to over 500 students. Due to undergraduate growth, student requests, and surveys, FHSU created a master's program intending to offer it in Fall 2022.

Howard Smith, Mary Carol Pomatto, and Bobby Winters presented the first reading for a BS in Computer Science at PSU. The program came about due to local employer demand and is one of the most requested programs from students. They currently do not have the staffing to teach upper-division courses but will when the program matures.

Both programs will be up for a second reading and vote at the next COCAO meeting.

2nd Readings

Barbara Bichelmeyer presented second readings for the following KU programs:

- BS/BAS in Project Management
- M.Eng. in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the KU request for a BS/BAS in Project Management, and George Arasimowicz seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the KU request for an M.Eng. in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Both programs will move forward to COPS later in the day for approval.

Other Requests

- Chuck Taber presented the K-State request for an Off-Campus Academic Specialty Program for its Adult Learning and Leadership program. KBOR policy requires academic specialty programs offered at multiple locations across the state be renewed at least every ten years. The K-State Adult Learning and Leadership is a graduate program housed in the College of Education and focuses on lifelong learning and how one effectively conducts lifelong learning. This program is delivered online and on-site at Fort Leavenworth, Wichita, Gardner, and Kansas City. A full description of the program can be found on page 47 of the agenda.

George Arasimowicz moved to approve K-State's request for an Off-Campus Academic Specialty Program for the Adult Learning and Leadership program for the next 10-years, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. It was clarified this is a vote to authorize the institution to offer an existing program outside their campus and not to approve the program itself. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

- Chuck Taber presented the K-State request to merge the Departments of American Ethnic Studies and Gender, Women, & Sexuality Studies. These programs have been identified as low enrolled programs, and merging creates an opportunity to increase the impact and visibility on campus and create administrative efficiencies. The newly merged program would be named Social Transformation Studies. K-State anticipates this will lead to mergers of the academic programs within the departments.

Linnea GlenMaye moved to approve the K-State request to merge the departments as presented, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. This request will go to Blake Flanders, President and CEO, for final approval.

- Linnea GlenMaye and Andrew Hippisley presented the WSU request to change the name of the Department of Women's Studies to the Department of Women's, Ethnicity, & Intersectional Studies. WSU believes this will lead to increased enrollment and is a realignment based on market research of students. It also aligns the department with existing faculty expertise.

Howard Smith moved to approve the WSU name change request as presented, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. This request will go to Blake Flanders, President and CEO, for final approval.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP) Update

Janet Stramel, FHSU Faculty Senate President, provided the update. Later in the day, the council plans to discuss the request granting tenure clock extensions. They will also begin their 5-year Advanced Placement (AP) cut score for college credit review. Policy states they will distribute the default systemwide cut scores in draft form to department heads who have faculty members responsible for each equivalent course at applicable universities.

Other Matters

KUMC will soon present for approval an MS in Health Data Science. This program deals with large databases and national databases and will be housed entirely at the medical center.

PSU's Kelce College of Business is working on a general business degree to be presented soon after the new year. They will also have department mergers and reorganize structures to their system, both aimed at cost-efficiency.

Adjournment

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2022, and will be held virtually.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 a.m.