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  
Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU  
Robert Klein, KUMC  
Chuck Taber, K-State  
George Arasimowicz, ESU  
JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn  
Linnea GlenMaye, WSU  
Howard Smith, PSU  
Daniel Archer, KBOR

Staff:  
Karla Wiscombe  
Sam Christy-Dangermond  
Amy Robinson  
Tara Lebar  
Judd McCormack  
April Henry  
Marti Leisinger  
Lisa Beck  
Hector Martinez

Others:  
Alysia Johnson, Fort Scott CC  
Cindy Hess, Hutchinson CC  
Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC  
Bobby Winters, PSU  
Elaine Simmons, Barton CC  
Grady Dixon, FHSU  
Janet Stramel, FHSU  
Jason Sharp, Labette CC  
Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC  
Jean Redeker, KU  
Jennifer Ball, Washburn  
Jennifer Roberts, KU  
Keith Dreiling, FHSU  
Kim Morse, Washburn  
Kim Zant, Cloud County CC  
Laura Loyacono, KSCAC  
Luke Dowell, SCCC  
Mickey McCloud, JCCC  
Lisa Blair, NWKTC  
Laurel Littrell, K-State  
Meaghan Higgins, KSCAC  
Monette DePew, Pratt CC  
Mary Carol Pomatto, PSU  
Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC  
Remy Lequesne, KU  
Robert Klein, KUMC  
Robin Henry, WSU  
Shirley Lefever, WSU  
Tanya Gonzalez, KSU  
Tom Nevill, Butler CC  
Steve Loewen, FHTC  
Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC  
Tiffany Bohm, KCKCC  
Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC  
Andrew Hippisley, WSU

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.