The September 14, 2022, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Bichelmeyer at 9:15 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members: Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU
Chuck Taber, K-State
Gary Wyatt, ESU
Jill Arensdorf, FHSU
Howard Smith, PSU
Shirley Lefever, WSU
Robert Klein, KUMC
Laura Stephenson, Washburn
Daniel Archer, KBOR

Staff: Amy Robinson
Sam Christy-Dangermond
Marti Leisinger
Karla Wiscombe
Cindy Farrier
Tara Lebar
Lisa Beck

Others: Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC
Ashlie Jack, WSU
Dennis Allen, KUMC
Jason Sharp, Labette CC
Jennifer Callis, SATC
Kevin Steinmentz, K-State
Luke Dowell, Seward CC
Mickey McCloud, JCCC
Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC
Tom Nevill, Butler CC
Kris Mengarelli, FSCC
Ani Kokobobo, KU
Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC
Elaine Simmons, Barton CC
Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
Jennifer Roberts, KU
Kim Zant, Cloud County CC
Marc Malone, Garden City CC
Monette DePew, Pratt CC
Stuart Day, KU
Travis Linnemann, K-State
Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC
Deborah Fox, Highland CC
Tosca Harris, Allen CC
Jean Redeker, KU
JoLanna Kord, ESU
Linnea GlenMaye, WSU
Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC
Nate Brunsell, KU
Tanya Gonzalez, K-State
Wilson Baldridge, WSU

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes
Chuck Taber moved to approve June 15, 2022, meeting minutes, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

1st Readings
Barbara Bichelmeyer and Stuart Day presented the first reading for a BAS in Applied Cybersecurity at KU. This is a hybrid and online degree program housed at the KU School of Professional Studies on the KU Edwards Campus. There is a high workforce and student demand for this program.

This program will be up for a second reading and vote at the next COCAO meeting.

2nd Readings
The Council moved to approve the BA/BS in Criminology at K-State. Chuck Taber stated after the first reading, K-State had discussions with faculty at ESU. ESU expressed concerns about program duplication. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 5 in favor and 1 against. This program will move forward to COPS at the November 16 meeting.

The Council moved to approve the BA in American Sign Language (ASL) at WSU. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. This program will move forward to COPS later in the day for approval.
Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update
The Council has not had its first meeting. Nate Brunsell, KU’s faculty senate president and CoFSP Chair, will provide future updates.

Confirm Meeting Schedule
The council agreed to hold a virtual meeting on October 19, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. and encouraged members to meet in person at the November and April meetings being held on university campuses. The council schedule can be found on page two of each agenda.

Discuss Opportunities
FHSU will be bringing forth a reorganization plan within its College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences. KU is looking at a Criminal Justice degree to be housed in the School of Professional Studies, and it is currently moving through internal processes. KU is working closely with the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center (KLETC) on this new degree.

Adjournment
The next COCAO meeting is scheduled for October 19, 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

Chuck Taber moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:44 a.m.