

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2023**

The January 18, 2023, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Bichelmeyer at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Chuck Taber, K-State Joan Brewer, 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 Tara Lebar	Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier	Judd McCormack Marti Leisinger
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Ashlie Jack, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Callis, SATC JoLanna Kord, ESU Lisa Blair, NWKTC Melanie Wallace, Allen CC Mistie Knox, USD224 Stuart Day, KU Tara Lindahl, Washburn Tech	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jean Redeker, KU Jenn Roberts, KU Karen Johnson, PSU Marc Malone, Garden City CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Shawn Keough, ESU Susan Castro, WSU Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Andy Howe, K-State Christy Johanson, Dodge City CC Heather Rinkenbaugh, Butler CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Jerry Pope, KCKCC Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Steve Loewen, FHTC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard Smith moved to approve December 14, 2022, meeting minutes, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

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

Susan Castro, WSU's faculty senate president, provided the update. Susan stated they are digesting the final rpk GROUP report but do not have a formal update at this time.

**First Readings**

Barbara Bichelmeyer and Stuart Day presented the first reading for a BAS in Operations Management at KU. The hybrid program will be housed at the KU School of Professional Studies at the Edwards Campus. The program was designed to meet growing employment demands for operations management, supply chain, purchasing, and related workforce needs in the Kansas City Metro area. They project there will be at least 7,000 openings in these areas over the next few years. The program will be up for approval with a second reading on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Second Readings**

Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a summary of the BA/BS in Criminal Justice. She noted they had included letters of support in the agenda materials. Two institutions had expressed concerns, including program duplication, sharing markets, and the modality. KU discussed these concerns with the institutions prior to the

meeting.

The Council moved and seconded to approve the program. FHSU, ESU, and WSU voted nay. As the vote was 3-3, the motion did not pass. However, the program will still proceed in the approval process and will be up for review in COPS on February 15<sup>th</sup>, BAASC on February 28<sup>th</sup>, and the Board on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Other Requests**

- Chuck Taber presented a request to approve changing the name of the Center for Information and Systems Assurance (CISA) to the Center for Cybersecurity and Trustworthy Systems (K-CaTS) at K-State. The center has operated under CISA since 2006. However, a federal agency also uses this acronym which has caused confusion. Renaming the center will eliminate this confusion moving forward.

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the name change, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The name change will go to Dr. Blake Flanders for final approval.

- Tara Lebar presented a request for revisions to the KBOR Credit by Examination policy on behalf of the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Task Force. Background and changes are outlined on page 41 of the agenda, and the policy can be found at [https://www.kansasregents.org/about/policies-by-laws-missions/board\\_policy\\_manual\\_2/chapter\\_ii\\_governance\\_state\\_universities\\_2/chapter\\_ii\\_full\\_text#exam](https://www.kansasregents.org/about/policies-by-laws-missions/board_policy_manual_2/chapter_ii_governance_state_universities_2/chapter_ii_full_text#exam). The task force and KBOR staff are requesting state universities to adopt standardized cut scores for awarding credit for Cambridge International A and AS Level exam scores of E and above when evaluated for equivalent courses.

Chuck Taber moved to approve revising the Credit by Examination policy as presented, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Matters**

Howard Smith noted that PSU is working on moving the Kelce College of Business to an area in downtown Pittsburg, Kansas. They are currently in a facility that no longer fits their needs.

Robert Klein noted that KUMC will be proposing a Ph.D. in Clinical Investigation. This will be primarily for MDs but also for other doctoral-level individuals. They expect it to go to a first reading in COCAO around April. Robert also noted that the 21<sup>st</sup> annual K-INBRE (Kansas IDeA network in Biomedical Research Excellence) Symposium was held in person in Kansas City. Howard Smith also attended, and both stated it was immensely successful.

### **Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for February 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting, and Joan Brewer seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.