

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2023**

The February 15, 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 Brent Thomas, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Howard Smith, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU	Robert Klein, KUMC Laura Stephenson, Washburn
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Tara Lebar	Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier	Judd McCormack Marti Leisinger
Others:	Andy Howe, ESU Jean Redeker, KU Jenn Roberts, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Nate Brunsell, KU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Ashlie Jack, WSU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Warren, KU Luke Dowell, SCCC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Rebecca Bilderback, Allen CC Stuart Day, KU Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Lisa Blair, NWKTC	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jennifer Callis, SATC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Melinda Roelfs, PSU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Scott Lucas, WSU Tech Susan Castro, WSU Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard Smith moved to approve January 18, 2023, meeting minutes, and Brent Thomas seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

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

Nate Brunsell, KU's faculty senate president and CoFSP Chair, provided the update. The Council is discussing the Gen Ed approval timeline on the university campuses and asking for clarification on this process. They are soliciting feedback on the rpk GROUP report, as well. Finally, they are also discussing the role of generative artificial intelligence (such as ChatGPT and Google Bard) and academic integrity in higher education. Barbara Bichelmeyer asked that any specific clarification questions on the Gen Ed implementation timeline be emailed to her. Nate will follow up with the Council and provide questions at a later date.

**Second Reading**

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the BAS in Operations Management at KU, and Chuck Taber seconded. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously.

**Other Requests**

- Howard Smith presented a request to merge the BSE in Technology & Engineering Education into the BS in Career & Technical Education at PSU. The merge is part of a larger-scale cleanup process that started in 2019-2020.

Chuck Taber moved to approve the merge as presented, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This request will go to Dr. Blake Flanders for final approval.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request to change the name of the MS in Digital Content Strategy to MS in Digital and Integrated Marketing Communications at KU. This change reflects an advisory board suggestion and recent curricular revisions.

Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request to change the name of the Center for Psychoeducational Services to OASIS (Outcomes, Assessment Services, & Intervention Supports). This change more accurately reflects the center's work and the desire to be welcoming to the community it serves.

Howard Smith moved to approve the two name change requests from KU as presented, and Brent Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Both requests will go to Dr. Blake Flanders for final approval.

### **Other Matters**

Chief Academic Officers discussed potential topics that may be discussed at breakfast with the Board, which is being held the following day.

Howard Smith noted that this past fall, PSU was looking at the number of its students that met AA requirements but had dropped out as something to be investigated. This came about from looking at persistence rates and keeping students on track. He noted that they would present a recommendation in the future.

### **Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for March 22, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.