

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 20, 2024**

The March 20, 2024, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Mercer at 9:22 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom with an in-person option at the KBOR offices.

In Attendance:

Members:	Debbie Mercer, K-State	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Robert Klein, KUMC
	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Howard Smith, PSU	Jennifer Ball, Washburn
	Brent Thomas, ESU	Shirley Lefever, WSU	Rusty Monhollon, KBOR

Approval of Minutes

Howard Smith moved to approve the February 14, 2024, meeting minutes, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update

Don Von Bergen, Chair of Council of Faculty Senate Presidents, provided an update. They continue to work on the criteria for the Faculty of the Year Award, with the goal of having one set of criteria that all universities can agree on. If approved by the Faculty Senate Presidents and KBOR, CoFSP will request travel funding for the recipients to attend the September Board meeting.

First Reading

Shirley Lefever, Andrew Hippisley, and Brien Bolen presented the first reading for the Associate of Science at WSU. The request will move forward with a second reading at next month's meeting.

Other Matters

Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request for approval of a Minor in Urban Planning at KU. Jill Arensdorf moved to approve, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed.

Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request for approval of a Minor in Exercise & Sport Psychology at KU. Howard Smith moved to approve, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed.

Brent Thomas presented a request for approval of a Minor in Integrated Media Studies at ESU. Shirley Lefever moved to approve, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed.

Shirley Lefever presented a request for WSU to create the Department of Teacher Apprenticeship Pathways, Literacy, & Special Education. Brent Thomas moved to approve, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed.

Robert Klein discussed that they have a new Minor in Digital Health that focuses on technology and the application of mobile devices and new technologies that will help support health care in the state.

Barbara Bichelmeyer indicated that KU would submit an undergraduate degree in Health and Society for a first read. KU is also working on a Bachelor of Science in Data Science.

Adjournment

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed.