I. Call To Order
   A. Approve Minutes
      June 14, 2017 Meeting

II. Update
   A. Transfer and Articulation Council
      Karla Wiscombe
   B. Credit for Prior Learning
      Karla Wiscombe

III. Other Matters
   A. CLEP & AP Policy Implementation
      Todd Carter
   B. Board Goals: CEP Taskforce and Apply Kansas Initiative
      Jean Redeker
   C. Discuss Potential Initiative for Community Colleges to Submit
      Justification for Associate Degrees Exceeding 60 Credit Hours
      Jean Redeker

IV. Adjournment
The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room of the Kansas Board of Regents at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

In Attendance:
Co-Chairs: Neeli Bendapudi, KU

Staff: Jean Redeker, Karla Wiscombe, Cindy Farrier
Jacqueline Johnson, Max Fridell, Kathleen Mercer

Others: Lynette Olson, PSU, Jon Marshall, Allen CC, Jeff Briggs, FHSU
Shelly Gehrke, ESU, April Mason, KSU, Tony Vizzini, WSU
Michael McCloud, JCCC, Brian Lindshield, KSU, Brenda Chatfield, NWKTC
Gurbhushan Singh, JCCC, Kim Krull, Butler CC, Todd Carter, Seward County CC
Brad Bennett, Colby CC, Rick Muma, WSU, Ruth Dyer, KSU
Lori Winningham, Butler CC, Tiffany Bohm, KCKCC, Erin Shaw, Highland CC
Stuart Day, KU, Michael Fitzpatrick, Pratt CC, Janice Jewett, PSU
Sheryl Lidzy, ESU, Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC, Alysia Johnston, Fort Scott CC
Harold Arnett, Cowley CC, Laura Meeks, Fort Scott CC, Sarah Phillips, Manhattan Tech
Steve Loewen, FHTC, Rick Moehring, JCCC, Brenda Edleston, Cloud County CC
Amalia Monroe-Gulick, KU, Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC, Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC

Neeli Bendapudi called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approve May 17, 2017 Minutes
Tony Vizzini moved to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes. Lynette Olson seconded, and the motion carried.

Updates
Jon Marshall provided updates from the Transfer and Articulation Committee (TAAC). Save the Date Flyer for the Kansas Core Outcome Group (KCOG) meeting was distributed to SCOCAO attendees. The KCOG meeting will be held October 13, 2017 at Washburn University. Core outcomes for 15 systemwide transfer courses will be reviewed and core outcomes will be established for four new courses. The Quality Assurance subcommittee is preparing the annual TAAC report, while the Core Outcome subcommittee is reviewing and updating TAAC Operating Procedures.

Jon Marshall updated the Council on the Kansas Council of Instructional Administrators’ Spring Meeting. The latest professional development retreat was held in Wichita and Credit for Prior Learning was one of the topics discussed. The following individuals have agreed to serve on SCOCAO for 2017-18:
    Todd Carter, Seward County CC, Co-Chair
    Jon Marshal, Allen CC
    Brad Bennett, Colby CC
    Michael Fitzpatrick, Pratt CC
    Brenda Chatfield, NWKTC

Credit for Prior Learning update was presented by Karla Wiscombe. The handout containing the CPL Data for pilot year AY16 and the CLEP and AP Systemwide Cut Scores summary information was distributed. The summary of the top 6 methods of assessment was discussed. SCOCAO reviewed the approved CLEP and AP Cut Scores. Each institution is encouraged to update their website as CLEP and AP have updated their state website.

Other Matters
Program Articulation Agreements information was presented by Karla Wiscombe. The Articulation Agreement summary sheet was distributed and discussed. The summary sheet is based upon information provided by the institutions. There being no other business, Shelly Gehrke moved to adjourn. Brenda Chatfield seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.
DRAFT BOARD GOALS 2017-2018

1. To increase opportunities for high school students, the Board will form a Concurrent Enrollment Program Taskforce to identify opportunities to expand concurrent enrollment in the state. The final report will be delivered to the Legislature at the beginning of the 2018 session.

2. The Board will study ways to simplify the undergraduate admission application process with a specific focus on Qualified Admissions precollege curriculum course requirements.

3. The Board will support the expansion of the *Apply Kansas: College Application Month* campaign to additional high schools to provide more students, including low-income and first-generation students, with the opportunity to apply to college.

4. The Board will designate the Council of Business Officers to collaborate on new approaches to gain greater administrative efficiency.

5. The Board will hire a new president at Fort Hays State University.
Discussion Potential Initiative for Community Colleges to Submit Justification for Associate Degrees (AA, AS, and AGS) Exceeding 60 Credit Hours

Jean Redeker
VP, Academic Affairs

Background
At its May 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed its policy on credit hour requirements for baccalaureate degree programs to determine if it met best practices for on-time completion and found 33% of system baccalaureate programs require 120 credit hours; 50% require 124 credit hours; and 17% exceed 124 credit hours. The Board decided to implement a process to evaluate which programs should exceed 120 credit hours. COCAO will discuss that process today.

In preparation for the Board’s retreat, staff were also asked about the potential to implement a similar initiative systemwide for associate degree programs. While most Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees are greater than 60 credit hours, staff excluded them for analysis because the length of these degrees are often tied to external accreditation or other special requirements. Staff instead focused on the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS) and Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree programs

All 19 community colleges each offer AA, AS and AGS degree programs, and with one exception, all such degrees exceed 60 credit hours. Most of these degrees require either 62 or 64 credit hours. This aligns with a study by Complete College America\(^1\) that found the median credit hour requirements for liberal arts and sciences degrees to be 61–63 credit hours. The study, however, also noted community colleges in states such as California, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Tennessee require just 60 credit hours for many associate degrees.

At the retreat, the Board discussed the feasibility of limiting associate degree programs (AA, AS, and AGS) to 60 credit hours, with a process for exceptions to ensure the institution is meeting student and employer demand. Community and technical college representatives attended the retreat and provided feedback to the Board. At the retreat, staff also noted that any policy change should consider there are 26 AA, AS, and AGS degree programs at the university level – 22 of which are offered by Washburn University.

The Board continues to discuss this potential initiative, and seeks input from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers and the System Council of Presidents.

Definitions (based on the Board’s Policy Manual)
Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS): Transfer-oriented degrees requiring a minimum of 60 credit hours, 30 of which must be in general education.

Associate of General Studies (AGS): Neither a transfer or technical degree. The degree requires a minimum of 60 credit hours, (not less than 24 hours must be in general education and not less than 36 hours in a program of study).