

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 18, 2019

The December 18, 2019, meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Co-Chair David Cordle at 8:32 a.m. The meeting was held in Suite 530 located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, KS.

In Attendance:

Members:	David Cordle, ESU	Jon Marshall, Allen CC	Lori Winningham, Butler CC
	Erin Shaw, Highland CC	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Charles Taber, K-State
	Carl Lejuez, KU	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC	Howard Smith, PSU
	Rick Muma, WSU	JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn	Daniel Archer, KBOR
	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Tech		
Staff:	Karla Wiscombe	Sam Christy-Dangermond	Amy Robinson
	Lisa Beck	Charmine Chambers	April Henry
	Erin Wolfram	Marti Leisinger	
Others:	Jean Redeker, KU	Robert Klein, KUMC	Kim Krull, Butler CC
	Linnea Glenmaye, WSU	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC	Joe McCann, Seward CCC
	Brian Niehoff, K-State	Marc Malone, Garden City CC	Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC
	Michael McCloud, JCCC	Mike Calvert, Pratt CC	Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC
	Lisa Kolm, Pratt CC	Monette DePew, Pratt CC	Heather Morgan, KACCT
	Jennifer Ball, Washburn	Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU	Steve Sedbrook, FHSU
	Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC	Jeff Briggs, FHSU	
	Ken Trzaska, Seward County CC	David Fitzhugh, FHSU	

Co-Chair David Cordle welcomed everyone and those present introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes

Charles Taber moved that the minutes of the November 20, 2019, meeting be approved. Howard Smith seconded the motion. David Cordle noted that the minutes should be changed to indicate the appropriate institution for Steve Loewen. Steve was listed as representing NWK Tech and should have been listed as representing FHTC. With no further corrections the motion passed.

Transfer and Articulation Council Update

Jon Marshall provided an update on new System Wide Transfer (SWT) courses. He noted the nine new courses are Creative Writing, Introduction to Exercise Science, New Testament, Piano I, Piano II, Principles of Management, Two-Dimensional Design, Three-Dimensional Design, and Voice & Diction. Assuming the Board approves these later in the day, instructions will be sent out to Chief Academic Officers and designated IR staff who input programs in Program Inventory (PI). Jon stated that sometimes there is confusion about the appropriate course to flag, and he encouraged each institution to have conversations and interactions with those who flag courses to ensure accuracy. If the Board approves the nine new courses later in the day, this will bring Kansas to a total of 100 SWT courses.

Open Educational Resource (OER) Steering Committee Update

Erin Wolfram provided an update from the OER Steering Committee. She stated that the Action Plan is a work in progress. The committee is looking into a statewide membership to an OER network, such as Open Textbook

Network (OTN) or LibreNet. Various states with OTN memberships were consulted and the committee received positive feedback. The OER Steering Committee is also considering a spring OER poster sharing event where faculty can share what they are individually doing and learn from each other. A larger event that can become an annual OER summit or conference is also being considered. She noted the committee meets once per month and will continue to work on these plans. Erin will provide the next update at the January meeting.

Apply Kansas

Erin provided information on new efforts to promote Apply Kansas. This spring KBOR will be coordinating a group to meet every two months to discuss ways to implement Apply Kansas at more high schools across Kansas in an effort to increase the college-going rate. Apply Kansas is a program that helps students apply for colleges and complete their FAFSA.

Second Readings

The Board's policy on degrees allows community colleges to offer four associate degrees. At the last meeting on November 20th, the Committee heard a first reading requesting a fifth associate degree, Associate in Fine Arts, be added. No additional questions were asked from members. Rick Muma made a motion to add an Associate in Fine Arts to the degree policy. Carl Lejuez seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. This policy change will now go to the System Council of Presidents at their January meeting.

Other Matters

Erin Wolfram provided an update on the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Taskforce. Erin discussed types of CPL that the taskforce has been reviewing this year and noted what institutions were awarding credit for each.

1. The Seal of Biliteracy: FHSU and PSU are awarding credit for this certificate.
2. Cambridge International: WSU, KU, and ESU are awarding credit for scores equivalent to a "C" or higher. KSU and PSU are exploring options but have not started to award credit yet.
3. ACT and National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC): Students in the state of Kansas are now able to take these exams one time for free. Because of this, the number of students taking them has gone up and will most likely continue to increase. WSU is awarding English and Math credit for ACT subject scores of 31+. No other institutions are awarding credit for ACT, and no institutions are awarding credit for the NCRC. Allen County Community College is looking into awarding credit for the NCRC.

Erin shared CLEP and AP data comparing 2017-2018 with 2018-2019. A handout was provided showing the number of exams administered, tests taken, exam scores sent, and number of scores of 50 or above for CLEP and three or above for AP. The handout provided the top schools which are receiving exam scores from students for 2-year institutions and 4-year institutions. All universities and colleges reaching the top five were given an individual report.

Daniel Archer provided information on the Board's Strategic Plan. He anticipates the Board reviewing the plan in June 2020, and the staff are finalizing details. Daniel provided information on potential high impact practices that will advance the plan. He provided a copy of the family pillar, which focuses on academic issues. This looks at access, on-time completion, completion, and affordability. He asked for feedback from the Committee on what fits, what may be missing, and what they can add and stated he understands that some of the best practices contained in the family pillar are already being done at some institutions. An email will be sent to both 2- and 4-year institutions, and the feedback due date is February 7th. David asked if the feedback should be related to individual institutions or should they be thinking in a broader scope. Daniel responded they want to identify pragmatic practices, so feedback from their individual perspectives may be best.

Connie Beene provided an update on a nursing articulation agreement. The Kansas Military Nursing Initiative was passed by the Kansas Board of Nursing earlier in December. This is an accelerated "bridge" military (medic to RN) program and will start being taught at Washburn University in spring 2020. The student can be enrolled

through the student's home school, and this agreement will reduce the number of hours required for a nursing degree. Connie stated this has been in the works for quite some time and they are excited for the spring launch.

There was a discussion on the use of OER and whether it will be required by faculty. Carl stated he has heard concerns from faculty that the use of OER may be required at some point. Several other institutions stated they have heard similar concerns from their faculty but indicate they have tried to clarify that the use of OER is not required.

Adjournment

Chuck Taber moved to adjourn the meeting. Following the second of Howard Smith, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.