

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

The January 18, 2023, System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) meeting was called to order by Michelle Schoon at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

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

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

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

Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update

Jane Holwerda presented the TAAC update. The Council met early last week to approve outcomes for the remaining six review courses reviewed at the October 7, 2022, Kansas Core Outcomes Groups (KCOG) conference. The Council approved four Systemwide Transfer (SWT) courses not previously offered by three community colleges. The Chief Academic Officers have been asked to certify the preliminary courses for the two new SWT courses by February 3, 2023.

Credit by Exam Policy Revision Update

Tara Lebar presented a Credit by Exam policy revision update. [Board policy on Credit by Examination](#) requires state universities to adopt uniform cut scores for awarding credits to students for earning acceptable scores for standardized exams. The current policy includes Advanced Placement (AP), College Level Examination Programs (CLEP), and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams. Later today, the Council of Chief Academic Officers will review a proposed policy revision that seeks to include standardized cut scores for Cambridge International A and AS level exams. If approved, Tara provided two reminders.

1. Board policy states that all other Kansas public post-secondary education institutions are encouraged to

- adopt the state university policy.
2. The new [Systemwide General Education Program policy](#) states that credit by exam in a general education subject, once recorded on a Kansas public institution's transcript, is transferable on the same basis as if the credit had been earned through completing the course at the awarding Kansas public institution. The general education policy further states that when a Kansas public institution awards credit by exam in any general education subject, the receiving public institution shall not be permitted to require the transfer student to provide copies of exam scores.

Concurrent Enrollment Cost Model Presentation

Mistie Knox, High School Counselor, presented on USD 224 Clifton-Clyde's concurrent enrollment cost model. Cost has been an increasing barrier to students wanting to take dual credit courses. Because of changes in HB2134 in 2021, USD 224 started discussions on how to best help their students with financing college courses. The Clifton-Clyde USD 224 Board of Education adopted a policy in August 2021 in which USD 224 will pay for 50% of the tuition for up to 6 hours maximum per student per semester. If the student fails the course, the student must pay back the amount of tuition to the district. A maximum of \$4,000 per school year is set aside for this purpose. They also worked with Cloud County Community College to negotiate a lowered tuition of \$106 per credit. In 2021, 27% of their high school students took college courses, and 7% were enrolled in more than one course. In 2022 this increased to 39% of high school students taking courses, and 13% were enrolled in more than one course. Currently, they are working to increase the financial assistance maximum allowance of \$4,000. The district also consistently meets with college partners to strengthen partnerships to update policies that eliminate barriers for students and support teachers. Clifton-Clyde has 93% of its students graduating with some college credit.

Adjournment

The next SCOCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for February 15, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Michelle Schoon moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.