

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers**  
**MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

The May 15, 2024, System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) meeting was called to order by Mickey McCloud at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held in person at the Board office, with a Zoom option available.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Mickey McCloud, JCCC	Debbie Mercer, K-State	Barbra Bichelmeyer, KU
	Brent Thomas, ESU	Howard Smith, PSU	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	John Fritch, Washburn	Luke Dowell, Seward CCC
	Shirley Lefever, WSU	Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC	Scott Lucas, WSU Tech

**Approval of Minutes**

Jane Holwerda moved to approve the April 17, 2024, meeting minutes. Scott Lucas seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

**Systemwide Updates**

- Jane Holwerda provided the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Report. Jane shared that TAAC has requested preliminary information from CAOs for Organic Chemistry I, Organic Chemistry II, Programming Fundamentals, Object-Oriented Programming (Programming II), Calculus II, and Differential Equations. These courses are up for alignment for core outcomes at the 2024 Virtual KCOG conference on October 11, hosted by Seward County Community College. Mickey McCloud announced that this is Jane's last meeting and thanked her for her service.
- Jenn Bonds-Raacke provided an update on Systemwide General Education. She shared that co-chairs Gaile Stephens, Emporia State University, and Troy McCloughin, Fort Scott Community College, had been elected at the last meeting. The council will meet again on May 28 to discuss developing a procedures guide and will review any deviations submitted by the July 1 deadline.
- Jenn Bonds-Raacke provided an update on Math Pathways. The task force met on April 26 and discussed ways to increase communication and transparency. The next meeting is May 21 and the focus of that meeting will be goal setting for the upcoming year. The Course Placement Measures Committee met on April 19 and will meet again on May 17. The goal of the May 17 meeting will be to finalize multiple placement measures for College Algebra and to discuss multiple placement measures for Elementary Statistics. On May 3, Dr. Monhollon shared with the CAO's which gateway courses had been selected thus far for various disciplines and programs. The deadline for CAO's to finalize these choices is May 31. The remaining disciplines will meet in early June for an informational session given by the Math Pathways Task Force co-chairs, Whitney Turner and Keith Drieling.
- Karla Wiscombe provided an update on the Cambridge International portion of the Credit by Exam Policy and gave a reminder that websites need to be updated to align with the policy.
- Karla Wiscombe provided an update on the Systemwide Elementary Ed Transfer Associate Degree and gave a reminder that websites should be updated to list these courses as *required* rather than recommended for both general education and the program.
- Jennifer Armour provided a SARA update. The committee for program integrity and institutional quality met to discuss the U.S. Department of Education's 2024 negotiated rulemaking. These discussions included potential impacts to the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement. The

negotiators could not reach consensus, therefore the Department may propose new regulations as they see fit. The proposed rule changes may include a five hundred rule, the enforcement of state laws related to closure, the application of states' general purpose laws, the complaint process, and the composition of the NC-SARA Board. Finalization of these rules is still pending, and updates will be provided as they are received.

- Mickey McCloud provided an update on proposed changes to the service area policy that the Kansas Counselors Council of Instructional Administrators made. KBOR legal has reviewed the proposal and deemed the requested changes unnecessary. This will be reviewed and adjusted as appropriate at a later date.

### **Adjournment**

The next SCOCAO meeting will be held virtually June 18, 2024.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting; Jill Arendorf seconded, and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 a.m.