

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015  
8:30 a.m.**

**Kathy Rupp Conference Room  
Kansas Board of Regents**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, Kansas Board of Regents, Topeka, Kansas, at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

**Members Present:**

Jon Marshall, Allen County Community College	Karla Fisher, Butler Community College
David Cordle, Emporia State University	Sara Rosen for Jeff Vitter, University of Kansas
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University	Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University
Chris Crawford, Fort Hays State University	Ruth Dyer for April Mason, Kansas State University
Robert Klein, University of Kansas Med Ctr	Randall Pembrook, Washburn University
Bill Backlin, Cloud County Community College	Sheree Utash, Wichita Area Technical College

**Board Staff**

Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Karla Wiscombe, Jacqueline Johnson, and Susan Fish

**Others Present:**

Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Brian Niehoff, Kansas State University; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; David Rintoul, Kansas State University; Joe Varrientos, Pratt Community College; Andy Anderson, Johnson County Community College; Bethany Chandler, Barton County Community College; Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson Community College; Julie Dainty, Pittsburg State University; Alysia Johnston, Coffeyville Community College; Kim Krull, Butler Community College; and Penny Quinn, Barton County Community College

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**Approve Minutes of January 14, 2015 Meeting**

Karla Fisher moved, and Randy Pembrook seconded the motion, to approve the January 14, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**Updates**

**Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) – Karla Wiscombe**

Karla Wiscombe indicated TAAC is working on criteria to use when reviewing courses for consideration at the Fall Core Outcomes meeting. Proposed criteria being discussed are: 1) how many institutions offer the course and the frequency the course is offered, 2) does it meet general education requirements, 3) does it count toward degree completion, 4) is it a lower level number course, 5) do faculty recommend the course, etc.

The courses approved in January will be up on the Kansas Board of Regents website by March 1, 2015 with an effective date of summer 2015.

**Diversity Study Group – Gary Alexander**

Gary Alexander has confirmed seven members for the Diversity Study Group. SCOCAO will need to determine how often updates should be given.

**Program Proposal**

**Hutchinson Community College – Request Approval for an Associate of General Studies**

Jean Redeker advised SCOCAO that Hutchinson Community College has submitted an application for approval of an Associate of General Studies. The proposing academic unit has responded to all of the requirements of the program approval process. Eighteen other community colleges have programs utilizing this Classification of Instructional Program (CIP) code.

The process for approval for this proposal combines the technical program approval process and the academic program approval process. Today is the first reading; in March there will be the second reading and with unanimous approval it will be taken to the System Council of Presidents the same day; then it will be placed on the next Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee agenda and Board agenda for action.

No action will be taken today. Send any questions, comments or concerns to Jean Redeker prior to the March 11 System Council of Chief Academic Officers meeting.

**Other Business**

Jon Marshall mentioned that some community colleges have a preliminary interest in proposing an Associate of Fine Arts degree.

There being no other business, Bill Backlin moved, and Sheree Utash seconded the motion, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.