

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 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, March 11, 2015.

**Members Present:**

Jon Marshall, Allen County Community College	Karla Fisher, Butler Community College
David Cordle, Emporia State University	Jeff Vitter, University of Kansas
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University	Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University
Chris Crawford, Fort Hays State University	April Mason, Kansas State University
Robert Klein, University of Kansas Med Ctr	Randy Pembroke, Washburn University

**Board Staff**

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

**Others Present:**

Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; David Rintoul, Kansas State University; Andy Anderson, Johnson County Community College; Bethany Chandler, Barton County Community College; Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson Community College; Mehmet Barut, Wichita State University; Julie Dainty, Pittsburg State University; Alysia Johnston, Coffeyville Community College; Kim Krull, Butler Community College; Noreen Templin, Butler Community College; Troy D. Nordman, Butler Community College; Danny Gillum, Dodge City Community College; Shanna Eggers, Emporia State University; Brenda Edleston, Cloud County Community College; and Penny Quinn, Barton County Community College

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**Approve Minutes of February 11, 2015 Meeting**

April Mason moved, and Karla Fisher seconded the motion, to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

**Updates**

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

Karla Wiscombe provided an update on the activities of TAAC. They are working on the tentative list of courses for review this Fall. The goal is to finalize the list of courses for the September 18, 2015 meeting by April. TAAC is also working on metrics to measure the success of transfer and articulated courses.

## **Diversity Study Group – Gary Alexander**

Gary Alexander and Jon Marshall gave a brief overview of the first meeting of the Diversity Study Group. The Group discussed actions to take:

- A systemwide data pull to define diversity more broadly
- A statewide database on policies
- Inclusion and diversity policy
- Review the Kansas Board of Regents statement on diversity
- Link Tilford more closely and openly across the system to
- Diversity as a potential Board Goal for 2015-2017
- Opinions and ideas on diversity:
  - Apparent – race, ethnicity, and gender
  - Less Apparent – sexual preference, orientation and inclusion

Three sub-groups of SCOCAO

- Data pull on data points currently in the database
- Inventory what the state currently has
- Research best practices across the state and nation

The Study Group was responsive and the first meeting was well received.

## **Program Proposal**

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

Cindy Hoss was present representing Hutchinson Community College and provided a brief overview of the program. The Board office received one positive response to the Associate of General Studies proposal.

Karla Fisher moved, and Lynnette Olson seconded the motion, to recommend approval of the Hutchinson Community College's proposed Associate of General Studies. The motion was approved unanimously.

The System Council of Presidents (SCOPs) did not meet on Wednesday, March 11, 2015, though Gary Alexander did email the proposal to SCOPs and requested its approval electronically. Jon Marshall will present the proposed Associate of General Studies to the Council of Presidents to expedite the approval process. Upon approval by the Council of Presidents, the proposed program will be placed on the April 2015 Board agenda for action.

## **Other Business**

### **Recruiting and Retaining Outstanding Students**

Gary Alexander is working on Board goals - 4. The Board will study the impact of out-of-state students on the higher education system and the state, including a view of the financial impact and the number that stay in Kansas; and 7. The Board will study how to attract and retain outstanding students. He will be reporting to the Board in April on the following questions:

- How do you define outstanding student
- What strategies are you using
- How is the state retaining these students

## **Student Learning Assessment**

Gary Alexander informed the Council the student learning assessment report is due in September 2015. The institutions are to report on one of three areas each year: (1) mathematics and analytical reasoning, (2) written oral communication, and (3) critical thinking.

Discussion followed:

- Specific questions to respond to regarding the area to be reported on
- What three things would the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) want to know
- Review previous year's report and draft some potential questions such as
  - What did you want to learn from the assessment
  - How are you doing this
  - What are you doing
  - What did you measure
  - Why did you measure it
- SCOCAO wants to discuss student learning assessment further in April
- SCOCAO wants to take the discussion to BAASC in May

The Council chose to report on (1) mathematics and analytical reasoning.

There being no other business, April Mason moved, and Jeff Vitter seconded the motion, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 a.m.