

**Kansas Board of Regents  
Academic Portfolio and Workload Reviews  
Steering Team Meeting  
December 1, 2022**

***Steering Team, Data Team, and Faculty Advisory Group Attendees***

Regents

Shelly Kiblinger  
Cindy Lane  
Witt Winter

KBOR Staff

Daniel Archer, Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Sam Christy-Dangermond, Director, Academic Affairs  
Cindy Farrier, Director of Data, Research and Planning  
Marti Leisinger, J.D. – Associate Director, Data, Research and Planning

Emporia State University

Brent Thomas, Ph.D – Interim Provost  
JoLanna Kord, Ph.D. – Assistant Provost  
Diana Kuhlman – Vice President of Administration and Finance  
Ray Lauber – Executive Director of Human Resources  
Shawn Keough, Faculty Senate President 2022-2023

Fort Hays State University

Jill Arensdorf, Ph.D. – Provost  
Joe Bain, J.D. - University General Counsel  
Angela Pool-Funai, Ph.D. - Assistant Provost/Dean of the Graduate School  
Kristi Mills – Institutional Research Manager

Kansas State University

Chuck Taber, Ph.D. - Provost  
Tanya Gonzalez, Ph.D. – Interim Associate Provost  
Debbie Mercer, Ph.D. – Dean, College of Education  
Bin Ning, Ph.D. – Associate Provost, Institutional Research and Assessment  
David Warren – Senior Data Analyst – Institutional Research

Laura Littrell, Ph.D. – Director, Faculty Senate President, 2021-2022

Pittsburg State University

Jamie Brooksher, J.D. – University General Counsel  
Paul Grimes, Ph.D. – Dean of Kelce College of Business  
Howard Smith, Ph.D. – Provost  
Tammy Higgins – Director of Institutional Research  
Amy Hite, DNP – Professor, Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 2022-2023

University of Kansas

Barb Bichelmeyer, Ph.D. – Provost  
Lumen Milligan, Ph.D. – Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs  
Jennifer Roberts, Ph.D. – Vice Provost for Graduate Studies  
Gwen Bohling – Assistant Director for Official Reporting  
Matt Schuette, Ph.D. – Associate Director of Institutional Research, Medical Center  
Nate Brunsell, Ph.D. – Professor, Faculty Senate President-Elect, 2022-2023  
Holly Hull, Ph.D., Associate Professor - Faculty Assembly Committee Chair, 2021-2022 (KUMC)

Wichita State University

Linnea Glenmayer, Ph.D. – Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Shirley Lefever, Ph.D. – Provost  
Tiffany Franks – Assistant Director, Office of Planning & Analysis  
David Smith – Senior Research Analyst, Office of Planning & Analysis  
Jeff Pulaski, M.F.A. – Director, Professor of Graphic Design  
David Wright, Ph.D. – Chief Data Officer and Associate Vice President

### **rpk GROUP Attendees**

Rick Staisloff – Senior Partner, [rstaisloff@rpkgroup.com](mailto:rstaisloff@rpkgroup.com)

Katie Hagan – Principal, Project Lead, 757-589-0490, [khagan@rpkgroup.com](mailto:khagan@rpkgroup.com)

Mike Daly – Associate, 518-796-2209, [mdaly@rpkgroup.com](mailto:mdaly@rpkgroup.com)

### **Key Activities**

- Mike Daly welcomed member of the Steering and Data Team, representatives on the Faculty Advisory Group as well as other viewing the live stream.
- Mike provided the project's background including its intended deliverables, as well as communication and engagement with institutions.
- Mike presented the [Academic Portfolio Review framework](#) and provided details of the categories within the framework as well as how those categories might be operationalized by the system and institutions.
- Shared next steps.

### **Discussion Among the Steering Team:**

- Provost Bichelmeyer encouraged the consideration of how program's distinctiveness may not be readily present in view instances of duplicated offerings.
- Regent Kiplinger expressed appreciation for how the framework might be applicable to the new program approval process.
- Provosts Bichelmeyer and Arensdorf stressed that if this framework is adopted attention needs to be paid to the policies, procedures, and process that will ultimately allow for the framework's utility to be realized.
- In response to a question from Regent Winter regarding rpk's reaction to the analysis, Mike shared that the distribution of programs across categories in terms of volume and intensity was aligned with other institutional and system-level work rpk has done. Mike also shared that rpk noted that instances of duplication in either the optimize or review and monitor categories were concentrated in disciplines areas typically aligned with general education offerings.
- In response to a question about how the framework analyzes additional program activity (research, grants received, service, etc.), Mike responded that the framework is intended to provide direction for the system and institutions. Additional specific qualitative or quantitative data could be generated from the institution-lead program review process.

### **Next Steps**

- rpk GROUP and KBOR staff will meet with institutions, upon request, early next week to answer any additional questions and/or receive feedback.
- rpk GROUP will present the Academic Portfolio Review Framework to the Kansas Board of Regents on December 14, 2022.
- rpk GROUP will provide a final report in January.
- If anyone needs anything from rpk, please email Katie Hagan, [khagan@rpkgroup.com](mailto:khagan@rpkgroup.com), or Mike Daly, [mdaly@rpkgroup.com](mailto:mdaly@rpkgroup.com).