

MINUTES
KANSAS POSTSECONDARY
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY
MEETING

The October 13, 2010 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority was called to order by Chairman Joe Glassman at 10:07 a.m. The meeting was held at in the Kansas Board of Regents Boardroom located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

Members Present:

Joseph Glassman, Chairman
Wayne Carter
Diane DeBacker
Eddie Estes
Sheila Frahm

Jim Garner
Jim Grier
William Thornton
Jack Wempe

Members Absent:

Clark Coco
Kathy Howell, Vice Chair
William Quattlebaum

Others Present

Regent Jarold Boettcher
Dr. Walt Chappell, Member of Kansas State
Board of Education District 8

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: Member Estes moved to approve the amended minutes of September 8, 2010. Following a second by Member Grier, the motion carried.

REPORTS

Chairman Report

Chairman Glassman reported that he attended the September Board of Regents meeting during which the TEA recommendations regarding the new funding approach for technical education were presented. Chairman Glassman noted that during the discussion Regent Chair Gary Sherrer complimented the work of the TEA Budget and Finance committee and KBOR staff on meeting the charge from the Regents in developing the new funding approach and the documents presented. Chairman Glassman also shared that Board President Andy Tompkins, Diane Duffy and Blake Flanders have met individually with Regent members to further explain details of new funding approach, related policy issues, and the mechanics of the scenario worksheets. Further discussion of the policy options and TEA preferences will occur during the Regents meeting on October 20, 2010.

Chairman Glassman announced that he is appointing a committee, comprised of community and technical college presidents and Tea members, to begin exploring potential sources for additional funding that may be available and measurable outcomes for students. Members named to the committee include: Chairman Glassman; President Clark Coco, North Central Kansas Technical College; President Jackie Vietti, Butler Community College; President Terry Calaway, Johnson County Community College; and Vice President Flanders.

Member Liaison Reports

Member Frahm reported she will attend a the annual Board of Trustees and local USD Superintendents meeting at Barton Community College and she plans to attend the Rural School & Community Development Conference at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

Member Grier and Member Estes will be attending the dedication and naming ceremony for the new Physical and Biotechnology Science Center at Hutchinson Community College on October 16, 2010.

Chairman Glassman encouraged members to make liaison visits to the institutions this fall prior to the beginning of the legislative session.

Chairman Glassman shared that he recently visited Cloud County Community College and spent several hours learning about their unique wind program. He enjoyed the opportunity to visit with faculty, staff and administration and was excited about this new high-tech energy program at the college. Chairman Glassman stated he would like to hold a TEA meeting at Cloud County Community College in the near future and asked staff to make the necessary arrangements.

Vice President for Workforce Development Report

Vice President Flanders mentioned he attended a local Technical Education Day in Overland Park that was hosted by the local workforce board. He reported that it was well attended by college representatives, adult education partners, business leaders and legislators. He shared that the workforce system is now meeting federal performance goals due to the work of the state and local workforce boards and the leadership provided by Commerce. He also mentioned that the adult education program has been named one of the top three in the nation and that college technical programs are also now meeting the federal performance targets. Other topics discussed included accountability to the system, our movement toward industry-based credentials in addition to academic awards, and the funding cost model developed to recognize high-cost technical programs that provide training for high-wage occupations.

Vice President Flanders brought forward an item from the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) regarding the Sonography Program submitted by Labette Community College and recommended for approval by the TEA during the September meeting. During the October 5, 2010 BAASC meeting, members voted to accept the TEA recommendation for approval of this program with the understanding that the program would be approved for 10 students and 7 clinical sites and any increase in the number of students or sites would require reapproval by the TEA and KBOR.

Motion: Member Grier moved to add the item regarding the Labette Sonography program to the discussion portion of the agenda. Following a second by Member Wempe, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF CONSENT AGENDA

Proposed New Program

Highland Community College/Atchison Campus requests approval for the following new program: Medical Coding (51.0713). This request is for a program of 36 credit hours that culminates at a Certificate B, with a 64 credit hour AAS option.

Medical Coding is a one-year program of study that prepares individuals to perform specialized data entry, classification, and record-keeping procedures related to medical diagnostic, treatment, billing, and insurance documentation. Educational programs include instruction in medical records and insurance software applications, basic anatomy and physiology, medical terminology, fundamentals of medical science and treatment procedures, data classification and coding, data entry skills, and regulations pertaining to Medicare and insurance documentation. One letter indicating no opposition to the proposed program was submitted by Hutchinson Community College.

Motion: Member Frahm moved to recommend approval of the Medical Coding program submitted by Highland Community College/Atchison Campus. Following a second by Secretary Thornton, the motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Approval of Aligned Programs

Corrections Aligned Program

Member Estes introduced Chuck Kater who gave a brief overview of the proposed alignment for the Corrections Program.

The alignment of the Corrections Program included programs at five community colleges: Barton, Hutchinson, Kansas City Kansas, Labette, and Seward. The competencies and skills contained within the common courses have been reviewed and approved by the Kansas Department of Corrections.

During the alignment process, it became apparent that colleges were delivering two distinctively different types of corrections programs. Some programs prepared individuals to become correctional officers working in correctional institutions, while other programs prepared people to work in the field of community-based corrections. The proposed alignment is targeted at only those institutions preparing individuals to serve as correctional officers in corrections facilities and not those programs preparing individuals for community-based corrections occupations.

Member Grier requested the community-based corrections programs be placed in the program alignment sequence since the corrections program alignment being considered would apply only to institutional corrections programs.

Motion: Chairman Glassman moved to recommend approval of the aligned Corrections program. Following a second by Secretary Garner, the motion carried.

Welding Aligned Program

Dennis Rittle gave a brief overview of the proposed alignment for the Welding Program. Nineteen technical and community colleges offer a “welding” program: Barton, Butler, Coffeyville, Cowley, Dodge City, Garden City, Highland, Hutchinson, Independence, Johnson, Kansas City Kansas, Manhattan, Neosho, North Central, Northwest Kansas, Salina, Seward, Washburn Institute of Technology, and Wichita. The credentials listed on the alignment map have received support from the State Business and Industry Welding Committee.

After discussion regarding the 10 hour OSHA requirement and the 30 hour OSHA requirement, Chairman Glassman and Member Grier recommended that as programs work through the various alignment phases a thorough vetting of the business and industry preference regarding the level of OSHA certification be included in the business/industry discussions and recommendations.

Motion: Chairman Glassman moved to recommend approval of the aligned Welding program. Following a second by Member Wempe, the motion carried by an 8 to 1 vote.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT

President Andy Tompkins shared the strategic plan adopted by KBOR during their September 15, 2010 meeting. The 10-year plan, entitled “Foresight 2020-A Strategic Agenda for Kansas Higher Education” included the following strategic goals:

The Strategic Goals include:

- Goal #1 – Systems and Institutional Alignment
- Goal #2 – Higher Education Participation
- Goal #3 – Retention and Graduation Rates
- Goal #4 – Learning Outcomes and Student Success
- Goal #5 – Workforce Alignment
- Goal #6 – State University Reputation

Following the presentation members discussed various aspects of the goals and accompanying objectives. Chairman Glassman expressed his appreciation to President Tompkins for sharing this plan and was impressed with the work involved in creating this strategic plan and objectives. The presentation will be filed with the official minutes.

Budget Finance Committee Report**Recap of KBOR Presentation**

Chairman Grier introduced Blake Flanders to recap the KBOR presentation and discussion. Vice President Flanders reported that he addressed the Board and explained the various scenarios based on the policy options and the “state share” percentage calculations. He shared that after some discussion, Board members were in agreement with the backbone of the model but requested additional information before acting on the policy recommendations. The additional information and detailed explanation of the funding scenarios and rationale for various policy recommendations was being shared individually with Board members.

KBOR’s Progress and Activities

Ms. Duffy recognized the tremendous amount of effort by institutions to submit the 2010 data in a timely manner. She commended KBOR staff on their involvement in updating the model and preparing the scenario worksheets. Her compliments and appreciation were extended to Dawn Ressel; Rita Johnson; Susan Rinehart, Chuck Kater, Julene Miller, Kelly Russell; and Lin Rome and others -- tremendous professional KBOR staff members that have dedicated their time and talents to work on this project. She stated she is extremely proud of the effort and would put this team up against anybody.

Ms. Duffy reviewed the updated scenario worksheet. She explained the tabs and columns. She reported that individual course listing spreadsheets will be sent to institutions for validation to ensure the information is correct. She noted the GAP figure was \$68 million, a 15% increase in student credit hours (09/10) with some changes in tier rate amounts due to the significant amount of data clean up done by the institutions. She explained that the round comparison identifies the GAP based on various assumptions and that the implementation worksheet is one option that would fully fund the proposed operating grants first and then address the technical education gap.

Chairman Glassman and Member Grier agreed that it is important to inform Legislators about how much technical education is underfunded. Member Frahm emphasized the importance that Legislators receive the same information from all representatives. Member Wempe stated the key message needs to be the “tiered” funding formula. Members are in agreement that they need to be of “one voice” when meeting with the Legislators.

Chairman Glassman reminded the members that “cost is cost” and to stay focused on “equity across the board.” He stated the charge was to “develop a credit hour model and determine the rate.” Regents are discussing the ROI.

Member Estes requested Chairman Glassman go to the appropriate groups to potentially commission a study regarding the impact (return-on-investment) of Workforce Development Education in Kansas.

Member Grier also requested that discussion regarding additional funding support for equipment needs in programs supporting critical industries be added to the November agenda.

OPEN COMMENT PERIOD

Chairman Glassman introduced Dr. Walt Chappell, Member of Kansas State Board of Education, District 8, who presented his personal perspective and recommendations related to Kansas Technical Education. His recommendations will be filed with the official minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Glassman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
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