

Council of Chief Academic Officers
(Revised 11/15/2010)

Wednesday, October 20, 2010
9:17 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Kathy Rupp Conference Room
Reconvene at
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.
Kathy Rupp Conference Room
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson Street Suite 520
Kansas Board of Regents

MINUTES

The Council of Chief Academic Officers met on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room of the Kansas Board of Regents Office, Suite 520 in Topeka, Kansas at 9:17 a.m. and reconvened in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room at 12:15 p.m.

Members Present:

Larry Gould, Provost, FHSU	Jim Williams for Tes Mehring, Provost, ESU
Jeff Vitter, Provost and EVC, KU	Gary Miller, Provost, WSU
April Mason, Provost, KSU	Nancy Tate, Interim VPAA, WU
Lynette Olson, Provost, PSU	Gary Alexander, KBOR
Allen Rawitch, VCAA, KU Med Center	April Mason, Provost, KSU

Staff Present

Jean Redeker, KBOR, Jacqueline Johnson, KBOR and Joan Warren, KBOR

Approve Minutes of September 15, 2010

Allen Rawitch moved and April Mason seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of September 15, 2010. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

By consensus agenda item 4. New Program Requests was moved to second on the agenda.

New Program Requests

- a. KU – Request for a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Computing (CIP 11.0101) (SECOND READING)**
- b. PSU – Request for a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (CIP 31.0505) (FIRST READING)**
- c. KUMC – Request Approval to Organize the Preventive Medicine, Biostatistics and Health Policy and Management Programs into a School of Public Health (SECOND READING)**

Gary Miller moved and Larry Gould seconded the motion to recommend approval of the University of Kansas Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Computing (CIP 11.0101) to the November 2010 Council of Presidents agenda. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

Pittsburg State University's request for a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (CIP 31.0505) is on the agenda for a First Reading. It does not require action. Council members are encouraged to contact Lynette Olson with any comments and/or input before the November 2010 COCAO meeting.

Gary Miller moved and Lynette Olson seconded the motion to recommend approval of the University of Kansas Medical Center's request to organize the Preventive Medicine, Biostatistics, and Health Policy and Management Programs into a School of Public Health and to place it on the November 2010 Council of Presidents agenda. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Foresight 2020 Activities

a. Assessment of Student Learning

Gary Alexander led the discussion regarding item 4.1 Learning Outcomes, *Foresight 2020*.

Discussion followed:

- COCAO will identify foundational skills
- A generic template will be developed for reporting purposes
- A report is due in the Fall of 2011
- New Performance Agreements submitted after the identification of foundational skills will reflect these skills, as well as other areas of *Foresight 2020*

Larry Gould distributed a copy of *College Learning for the New Global Century*, a report from the National Leadership Council for Liberal Education & America's Promise. This report identifies four areas for foundational skills, *slightly modified*:

- **Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World**
 - Through study in the sciences and mathematics, social sciences, humanities, histories, languages and the arts
(*Focused by engagement with big questions, both contemporary and enduring*)
- **Intellectual and Practical Skills, including such as**
 - Inquiry and analysis
 - Critical and creative thinking
 - Written and oral communication
 - Quantitative literacy
 - Information literacy
 - Teamwork and problem solving
(*Practiced extensively, across the curriculum, in the context of progressively more challenging problems, projects, and standards for performance*)
- **Personal and Social Responsibility, including such as**
 - Civic knowledge and engagement –local and global
 - Intercultural knowledge and competence
 - Ethical reasoning and action
 - Foundations and skills for lifelong learning
(*Anchored through active involvement and diverse communities and real-world challenges*)

- **Integrative Learning, including such as**
 - Synthesis and advanced accomplishment across general and specialized studies
(*Demonstrated through the application of knowledge, skills, and responsibilities to new settings and complex problems*)

Discussion followed:

- Graduate programs are not addressed; should they be included?
- Keep student learning outcomes “general” allowing each institution to focus on assessing outcomes relevant to its campus
- ~~A set of system-level learner outcomes should be developed and institutions should be allowed to choose outcomes it assesses so they are consistent with current processes~~ *A high-level set of system-level learner outcomes should be developed, and each institution should be allowed to choose the specific assessment mechanisms appropriate for its individual mission*

The Council of Chief Academic Officers, by consensus, decided to take the four learning outcomes listed above and obtain input from their campuses to report at the November 17 Council meeting.

b. Distance Education

Gary Alexander reminded the Council that Distance Education Plans/Reports are due in the Board office January 31, 2011.

Draft Guidelines for Academic Program Review

Gary Alexander led the discussion of the draft guidelines for program review.

- The goal is to put emphasis on quantitative assessment
- Reporting each year to the Regents what each institution is doing on campus as a result of the process
- To get a picture of what the system is doing (looks like)
- Gary Alexander will send out a revised document based upon the recommendations made in discussion

Informational Items

WSU – Center for Innovation and Enterprise Engagement

Gary Miller introduced Wichita State University’s Center for Innovation and Enterprise Engagement. This is an informational item and does not require action.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room.

Meeting reconvened at 12:15 p.m.

Other Business

COCAO discussed:

- Research
 - Supported COPs directive to bring together the Chief Research Officers of the state universities
 - Increasing interest in undergraduate research

- Transfer and Articulation Task Force Updates
- Core Competency Project
- Service Areas

There being no other business, Lynette Olson moved and April Mason seconded the motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jeff Vitter
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
University of Kansas