

## Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, November 17, 2010  
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  
Room 530  
Curtis State Office Building  
Reconvene at  
12:00 p.m. – 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, November 17, 2010 in the Room 530 Curtis State Office Building in Topeka, Kansas at 8:30 a.m. and reconvened in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room at 12:00 p.m.

#### Members Present:

Larry Gould, Provost, FHSU  
Jeff Vitter, Provost and EVC, KU  
April Mason, Provost, KSU  
Lynette Olson, Provost, PSU  
Allen Rawitch, VCAA, KU Med Center

Tes Mehring, Provost, ESU  
Gary Miller, Provost, WSU  
Nancy Tate, Interim VPAA, WU  
Gary Alexander, KBOR  
April Mason, Provost, KSU

#### Staff Present

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

#### Approve Minutes of October 20, 2010

Gary Miller moved and April Mason seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of October 20, 2010 as revised on November 15, 2010. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

#### New Programs

##### PSU – Request for a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science (CIP 31.0505) (SECOND READING)

No comments were received on the above listed proposed program. There was no discussion.

Gary Miller moved and Larry Gould seconded the motion to recommend placing the above listed new program request on the December 2010 Council of Presidents' Agenda. Motion carried.

#### Program Requests

##### ESU – Requests approval of the Center for Great Plains Studies (30.9999) an Academic Extension Specialty Program

There was no discussion on Emporia State University's Center for Great Plains Studies.

April Mason moved and Gary Miller seconded the motion approving the Center for Great Plains Studies. Motion carried.

- b. PSU – Requests Approval to Merge Two Departments of History and Social Sciences into the new Department of History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences**
- c. KU – Requests Approval to Change the Name of Two Degrees within Two Departments in the School of Education as Follows:**
  - (1) the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies change the Ed.D. and Ph.D. degrees from the Educational Policy and Leadership to Educational Leadership and Policy and**
  - (2) the Department of Health, Sport and Exercise Sciences change the name of its specialization from “Sports Studies” to “Sport Management”**
- d. KU – Requests Approval to Consolidate Offerings of the Department of Visual Art within the School of the Arts within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences as Follows:**
  - (1) Combine the previous Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts in Art (BAFA-Art) and the previous Bachelor of Arts in Fine Arts in Design (BAFA-Design) into one comprehensive degree and major – a Bachelor of Arts in Visual Art (BA-Visual Art);**
  - (2) Combine the previous Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art (BFA-Art) and the previous Bachelor of Fine Arts in Design (BFA-Design) into one comprehensive degree and major – a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Art (BFA-Visual Art); and**
  - (3) Change the name of the program in Visual Arts Education, and the corresponding Master of Arts in Visual Arts Education to Visual Art Education**
- c. KUMC – Requests Approval for a New Department of Cancer Biology as a Specialized and Focused Academic Department**
- f. KUMC – Requests Approval for a New Department of Medical Sciences for the KU School of Medicine – Wichita**

There was no discussion on Program Requests agenda items b-f.

Tes Mehring moved and Larry Gould seconded the motion to approve the program request items b-f. Motion carried.

### **Academic Calendars Fall 2013 to Spring 2016**

University Academic Calendars are due in the Board of Regents office January 15, 2011. Board policy states:

#### **D. Academic Affairs**

##### **1. ACADEMIC CALENDAR (6-19-70; 1-18-90; 5-20-93; 6-25-09)**

- a. The Academic Calendar of each institution under the jurisdiction of the Board shall provide for an academic year minimally consisting of two sixteen week semesters totaling no fewer than 146 instructional days plus five final exam days each semester.**

- b. Each Regents university shall file a three-year Academic Calendar adhering to holidays and breaks approved by the Board. Each institution shall follow the calendar as approved by the Board. Any deviation for reasons other than natural disasters or national emergencies must have prior approval of the Board.

The academic calendars will be placed on the Board Agenda later in the spring.

## **Other Business**

### **Admissions Task Force Update**

COCAO discussed the admissions recommendations as follows:

- Completion of the pre-college curriculum with a 2.0 is required as a condition of admission for high school graduates
- One additional math course taken the year of graduation or meet the ACT math readiness scores was added to the precollege curriculum
- Funding for additional math courses was the most discussed topic at the Task Force meetings
- The universities will determine if unaccredited high school graduates demonstrate completion of coursework equivalent to the precollege curriculum
- ACT score of 21 or combined SAT scores include home schoolers
- GED students under 21 years of age must achieve ACT score of at least 21
- Requirements for students 21 years or older do not change
- Universities will verify international students have equivalent preparation as US students, which is an adaptation of current practice
- No changes for transfer students
- Exception window can be for super-prepared students as well as for underprepared students
- Freshmen resident exception window increase from 10% to 15%
- Freshmen exception window for non-resident students increase to 15% or 75 students, whichever is higher
- Other Precollege Curriculum changes:
  - Dropped proposed Civics requirement
  - Added 3 electives
  - Added ½ unit Speech option for English requirement
- Board staff are in conversation with the Kansas State Department of Education about “certifying” that students have met the precollege curriculum

COCAO members should provide comments to KBOR before November 30 Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee conference call.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 p.m. in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room.

## **Other Business**

### **Online Education**

COCAO discussed the best way to provide information to the Board about the economics and quality of online learning:

- evaluating online courses
- comparing online costs to construction of a new building

- hiring requirements when replacing “online champion faculty” who retire
- Serving place bound students

Mark Childers, ESU, and Barbara Romzek, KU, will serve with Joan Warren to develop a reporting template that may include course development, student readiness, student motivation, cost saving vs. expenses, online student support, samples of “stellar online offerings”, retention, and learning outcomes.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jeff Vitter  
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
University of Kansas