

## Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Kathy Rupp Conference Room

Curtis State Office Building

Reconvene at

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

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1000 SW Jackson Street Suite 520

Kansas Board of Regents

### MINUTES

The Council of Chief Academic Officers met on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, Curtis State Office Building in Topeka, Kansas at 9:30 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

#### Guests at Noon to 1:15 meeting:

Michael Russell, Washburn University; Steve Warren, University of Kansas; Paul Terranova, University of Kansas Medical Center; Kathy Ermler, Emporia State University; Peggy Snyder, Pittsburg State University; Tim Crowley, Fort Hays State University; Richard Muma, Wichita State University; Dave McDonald, Wichita State University; Ron Trewyn, Kansas State University; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; and Andy Myers, Pittsburg State University

#### Staff Present

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

#### Approve Minutes of November 15, 2010

Tes Mehring moved and Lynette Olson seconded the motion to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2010 as submitted. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

#### New Program

##### **KSU – Request Approval for a Professional Master of Technology (CIP 15.9999) (FIRST READING)**

The Kansas State University proposed Professional Master of Technology (CIP 15.9999) was submitted for a FIRST READING. This is a first professional program to be offered at the KSU-Salina campus.

COCAO members should contact April Mason with any comments prior to the January 19, 2010 Council meeting.

### **Program Information**

- a. PSU – Three new emphases in the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art (CIP: 50.0701) - 2D Studio Arts, 3D Studio Arts and Commercial Art**
- b. PSU – Two new emphases in the Bachelor of Science, Biology (CIP: 26.0101) - Field Biology and Environment and Ecology and Organismic Biology**
- c. KSU – Concurrent BS/MPH (or BA/MPH) degree programs – participating programs are: Animal Sciences & Industry, Athletic Training, Biochemistry, Biology, Dietetics, Food Science & Industry, Kinesiology, Life Sciences, Microbiology, Nutritional Sciences, Nutrition & Kinesiology Dual Degree, Psychology and Public Health Nutrition**
- d. KSU – Concurrent BS/MS Horticulture Degree Program in the Department of Horticulture Forestry and Recreation Resources**
- e. KSU – Collaborative Program Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership with Washburn University**
- f. KSU – Urban Food Systems Specialization within the MS in Horticulture**

The above listed information items were submitted by Pittsburg State University and Kansas State University. There was no discussion. If Council members have any questions and/or comments, please contact Lynette Olson or April Mason. No COCAO action is required.

### **Midwest Student Exchange Program**

- a. WSU – Request to Add Performing Arts Degree to the Midwest Student Exchange Program**

Larry Gould moved and Lynette Olson seconded the motion to recommend approval of Wichita State University's request to add its Performing Arts Degree to the Midwest Student Exchange Program list to the Council of Presidents January 2011 agenda. Motion carried.

- b. Discuss Procedures and Enrollment Caps**

COCAO discussed the Midwest Student Exchange Program (MSEP) Procedures as follows:

- MSEP is a tool to attract out of state students to enroll in under-enrolled programs at a reduced tuition rate
- Coordinated institutions were added to MSEP in 2004
- The possibility of increasing the enrollment caps was discussed
- Elimination of the scheduled time for requesting additional programs was discussed
- Additional program requests require action by COPs or SCOPs depending on whether it is for a 4-year institution or a 2-year institution

COCAO will obtain feedback from the campuses and discuss MSEP again in January.

COCAO asked for the following information:

- data from MSEP
- what other states are doing

Changes to the MSEP procedures, such as increasing or eliminating caps, will require Board action.

Allen Rawitch moved and April Mason seconded the motion to recommend more flexibility in the procedures for the Midwest Student Exchange Program, with the possibility of increasing or eliminating enrollment caps, to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

#### **Kansas Hunger Dialogue**

The Kansas Hunger Dialogue on March 10 and 11, 2011, at the Overland Park Convention Center will be presented by Numana and Universities Fighting World Hunger. COCAO and SCOCAO received a presentation in November.

Gary Miller moved and April Mason seconded the motion to recommend placing the Kansas Hunger Dialogue on the Council of Presidents' agenda Wednesday, December 15 for support. Motion carried.

### **Survey**

Larry Gould distributed survey information for tenured faculty age 50 and up. A similar survey was conducted in 2003 without any problems. This survey will provide Kansas information rather than national information. Letters will be distributed asking the recipients if they are willing to participate in the survey. He asked COCAO to provide faculty contact information for the distribution.

The Chief Academic Officers were asked to consult with their faculty about the advisability of a survey, since at least one university has recently participated in a national survey. The Chief Academic Officers recommended forwarding the request through COFSP, which is apparently contemplating a faculty survey of its own and also so that email addresses do not need to be distributed.

### **Research**

The Council discussed various methods of raising public awareness of research and its economic value to the state. The Chief Research Officers from the four-year institutions will meet with COCAO today at noon.

### **Council of Student Affairs Officers**

COCAO discussed a possible lunch meeting with this Council January 19, 2011.

### **Distance Education Strategic Plan**

The university distance education strategic plans are due January 31, 2011.

The Council discussed various national distance education issues.

Meeting recessed at 10:29 a.m.

### **Meeting reconvened at noon in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room**

#### **Chief Research Officers**

Jeff Vitter introduced Steve Warren, Vice-Chancellor for Research from the University of Kansas, to manage the research meeting.

Topics of Discussion:

- Undergraduate research programs and opportunities
  - Need incentive to participate
  - Need training
- Graduate education; graduate research training
  - Graduate Research Summit at the Capitol
  - Possibility of incorporating undergraduate research next year
  - Perhaps have separate weeks or days for spotlighting
- Responsible conduct of research
  - Compliance with the responsible conduct of research ethics
  - Possible network of representatives from each campus as a resource
  - “Export controls” what is allowed communication
  - Dealing with unfunded mandates
- Conflict of interest involving faculty inventors and start-up companies
  - Models in other states
  - Clinical trials are more difficult
- KTEC matching funds for EPSCOR, INBRE, and similar federal programs
  - Economic climate affects ability to match funds
- Infrastructure for labs and IT including state-wide internet resources
  - Information on what is needed to do research
  - Emphasis on the economic impact
- Libraries
  - An essential piece for research
  - Varied needs for research
- Distinguished Professor match funds
  - Funds not available at this time
- KTEC and KBA funding
  - Reduced funds
  - Caps are in place
- Others
  - Establish a Research Group
  - Report Annually
  - Raise visibility of research
  - Establish an undergraduate research day
- Benefit/value of meeting regularly (quarterly; or twice a year)
- Quarterly meetings were suggested.

Chief Research Officers will develop a proposal to bring to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jeff Vitter  
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor  
University of Kansas