

Kansas Board of Regents Academic Affairs Standing Committee

**Tuesday, March 1, 2011
Conference Call
MINUTES**

The Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents met by Conference Call at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. This meeting had been properly noticed pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Law on February 25, 2011.

Members present: Regent Dick Hedges, Chair
Regent Janie Perkins
Regent Mildred Edwards

Member absent: Regent Ed McKechnie

Staff present Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, Joan Warren, Julene Miller, Blake Flanders, Don Richards and Chuck Kater

**Others present
by phone:** Scott Rothschild, Lawrence Journal World; Randy Pembroke, Washburn University; Allen Rawitch, University of Kansas Medical Center; Barbara Romzek, University of Kansas; and Tamara Agha-Jaffar, Kansas City Kansas Community College

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Approve Minutes

February 1, 2011 Minutes

Regent Perkins moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to approve the February 1, 2011 Conference Call Minutes. Motion carried.

Act on Request for Approval for Additional Degree Granting Authority

Jacqueline Johnson presented the proposal from three institutions for additional degree granting authority. The institutions request approval of the following degree programs:

- (1) University of Phoenix - Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Management, and Master of Public Administration,
- (2) Capella University - Master of Nonprofit Management and Leadership, and a Doctor of Philosophy in Advanced Studies in Human Behavior,
- (3) ITT Technical Institute - Associate of Applied Science for the following areas: Business Management, Drafting and Design Technology, Electrical Engineering Technology, Graphic Communications and Design, Mobile Communications Technology, Network Systems Administration and Paralegal

The University of Phoenix and Capella University are accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC). ITT Technical Institute is accredited by American Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). These institutions' qualifications, record keeping systems, coursework, materials, website platforms and/or campuses have been reviewed by Board staff and staff recommends approval of these requests.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Perkins seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 1. a. on the Wednesday, March 16, 2011 consent agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Act on Request for Approval for Degree and Certificate Programs Submitted from Community Colleges and Technical Colleges

Chuck Kater presented the request for Automotive Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Program (CIP 47.0614) at the Technical Certificate level (40 credits) for Kansas City Kansas Community College. The proposed program will equip graduates with the skill and knowledge necessary to repair hybrid electric, electric and fuel celled vehicles. Currently there are no other programs of this nature in the state.

Seven letters of support from Hunter Engineering, Buckner's Complete Collision, East Side Auto Parts, Randy Curnow Buick GMC Truck, Henry Martens GM Superstore, CARQUEST Distribution Center and Danny Zeck Ford-Lincoln-Mercury were received by Kansas City Kansas Community College and no objections were received.

An existing faculty member who is AC/DC Hybrid Vehicle Master Qualified will be the primary instructional resource in support of the proposed program.

BAASC members expressed their appreciation for this new program and its potential impact on the economy in Kansas.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Perkins seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 1. b. on the Wednesday, March 16, 2011 consent agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Act on Request to Approve Medical Coding Program Alignment

Don Richards presented the proposed Medical Coding Program Alignment. There are seven technical and community colleges and one university offering a Medical Coding certificate program. These institutions are Barton, Butler, Cowley, Highland, Hutchinson, Neosho, Seward, and Washburn. The dual career tracks for entry-level employees within the field of medical coding are Physician Coding and Healthcare Coding. Employees serving in a physician office setting take the Physician Coding track and employees serving in a hospital setting take the Healthcare Coding track. The two credentials are supported by industry for employment as a medical coder in either of the two respective practice settings.

Regent Perkins moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 2. a. on the Wednesday, March 16, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Approve of Two New Members of the Kansas Private Postsecondary Advisory Commission

Jacqueline Johnson presented the request for approval of two new members of the Kansas Private Postsecondary Advisory Commission to serve four year terms. The proposed new members are (1) Mrs. Irene Narvaez, Institute Director of Court Reporting Institute of Kansas City, Mission, KS - School Owner/Operator (of institution under 125 in enrollment) Nominee, and (2) Mrs. Judy Holmes, President of Brown Mackie College, Salina, KS - School Owner/Operator (of institution over 125 in enrollment) Nominee.

BAASC members would like to introduce the two nominees to the Kansas Board of Regents March Board meeting if they are able to attend.

Regent Perkins moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 2. b. on the Wednesday, March 16, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Act on Request for Approval of a Professional Master of Technology (CIP 15.9999) – KSU

Joan Warren presented Kansas State University's proposed Professional Master of Technology (CIP 15.9999). It is a professional degree that emphasizes the teaching of soft skills, along with the hard skills that focus on the technical requirements of the workplace. This program has been reviewed by staff, the Council of Chief Academic Officers and the Council of Presidents and approval is recommended.

Discussion followed:

- What is the budget for the funds that are internally reallocated?
- No objections were received regarding this program

Gary Alexander will ask Kansas State University to respond to the budget questions.

Regent Perkins moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 3. on the Thursday, March 17, 2011 consent agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Accept Accreditation Report

Gary Alexander presented the annual accreditation report. Each state university presents an annual report on the accreditation status of its various programs. Institutional accreditation and specialized accreditation of academic units and programs are the two broad accreditations within postsecondary education.

Gary Alexander gave a brief summary of the reports regarding the number of programs accredited, pending accreditation, etc. Action has been taken to address the University of Kansas Medical Center's Pediatrics residency program regarding concerns about significant faculty turnover. Allen Rawitch, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, gave a brief update that new staff have been recruited and are receiving appropriate training in emergency room experience.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Hedges seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 4. a. on the Thursday, March 17, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Approve Revision to University of Kansas Medical Center Mission Statement

Gary Alexander presented the University of Kansas Medical Center's request to revise its mission statement. The mission statement had not been updated since 1992. The revised statement adds the Salina campus and deletes an outdated reference to the School of Graduate Studies. This proposed revision maintain its emphasis on the Medical Center's essential commitment to education, research and service and adding a component related to the patient care that is also central to the Center's work.

Regent Perkins moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 4. b. to the Thursday, March 17, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Accept Adult Education Annual Report

Michelle Carson, in Dianne Glass' absence, presented a brief summary of the Adult Education Annual Report. This year's report will include information on the NEXT STEP and KAN-GO projects and other current initiatives to meet the goals of Foresight 2020.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Perkins seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 4. c. on the Thursday, March 17, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents March agenda. Motion carried.

Other Business

BAASC Update Private Postsecondary Education – March 2011

Jacqueline Johnson presented the Private Postsecondary Education update as follows:

Summary of Activity January 19, 2011 – February 17, 2011

- New programs received for review – 123

- Applications requested by and sent to prospective schools – 10
- New School Applications received - 2

- Renewal applications received – 13
- Renewal files expected by February 20, 2010 – 2

A legislative update was also presented regarding Private Postsecondary Education. Legislation for removing the “sunset clause” and reduction of fees for in-state non-degree granting institutions passed. With the changing of credit hours from 124 to 120, staff have received an influx of requests for additional degree granting from current institutions and requests from new institutions.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

