

# System Council of Chief Academic Officers Minutes

Wednesday, April 20, 2011  
8:00 a.m.  
Kathy Rupp Conference Room  
Kansas Board of Regents  
Topeka, KS

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room of the Kansas Board of Regents Office, 1000 S. W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas, at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 20, 2011.

## Members Present:

Kim Krull, Cloud County Community College	Jeff Vitter, University of Kansas
Allen Rawitch, University of Kansas Medical Ctr	April Mason, KSU
Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College
Tes Mehring, Emporia State University	Alysia Johnston, Coffeyville Community College
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University	Rick Muma for Gary Miller, WSU
Kevin Brungardt, Garden City Community College	Randy Pembroke, Washburn University
Joe Burke, Labette Community College	

## Board Staff:

Gary Alexander, KBOR; Joan Warren, KBOR; Jacqueline Johnson, KBOR; Jean Redeker, KBOR; Crystal Puderbaugh, KBOR; and Julene Miller, KBOR

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## Approve Minutes of March 16, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Tes Mehring moved, and Larry Gould seconded the motion, to approve the March 16, 2011 minutes. The motion carried.

## Libraries – Alan Bearman

Gary Alexander informed SCOCAO that he attended the last meeting of the Deans and Directors of Libraries. Alan Bearman did not attend SCOCAO this month because the librarians are not ready to submit a recommendation due to the unsettled legislative bill concerning Kan-ed and its funding. There is a need to determine how to manage the differences between the needs of the two-year and four-year institutions. The group has submitted an RFP for outsourcing and received one proposal. Their goal is to receive three proposals.

Discussion followed and it was noted that the librarians have considered:

- A list of agents/vendors
- The needs of undergraduate programs
- Outsourcing options
- Tiered funding with the differing levels of participation

SCOCAO will discuss a tiered system with different levels of participation at its May meeting.

### **Update on Transfer and Articulation Task Force**

Gary Alexander updated the Council on the status of the Transfer and Articulation Task Force. The next meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, April 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. Several drafts have been reviewed by the Task Force. Consideration of the general education core, the role of the Core Competency Project and the role of the Advising Council has taken place. The plan is to present draft recommendations in May.

Discussion followed:

- General education needs to be more defined
- Target dates are needed
- Core Competency Project needs more concrete parameters
- Role of the Transfer and Articulation Advisory Council
- The four-year institutions interpret Board Policy differently
- Advising needs to be emphasized – if inaccurate advising occurs, it harms the student

### **Other Business**

It was suggested that SCOCAO might consider defining “credit hour.” This is a hot topic at the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). HLC plans to have something by summer.

There being no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.