

**Kansas Board of Regents
Academic Affairs Standing Committee**

**Thursday, May 5, 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 Thursday, May 5, 2011. This meeting had been properly noticed pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Law on May 4, 2011.

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

Staff present Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson (by phone), Crystal Puderbaugh, and Joan Warren

**Others present
by phone:** Bill Ivy, Pittsburg State University; Gary Miller, Wichita State University; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; and Jenny Mehmedovick, University of Kansas

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

**Approve Minutes
April 5, 2011 Minutes**

Regent Perkins moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to approve the April 5, 2011 Conference Call Minutes. Motion carried.

Act on Request for Approval for Additional Degree Granting Authority for the following:

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

- (1) The Art Institutes International – Kansas City - Bachelor of Arts in Game Art and Design, Bachelor of Arts in Visual Effects and Motion Graphics, and Bachelor of Arts in Design and Technical Graphics

- (2) Ashford University – Associate of Arts in Organizational Management, Bachelor of Arts in Accounting, Bachelor of Arts in Adult Development, Bachelor of Arts in Applied Behavioral Science, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics, Bachelor of Arts in Business Information Systems, Bachelor of Arts in Business Leadership, Bachelor of Arts in Child Development, Bachelor of Arts in Communications Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education, Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Education and

Public Policy, Bachelor of Arts in English, Bachelor of Arts in English Language Learner Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Entrepreneurship, Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Finance, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Mass Communications, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Bachelor of Arts in Social Science with Education Concentration, Bachelor of Arts in Gerontology, Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Services, Bachelor of Arts in Health Care Administration, Bachelor of Arts in Health Care Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Health Marketing and Communications, Bachelor of Arts in History

- (3) Capella University – Master of Science in Homeland Security
- (4) ITT Technical Institute – Wichita - Associate of Applied Science in Criminology and Forensic Technology, Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Communications Technology, Bachelor of Science in Information Systems and Cybersecurity, and Bachelor of Science in Project Management and Administration

The Art Institutes International – Kansas City is accredited by American Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS). Ashford University was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (The Higher Learning Commission) in 1950 and has since maintained its accreditation, Capella University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (HLC). ITT Technical Institute – Wichita is accredited by the American Council for Independent Colleges and Schools (ACICS), a United States Department of Education approved accrediting agency. 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 Hedges moved, and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 1. on the Wednesday, May 18, 2011 consent agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents May agenda. Motion carried.

Act on Request for New Degree Granting Authority for Rasmussen College

Jacqueline Johnson introduced Rasmussen College's request for new degree granting authority for the following degrees: Bachelor of Science in Business Management, Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Management, Bachelor of Science in Accounting, Bachelor of Science in Digital Design and Animation, Bachelor of Science in Game and Simulation Programming, Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN), Associate of Science in Health Information Technician, Associate of Science in Medical Administration, Associate of Science in Pharmacy Technician, Associate of Science in Business Management, Associate of Science in Accounting, Associate of Science in Information Systems Management, Associate of Science in Multimedia Technologies, Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education, Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Science in Paralegal, and Associate of Science in Human Services.

Rasmussen College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. This institution's 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. 2. on the Wednesday, May 18, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents May agenda. Motion carried.

Receive Academic Program Review Report, May 2011

Gary Alexander presented an overview of the program review process and a brief summary of each institution's report. The institutions provided a short overview of their review process. The report also provides information from the institutions' minima tables on programs, not included in the 2009-2010 review cycle, listing the monitor for improvement and the discontinued programs along with a brief summary of the follow-up of programs from the 2010 report.

The number of academic programs reviewed in 2009-2010 was 183. Of the 183, 163 were recommended to continue, 19 were recommended for additional review and 1 was recommended to be discontinued.

The review of the minima tables showed that 49 programs are either monitored for improvement or subject to further review, 3 programs are recommended to focus on specific areas of concern, and 21 are recommended for discontinuation.

The progress of programs needing improvement or additional review will be monitored and an update will be included in the annual report on Academic Program Review.

Regent Perkins moved, and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 3.a. on the Thursday, May 19, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents May agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion on Campus Distance Education Plans

Gary Alexander provided the following background:

Kansas statutes stipulate that the Kansas Board of Regents will "develop and implement a comprehensive plan for the utilization of distance learning technologies" [74-3202c(b)(9)]. The Board approved an updated version of its Distance Education plan in September 2010. In addition, objective 2.11 of *Foresight 2020*, requires that "by the summer of 2012, Regents' institutions will have an approved plan to meet the Regent's policy on distance education which includes the use of alternative delivery systems to accommodate the variety of student educational needs."

These plans, when approved, will be subject to biennial review beginning in Spring 2013 and an annual report based on information drawn from the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS), program inventory, and/or individual institutions will be presented to the Board in January each year.

The Standing Committee agreed by consensus to have the institutions' distance education plans posted on the web site and to include more information on the institutional plans in the issue paper.

The distance education plans will be available for Board review on the KBOR website prior to the May 18-19 Board meeting, at http://kansasregents.org/distance_education.

Regent McKechnie moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 3.b. on the Thursday, May 19, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents May agenda. Motion carried.

Consideration of Academic Calendars: Academic Years – 2013-2014, 2014-2015, and 2015-2016

Gary Alexander presented the university academic calendars for 2013-2014, 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. Board policy requires the consideration of academic calendars proposed by the Regents universities on a three-year cycle. These calendars meet the policy and guidelines for academic calendars as stated in policy.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 3.c. on the Thursday, May 19, 2011 discussion agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents May agenda. Motion carried.

Receive 2010 Private Postsecondary Education Annual Report

Jacqueline Johnson presented the 2010 Private Postsecondary Education Annual Report agenda item. The report will consist of the following: 1) overview of the qualitative review process, 2) update on the status of the Division, and 3) data collection outcomes, and strategies instituted in academic year 2009-2010 for the Private Postsecondary Division of the Kansas Board of Regents. A PDF document of the PowerPoint presentation was emailed to the Standing Committee for review.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion, to recommend placing agenda item II. 4. on the Wednesday, May 19, 2011 other matters agenda for the Kansas Board of Regents May agenda. Motion carried.

Other Business

BAASC Update Private Postsecondary Education – May 2011

Jacqueline Johnson presented the Private Postsecondary Education update as follows:

Summary of Activity March 26, 2011 – April 20, 2011

- Number of schools that have contacted us this month – 86
 - 65 - we are waiting on replies to our questions
 - 10 - applications have been sent to schools that do need to apply
 - 11 - schools do not need to apply

- New program requests received from existing schools – 12
- Renewal applications received – 5
- Renewal files expected by May 20, 2011

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.