

Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, April 20, 2011
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Kathy Rupp Conference Room
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, April 20, 2011 in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, 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
Jeffery S. Vitter, Provost and EVC, KU
April Mason, Provost, KSU
Lynette Olson, Provost, PSU
Allen Rawitch, VCAA, KU Med Center

Tes Mehring, Provost, ESU
Rick Muma for Gary Miller, Provost, WSU
Randy Pembroke, VPAA, WU
Gary Alexander, KBOR

Others Present:

Ruth Dyer, KSU; Barbara Romzek, KU; and Keith Pickus, WSU

Staff Present

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

Approve Minutes of March 16, 2011

Larry Gould moved, and April Mason seconded the motion, to approve the Minutes of March 16, 2011, as submitted. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

Program Requests

KU Request Approval of three Dual Title Programs within Ph.D. in Gerontology - Dual Title Programs: Communication Studies and Gerontology (CIP 09.0101), Psychology and Gerontology (CIP 42.0101), Sociology and Gerontology (CIP 45.1101)

Larry Gould moved, and Tes Mehring seconded the motion, to approve the University of Kansas' request for three dual title programs within the Ph.D. in Gerontology - Communication Studies and Gerontology (CIP 09.0101), Psychology and Gerontology (CIP 42.0101), Sociology and Gerontology (CIP 45.1101). There was no discussion. Motion carried.

KU Request Approval for Changing the Name of the Department of Public Administration to School of Public Affairs and Administration within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Larry Gould moved, and April Mason seconded the motion, to approve the University of Kansas' request for changing the name of the Department of Public Administration to School of Public Affairs and Administration within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. No discussion followed Motion carried.

KUMC Request Approval to Change the Name of the University of Kansas School of Allied Health to the University of Kansas School of Health Professions

Tes Mehring moved, and Larry Gould seconded the motion, to approve the University of Kansas Medical Center's request to change the name of the University of Kansas School of Allied Health to the University of Kansas School of Health Professions. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

WSU Request Approval for a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (CIP 15.0000) (FIRST READING)

Wichita State University submitted a proposal for a new Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology (15.0000) for first reading. Please provide Gary Miller and/or Rick Muma with comments prior to the May 2011 meeting.

KU Request Approval for a Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communications (09.0102) (FIRST READING)

The University of Kansas submitted a proposal for a Ph.D. in Journalism and Mass Communications (09.0102) for first reading. This program addresses changes in technology, especially the move to the digital environment.

Please provide Jeffrey Vitter with comments. A review by outside consultants will be arranged. After the review and receipt of the report, a second reading will be scheduled.

Informational Items

KSU – Dropping Associate of Science in Military Personnel and Associate of Arts in Military Personnel in the College of Arts and Sciences

KSU New Minor in Nuclear Engineering in the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering

PSU - New Emphases within the Master of Engineering Technology (15.0000) – Construction Technical Emphasis, Electronics Technical Emphasis, Manufacturing Technical Emphasis, Mechanical Technical Emphasis, and Plastics Technical Emphasis

ESU - Two Concentrations within the Ph.D. in Library and Information Management – Instructional Design Technology and Information Systems

Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University and Emporia State University submitted the above listed informational items. No action is required.

Federal Regulations Regarding Distance Education

Gary Alexander presented information regarding the federal regulations on distance education.

Discussion followed:

- State distance education regulations are varied
- The concerns are more than just the diploma mills

- Questions of concern:
 - Who is offering distance education
 - What states offer it
 - How many students are participating in distance education
 - What is the definition of physical presence
 - How is good-faith effort defined
- Contact states where your institution has students participating in your distance education programs for their regulations – relates to federal financial aid
- Kansas is further along with oversight of distance education than other states
- It was suggested that institutions keep their letters of contact to assist them with their good-faith effort
- Currently, there has been no distinction between courses and programs
- What about blended courses – many variations

Foresight 2020 Reporting: Assessing Student Learning, Benchmarks, etc.

Gary Alexander provided information on how the institutions will be submitting Foresight 2020 Reporting. This will be discussed at the August 2011 Board Retreat.

The Council of Chief Academic Officers is serving as the Task Force for making recommendations regarding identifying and measuring foundational skills that institutions will report to the Board of Regents (Strategic Goal Objective 4.10). Institutions are in the process of submitting their student assessment procedures. Gary Alexander will work with the universities, and Joan Warren with the community colleges, regarding these submittals.

The University Research Officers are working on Strategic Goal Objective 5.2., an annual report on university research initiatives designed to meet the needs of the Kansas economy, and will report to the Board in December 2012.

Strategic Goal 6.3, Regents’ universities will demonstrate increased collaboration including alignment within the Kansas higher education system through a biennial report; needs defining and a reporting process.

Discussion followed:

- Submitting student assessment procedures at each university was requested recently
- Performance Agreements and Foresight 2020 need to be incorporated

Meeting recessed at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at noon in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room.

Other Business

Libraries

A tiered structure for the library recommendation has been deferred until May 2011. The librarians are discussing outside vendors and implementing a tiered structure.

National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ)

Tes Mehring gave an update on NCTQ. She indicated that open records requests are extensive and very specific.

Performance Agreements

BAASC asked institutions to incorporate into their performance agreement the projects that receive earmarked funding. Board staff will look into how to report this within Foresight 2020.

HLC Pathway (Pathways Construction Project: A Proposed New Model for Continued Accreditation)

Pittsburg State University pioneered the HLC Pathway in Kansas and will provide assistance as needed to the other institutions.

Core Outcomes Project

University of Kansas is hosting the Core Outcomes Project this year on October 14, 2011. This year the Core Outcomes Project will work as it has in the past. Next year Kansas State University will host and work on making any necessary changes to the meeting.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Vitter
Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
University of Kansas