

Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 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, June 15, 2011 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

Jeffrey S. Vitter, Provost and EVC, KU

Ruth Dyer for April Mason, Provost, KSU

Lynette Olson, Provost, PSU

Allen Rawitch, VCAA, KU Med Center

Tes Mehring, Provost, ESU

Keith Pickus, Interim Provost, WSU

Randy Pembroke, VPAA, WU

Gary Alexander, KBOR

Others Present:

Barbara Romzek, KU and Rick Muma, WSU

Staff Present:

Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, Joan Warren, and Julene Miller

Approve Minutes of May 18, 2011

Tes Mehring moved, and Keith Pickus seconded the motion, to approve the Minutes of May 18, 2011, as submitted. No discussion followed. Motion carried.

Program Requests

KSU Request Approval to Change the name of *Gerontology* to *Long-term Care Administration* within the College of Human Ecology

Larry Gould moved, and Tes Mehring seconded the motion, to approve KSU's request to change the name of Gerontology to Long-term Care Administration within the College of Human Ecology. Motion carried.

FHSU Request Approval for a New Minor - English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Keith Pickus moved, and Lynette Olson seconded the motion, to approve FHSU's new minor – English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL). Motion carried.

PSU Request Approval to Change the Name of the *Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Technology* to the *Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Technology and Engineering Education* (13.1309)

Allen Rawitch moved, and Larry Gould seconded the motion, to approve PSU's request to change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Technology to the Bachelor of Science in Education with a major in Technology and Engineering Education (13.1309).

This is fundamentally an education degree. The name change is to reflect the national trend. The curriculum is not changing just renamed to reflect what is happening nationally. The intent is to provide a teaching credential. Motion carried.

Informational Items

PSU - Request Approval for a New Major Technical Teacher Education Emphasis in Bachelor of Applied Science (CIP 15.0612)

ESU - Two New Concentrations in the Master of Library Sciences Master's Program – Archive Studies and Librarianship for Children and Young Adults

PSU - Bachelor of Science with a Major in Family & Consumer Sciences New Emphasis: Interior Merchandising

PSU - New Minor Commercial Art in the Department of Art

The items listed above are informational and do not require action.

Adopt Amendments to Board Policy Manual to Address Federal Program Integrity Rule Requirements for State Complaint Processes

Julene Miller gave an overview of the amendments to Board Policy Manual that address a state complaint process to meet the federal program integrity rule requirements. A few points within the amendments are: 1) have a single point of contact for complaints at each state university, 2) use specific policies already in place on campus to process complaints and 3) the Board level of involvement will be limited to certain issues not resolved at the campus level.

Discussion followed:

- The Higher Learning Commission has a requirement that a record of complaints is kept by each institution
- The Board's involvement will apply only to students' issues that have not been resolved at the campus level
- The single point of contact is only for alleged violations of university or board policy or state law
- The federal law becomes effective July 1st
- These amendments will place Kansas in compliance with federal regulations

This is a discussion item on the Board's June agenda.

Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) Implementation of Common Core Standards

This item was presented at the System Council of Chief Academic Officers and did not need further discussion.

Other Business

Updates on Qualified Admissions Regulations and Implementation

Julene Miller updated COCAO on the process that the Qualified Admissions Regulations have gone through.

These QA regulations reflect the recommendations brought to the Board in December 2010 from the reconstituted Qualified Admissions Task Force. Those recommendations were approved.

The more rigorous provisions in these regulations would become effective in four years – summer 2015. Changes that are not more rigorous can be made effective sooner.

A memorandum will be distributed to the Chief Academic Officers clarifying questions that have been raised.

A group will be established to consider qualified admissions implementation and process suggestions recommended by the universities.

Meeting recessed at 10:46 a.m. until noon.

Meeting reconvened at 12:30 p.m. in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room.

Libraries

The Council of Deans and Directors of Libraries are waiting for Kan-ed to determine how it will implement its 2012 budget, which was cut 40%. Those decisions may impact the recommendation to COCAO about a consortium to purchase access to library databases.

Qualified Admissions - Further Discussion

Board staff are working to address areas of concern expressed by COCAO regarding the new qualified admissions regulations.

Academic Report Calendar

Board staff will distribute an updated academic report calendar for fall 2011 through spring 2012.

COCAO Meeting with Andy Tompkins

Board staff will work on scheduling a meeting with Andy Tompkins for the purpose of discussing any issues that COCAO would like to recommend to the Board for consideration. The meeting will be scheduled prior to the Board's retreat either the end of July or early August.

Distance Education Report

A template is being developed. Campus plans need to emphasize the current level of distance education offered and provide future plans for distance education.

Council members would also like to point-out the costs involved with distance education (return on investment) and indicate how distance education impacts other academic areas.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Vitter
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University of Kansas