

# System Council of Chief Academic Officers Minutes

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

9:00 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 SW Jackson, Topeka, Kansas, at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 21, 2011.

## **Members Present:**

Alysia Johnston, Coffeyville Community College	Jeffrey Vitter, University of Kansas
Allen Rawitch, University of Kansas Med Ctr	April Mason, Kansas State University
Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College
Tes Mehring, Emporia State University	Donna Estill, Fort Scott Community College
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University	Keith Pickus, Wichita State University
Kevin Brungardt, Garden City Community College	Randy Pembroke, Washburn University
Joe Burke, Labette Community College	Marilyn Mahan, Manhattan Area Tech College

## **Members Absent:**

Jon Marshall, Allen County Community College

## **Board Staff:**

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

## **Others Present:**

Brad Neuenswander, Kansas State Department of Education; Matt Krehbiel, Kansas State Department of Education; Kris Shaw, Kansas State Department of Education; Kim Krull, Cloud County Community College; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; Lynn Hobson, Emporia State University; Eric Burke, North Central Kansas Technical College; Jim Williams, Emporia State University; Penny Quinn, Barton County Community College; Michael Ahern, Dodge City Community College; Steven Skinner, Wichita State University

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## **Approve Minutes of June 15, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Tes Mehring moved, and Steve Loewen seconded the motion, to approve the May 18, 2011 minutes. The motion carried.

## **Kansas Colleges and Universities Fighting World Hunger**

April Mason, Kansas State University, presented information regarding the fight for world hunger activities that are occurring in Kansas. The colleges and universities are asking for endorsement of the proposed "Proclamation in Support of College and University Efforts to Combat Continuing the Hunger Dialogue – a Call to Action," that are occurring on campuses in October. Information regarding State-Wide Packaging Events (SWIPE) which are food packaging events, was provided to SCOCAO members.

Keith Pickus moved, and Tes Mehring seconded the motion, to endorse the proposed proclamation and recommend to the System Council of Presidents that they endorse it. Motion carried.

### **Discussion:**

#### **KSDE Implementation of Common Core Standards**

Gary Alexander introduced Brad Neuenswander from the Kansas State Department of Education. Brad Neuenswander, Matt Krehbiel and Kris Shaw presented an introduction to the Common Core State Standards and current actions taken to implement them as follows:

The common core standards incorporate English language arts and mathematics into expectations for high school graduates to be college and career ready.

When these standards were determined, constituents were given the opportunity for input and feedback – educators, content experts, researchers, national organizations, community groups, general public, teachers, parents, business leaders, states etc.

The criteria:

- Aligned with college and work expectations
- Include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills
- Build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards
- Informed by top-performing countries, so that all students are prepared to succeed in our global economy and society and
- Evidence and/or research-based

Common Core Happenings:

- Summer Academies
- Trainer of Trainers
- Content Specifications Review
- Suggested Soft Landing Transition Plan
- [www.ksde.org/kscommoncore](http://www.ksde.org/kscommoncore)
- Enduring Understandings

It is hoped that the Standards will:

- Advance instruction
- Cultivate habits of mind
- Facilitate collaboration

#### **Transfer and Articulation Advisory Council (TAAC) Update**

Gary Alexander provided the Council with an update on the Transfer and Articulation Advisory Council. TAAC's first meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 26, 2011 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. A list of the members was distributed.

#### **Other Business**

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.