

Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Or upon adjournment
Room 530
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson Street
Reconvene at Noon
Kathy Rupp Conference Room
Kansas Board of Regents
Topeka, Kansas

MINUTES

The Council of Chief Academic Officers met on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 in the Room 530, Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson Street, Topeka, Kansas at 9:00 a.m. and reconvened at noon in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room of the Kansas Board of Regents Suite 520.

Members Present:

Larry Gould, Provost, FHSU

Jeffrey S. Vitter, Provost and EVC, KU

April Mason, Provost, KSU

Lynette Olson, Provost, PSU

Randy Pembroke, VPAA, WU

Tes Mehring, Provost, ESU

Keith Pickus, Interim Provost, WSU

Allen Rawitch, VCAA, KU Med Center

Gary Alexander, KBOR

Others Present:

Sara Rosen, KU; Ruth Dyer, KSU; Derek Myers, KSU; Rick Muma, WSU; and Jim Williams, ESU

Staff Present:

Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, and Joan Warren

Approve Minutes of October 19, 2011

Tes Mehring moved, and Keith Pickus seconded the motion, to approve the October 19, 2011 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

KBOR update

Gary Alexander updated the Council regarding Board activities:

- The Presidential Searches for Emporia State University and Wichita State University are going well
- The Oral Health Task Force met for the first time on Tuesday, November 15, 2011
- Workload of individual faculty (a national trend) might be requested by the legislature
- National movement focusing on performance funding
- Governance Committee – Policy Manual Language
 - Review the course information/credit hour/credit by exam/credit for travel
 - Submit proposed revisions to Gary Alexander

Transfer and Articulation/Core Outcomes Project

Jim Williams presented an update on the Transfer and Articulation Advisory Council.

- General Education Core Subcommittee has been meeting
 - The LEAP model has been applied to the general education goals across the system where there are similarities – having to adapt as appropriate
 - Knowledge categories and framework have been developed/not specific
 - Essential general education transferrable learner outcomes/practical skills
- Quality Assurance Core Subcommittee has been meeting
 - Reviewed the Arizona transfer and articulation website
 - Discussed various communication avenues
- The Council will meet Thursday, November 17 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

COCAO agreed by consensus to continue discussion of Transfer and Articulation at its noon meeting.

Core Outcomes Project

April Mason proposed inviting a national speaker to the next Core Outcomes Project. It was noted more frequent meetings are needed. The Council should be the group that works with the Project.

Student Credit Hour

Gary Alexander indicated campus reports have been submitted and are being compiled.

Regents Distinguished Professorship Policy

April Mason presented a proposal to revise the Board Policy concerning Regents Distinguished Professorships that would allow a university to establish a Regents Distinguished Professorship without the financial support it currently receives. Discussion followed. Board staff will discuss the issues with the President/CEO to find out the viability of such a revision. If possible, a motion may be forthcoming.

Performance Agreement Model Continued Discussion

COCAO did not discuss this item.

Program Requests

PSU - Request Approval to Restructure the College of Technology to include the Creation of the PSU School of Construction and the Kansas Center for Construction Advancement (KCCA)

Lynette Olson presented Pittsburg State University's request for approval to restructure the College of Technology.

Tes Mehring moved, and Keith Pickus seconded the motion, to approve Pittsburg State University's request to restructure the College of Technology to include the creation of the PSU School of Construction and the Kansas Center for Construction (KCCA). Motion carried.

Information Items

- a. **KUMC - Adult/Gerontological Health Care Nurse Practitioner Adult/Gerontological Health Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Certificate Program**
- b. **PSU - Discontinuance of the Auto Service Technology Certificate Program**
- c. **PSU - New Emphasis within the Bachelor of Arts in English (23.0101)**
- d. **PSU - Name Change of Two Existing Minors: Multimedia Minor changed to Digital Media and the Graphics Technologies Minor to Print Media**
- e. **PSU - New Emphases within the Bachelor of Science in Technology (CIP 10.0303): Digital Media, Graphic Design, Graphics Management, Print Media and Web/Interactive Media**

f. PSU - New Minor Web/Interactive Media within the BST Graphic Communications (CIP 10.0303)

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

COCAO convened at 9:55 a.m.

The Council reconvened at noon in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room

Other Business

Continued Transfer and Articulation Discussion

Terry Calaway and Jim Williams gave an update to the System Council of Presidents and to the Council of Presidents this morning. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents has a position statement to submit.

Discussion followed:

- Each Campus has general education programs
- Current policy is preferred
- Common degree requirements for general education
- Common numbering system is not preferred
- Community Colleges need assurance that general education courses will transfer
- General Education courses are part of the Core Outcomes Project
- Degree specific courses are not in the current Core Outcomes Project
- Common learner outcomes identified

The timeline for the Transfer and Articulation Advisory Council is to have something for the general education courses by January 2012.

Discussion followed:

- Use current Board policy and add language concerning completed associate degrees – Associate of Arts or Associate of Science
- Include learner outcomes goals and specific general education courses

December Agenda Items

- Discuss establishment of a small working group to collaborate with community and technical colleges regarding a performance agreement model
- Provide and Discuss Sector Specific Indicators for the performance agreement model proposed in October 2011

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

Sincerely,
April Mason
Provost for Academic Affairs
Kansas State University