

Kansas Board of Regents Academic Affairs Standing Committee

**Tuesday, December 3, 2013
Conference Call
MINUTES**

The Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents met by Conference Call at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 3, 2013. This meeting had been properly noticed pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Law on November 26, 2013.

In Attendance:

Members: Regent Robba Moran
Regent Mildred Edwards
Regent Van Etten
Regent Tim Emert

Staff: Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Karla Wiscombe, Jacqueline Johnson, Susan Fish, and
Julene Miller

Others: Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University; Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University; Brian Niehoff, Kansas State University; Nancy Tate, Washburn University; Peggy Forsberg, Highland Community College; Mike Werle, University of Kansas Medical Center; Chris Crawford, Fort Hays State University; Rustin Clark, Hutchinson Community College; Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson Community College; Mike Vitale, Kansas City Kansas Community College; Brian Bode, Kansas City Kansas Community College; Bruce Exstrom, Garden City Community College; Slade Griffiths, Cowley County Community College; Gene George, Butler Community College; Karla Fisher, Butler Community College; Kim Krull, Butler Community College; Mike Calvert, Pratt Community College; Jim Genandt, Neosho County Community College; Alysia Johnston, Coffeyville Community College; Sara Harris, Independence Community College; Clarissa Craig, Johnson County Community College; Joe Burke, Labette Community College; Darlene Wood, Fort Scott Community College; Bill McGuire, Cloud County Community College; Penny Quinn, Barton County Community College; and Linda Fund, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees (KACCT)

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

Approve November 20, 2013 Minutes

Regent Moran authorized the November 20, 2013 minutes stand approved as written.

Consent Agenda

Act on Requests for Additional Degree Granting Authority for:

- **Columbia College**
- **University of Maryland University College**
- **Wright College**
- **University of Cincinnati**

Regent Moran authorized placing the Requests for Additional Degree Granting Authority on the December consent agenda of the Board of Regents.

Discussion Agenda

Act on Requests for New Degree Granting Authority for Oregon State University

Jacqueline Johnson presented Oregon State University's request for new degree granting authority. Oregon State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Regent Moran authorized placing Oregon State University's request for new degree granting authority on the December discussion agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents.

Act in Request to Approve Three New Members to the Kansas Private Postsecondary Advisory Commission

Jacqueline Johnson presented the Act on Request to Approve Three New Members of the Kansas Private Postsecondary Advisory Commission. The Advisory Commission has nine members who represent specific sectors and rotate every three years. The two candidates for renewal are Dr. Linda Wiley, Principal, Topeka High School, and Jerrad Tausz, J.D., Vice President, Chief Student and Campus Operating Officer, University of Phoenix. The new candidate is Kerry Norbury, Campus Director, National American University.

The purpose of the advisory board is to recommend to the state board such policies, minimum standards and rules and regulations that the commission deems necessary for administering the provisions of subsection (f) of the Kansas Private and Out of State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act, 74-32, 166, this act.

Regent Van Etten moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to approve placing Act on Request to Approve Three Members of the Kansas Private Postsecondary Advisory Commission on the December consent agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents. Motion carried.

Act on Approval for Continuance of Dr. Juergen A. Richt as Regents Distinguished Professor – Kansas State University

Jean Redeker provided a brief overview of Kansas State University's report of Dr. Juergen A. Richt for his continued appointment as a Regents Distinguished Professor.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion, to approve placing Act on Approval for Continuance of Dr. Juergen A. Richt as Regents Distinguished Professor – Kansas State University on the December consent agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents. Motion carried.

Other Business

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Webinar Update

Gary Alexander gave the Standing Committee an update concerning the November 22, 2013, SARA Webinar as follows:

- Status Update
- Some 195 attendees from 16 states; 20 Kansans
- A complaint process was discussed
 - Flow from the institution, to the state SARA agency, to MHEC SARA
 - Make it parallel to federal requirements (those required under Program Integrity Rules and the DOD MOU)
- The goal is to have a majority of the states involved by 2016
- State Status Update – Goal – have 7 states join MHEC SARA by fall 2014
 - Nebraska and North Dakota are planning to submit applications in spring and January, 2014, respectively
 - Indiana is working on submitting an application January 1, 2014
 - Illinois has submitted talking points to the governor's office
 - Minnesota is drafting proposed legislation for consideration Spring 2014
 - Ohio is drafting legislation
 - South Dakota is leaning toward WICHE SARA application
 - Cross-sector meetings scheduled for Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin

Regent Moran presented a draft recommendation to BAASC for its consideration:

KBOR recommends that the State of Kansas become a member of MHEC –SARA for the benefit of Kansas students and our institutions of higher education, and requests that the Kansas Legislature: 1) adapt present Kansas statutes to make KBOR the “portal agency” with all necessary enforcement authority under the SARA agreement; and 2) provide necessary funding for additional KBOR enforcement staff as it becomes necessary.

Discussion followed:

- BAASC expressed appreciation to Theresa Schwartz for her work on SARA
- The Standing Committee is concerned about consumer protection
- BAASC feels strongly the Kansas Board of Regents be the Kansas State Agency for SARA
- It was noted:
 - SARA states will receive degree granting authority automatically
 - Non-member states will be subject to the current procedures used in Kansas to obtain degree granting authority
 - Kansas institutions will be responsible for paying the fee to be a member of SARA
- What is the amount of money lost from fees when states become members of SARA (i.e. Nebraska)
- A fiscal note

BAASC sees the need to pursue SARA in a timely manner. The resolution will be given to the General Counsel prior to sending to the Regents. The Standing Committee will discuss SARA at its December 18, 2013 meeting.

Update on Legislatively Requested Retention and Graduation Study of Students admitted by Exception

Jean Redeker informed BAASC that during the 2013 session, the Legislature amended the Qualified Admissions statute to require the Board conduct a survey on graduation and retention. The study has been completed and a draft report written. The report will be on the Board's December agenda.

Performance Agreements 2014 - 2016 Review

BAASC reviewed eleven Performance Agreements for AY 2014, AY 2015, and AY 2016, for the purpose of making recommendations to the full Board.

Karla Wiscombe gave a brief overview of the following performance agreements:

1. **Barton County Community College** – Penny Quinn was present representing Barton County Community College. Indicators 1 and 3 focus on attainment of degrees, certificates and credentials. Indicators 2 and 6 target student performance. Indicator 4 targets participation of Adult Basic Education. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Emert moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing Barton County Community's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

2. **Coffeyville Community College** – Alysia Johnson was present representing Coffeyville Community College. Indicator 1 focuses on retention. Indicators 2, 3, and 5 target attainment of certificates, degrees and credentials, with indicator 5 specifically targeting the completion rate of minority students on their campus. Indicators 4 and 6 focus on developmental students' completion of college level math and English courses and their success rates in developmental courses. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion, to recommend placing Coffeyville Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

3. **Colby Community College** – Greg Nichols was present representing Colby Community College. Indicator 1 and 2 focus on attainment of degrees, certificates and credentials. Indicator 3 targets the employment rate of graduates. Indicators 4, 5 and 6 focus on student success as measured by GPA and successful completion of financial literacy and STEM courses. Staff recommends approval of the agreement.

Regent Emert moved, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion, to recommend placing Colby Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

4. **Cowley County Community College** – Slade Griffiths was present representing Cowley County Community College. Indicator 1 focuses on retention. Indicators 2 and 6 focus on attainment of credentials, certificates, and degrees. Indicator 3 focuses on employment rate of graduates. Indicators 4 and 5 focus on successful completion of college level English and math courses by developmental students. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Emert seconded the motion, to recommend placing Cowley County Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

5. **Dodge City Community College** – Michael Ahern was present representing Dodge City Community College. Indicators 1 and 2 focus on retention. Indicator 3 focuses on wages of graduates. Indicators 4 and 5 target success of developmental students. Indicator 6 targets attainment of certificates in Electrical Power Technician and Welding. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Emert moved, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion, to recommend placing Dodge City Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

6. **Garden City Community College** – Bruce Exstrom was present representing Garden City Community College. Indicator 1 focuses on retention. Indicators 2 and 6 focus on attainment of credentials, certificates, and degrees. Indicator 3 focuses on employment rate of graduates. Indicators 4 and 5 focus on successful completion of college level courses by developmental students. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Emert seconded the motion, to recommend placing Garden City Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **Highland Community College** – Harold Arnett was present representing Highland Community College. Indicators 1 and 3 focus on attainment of degrees, certificates and credentials. Indicator 2 focuses on employment rate of graduates. Indicator 4 focuses on completion rates of developmental students. Indicators 5 and 6 target student performance, specifically the first attempt pass rate for registered nurses and responsibility outcomes for Tech Center students. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Van Etten moved, and Regent Emert seconded the motion, to recommend placing Highland Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Hutchinson Community College** – Rustin Clark was present representing Hutchinson Community College. Indicator 1 focuses on retention. Indicators 2 and 3 focus on attainment of credentials, certificates, and degrees. Indicator 4, 5 and 6 target completion of courses, programs and stackable credentials. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Emert seconded the motion, to recommend placing Hutchinson Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

9. **Independence Community College** – Sara Harris was present representing Independence Community College. Indicator 1 focuses on retention. Indicator 2 focuses on attainment of degrees, certificates and

credentials. Indicators 3 and 5 focus on student performance on core academic skills and GPA. Indicators 4 and 6 target completion of College Algebra and online courses. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Emert moved, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion, to recommend placing Independence Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Johnson County Community College** – Judy Korb was present representing Johnson County Community College. Indicator 1 focuses on student success as measured by the Student Success Index which measures retention and completion of **all** students enrolled at Johnson County Community College after two years. Indicator 2 focuses on attainment of degrees, certificates and credentials. Indicator 3 focuses on employment rate of graduates. Indicators 4 and 5 focus on retention. Indicator 6 focuses on graduation rates. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Emert moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing Johnson County Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

11. **Kansas City Kansas Community College** – Michael Vitale was present representing Kansas City Kansas Community College. Indicator 1 focuses on retention. Indicator 2 focuses on attainment of degrees, certificates and credentials. Indicator 3 focuses on employment rate of graduates. Indicators 4 and 6 target completion rates for developmental students in math and English courses. Indicator 5 focuses on increasing enrollment for Hispanic students. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Emert seconded the motion, to recommend placing Kansas City Kansas Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

12. **Neosho County Community College** – James Genandt was present representing Neosho County Community College. Indicators 1 and 3 focus on attainment of degrees, certificates and credentials. Indicators 2 and 6 focus on student performance on analytical thinking and core outcomes for system wide transfer courses. Indicators 4 and 5 target completion of developmental writing and college level Composition courses. Staff recommends approval.

Regent Edwards moved, and Regent Emert seconded the motion, to recommend placing Neosho County Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **Butler Community College** – Karla Fisher was present representing Butler Community College. Indicators 1, 3, 5 and 6 focus on attainment of degrees, certificates and credentials. Indicator 2 focuses on retention. Indicator 4 targets completion of college level composition by developmental students. Staff recommends approval with reservation.

BAASC asked Butler Community College add a seventh indicator with a 3 year history providing a majority of indicators with 3 year histories.

Regent Van Etten moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing Butler Community College's Performance Agreement on the Kansas Board of Regents January 2014 agenda for approval with the understanding that Butler Community College will add a seventh indicator with a 3 year history. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meets at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2013, in the Crumbine Conference Room, Suite 540, Curtis State Office Building, Topeka, Kansas.

The agenda includes Teacher Preparation Presentations by Kansas State University Education Dean – Debbie Mercer and Wichita State University Education Dean – Shirley Lefever-Davis. BAASC will receive updates on Transfer and Articulation and Developmental Education. The Standing Committee will also discuss the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA).

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.