System Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, December 18, 2013
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Kathy Rupp Conference Room
Kansas Board of Regents
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson
Topeka, Kansas

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of November 20, 2013 [Attachment 1] 2

2. Updates
   a. Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update
   b. Developmental Education Working Group Update
   c. State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Update
   d. Statewide Reverse Transfer Agreement Update

3. Other Business

SCOCAO Schedule – September 2013 – June 2014

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The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Varnes Board Room, School of Nursing, at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

**Members Present:**
Karla Fisher, Butler Community College  Robert Klein, University of Kansas Med Center
David Cordle, Emporia State University  Jeffrey Vitter, University of Kansas
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University  Randy Pembrook, Washburn University
Chris Crawford, Fort Hays State University  April Mason, Kansas State University
Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University  Sara Harris, Independence Community College

**Board Staff**
Gary Alexander, Karla Wiscombe, Susan Fish, Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, Theresa Schwartz, Zoe Thompson, and Kirk Haskins

**Others Present:**
Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Mike Ahern, Dodge City Community College; Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson Community College; Penny Quinn, Barton County Community College; Mike Calvert, Pratt Community College; Meg McGranaghan, Butler Community College; and Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College

**Approve Minutes of October 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes**
David Cordle moved, and April Mason seconded the motion, to approve the October 16, 2013 minutes with the amendment to add Sara Harris, Independence Community College as the KCIA representative to SCOCAO. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion:**
**Prior Learning**
Zoe Thompson presented information concerning Prior Learning Assessment.
- There is nationwide interest in credit for prior learning
  - Effectiveness
• Standards
• Practices
• Multiple reasons for the interest
  o Diverse learners – their needs, demographics are different
  o Economic pressures – higher skills required for new economy
  o Pressures for college completion
    ▪ Persistence
    ▪ Retention
    ▪ Graduation
• Foresight 2020 goal – 60% of Kansas with postsecondary credentials
• Kansas Prior Learning Assessment Project
  o August – preliminary survey
  o September – Steering Committee face to face meeting
    ▪ wants to build consensus around quality and standard practices
    ▪ identified 3 areas where variability was wide and wanted quality standards
    ▪ 3 chairs and subgroups established
  o Next steps
    ▪ Subgroups meet
    ▪ Evaluate best practices and standards
    ▪ Use other state guidebooks as sample
    ▪ Come to consensus and make recommendations
• After consensus by the Steering Committee
  o Guidebook will go through approval process
  o Evaluation tools
  o Revision timeline

Karla Fisher asked Zoe Thompson to report back to SCOC AO at its February 2014 meeting.

Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update
Karla Wiscombe informed SCOC AO that next year’s meeting of the Core Outcomes Group will be September 12, 2014, hosted by Johnson County Community College.

The Core Outcomes Committee is reviewing the core outcomes from the September 27, 2013, meeting and will make recommendations to the Board of Regents in January.

The quality assurance subcommittee has developed an appeals process and the Transfer and Articulation Council reviewed it Thursday, October 17, 2013. Karla Wiscombe will present the proposed Kansas System-Wide Transfer Appeals Process to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee for recommendation to the Board.

Developmental Education Working Group Update
Susan Fish gave an update on the progress of the Developmental Education Working Group. At the initial meeting on October 29, 2013, the Developmental Education Working Group discussed current innovations being implemented in Kansas and reviewed its plan of work. Sub groups will discuss strategies for math, reading, writing, and advising, placement, and support services. The group will meet for the second time on Friday, November 22, 2013.
State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Update
Gary Alexander shared with the Council that the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee will discuss the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement today. The Standing Committee will review the general principles, goals and mechanisms of the agreement.

Concurrent Enrollment Faculty
Gary Alexander advised SCOCAO the proposed revision to the KBOR Concurrent Enrollment Policy will be presented to the System Council of Presidents today. The System Council will discuss and make a recommendation to the Governance Committee.

Student Learning Outcomes Reporting
Gary Alexander shared the draft format for campus reports on the Assessment of Student Learning. The institutions will provide an updated report on what each institution is currently doing for assessment of student learning.

Statewide Reverse Transfer Agreement
Karla Fisher gave a brief update concerning a statewide reverse transfer agreement. It was noted at the October 16 System Council of Presidents that President Shonrock and President Heilman took comments and developed a draft proposal.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.