

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MEETING  
Wednesday, March 31, 2010**

The March 31, 2010 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority was called to order by Chairman Joe Glassman at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held in the Kansas Board of Regents Boardroom located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

**Members Present:**

Joseph Glassman, Chairman  
Wayne Carter  
Clark Coco  
Eddie Estes  
Sheila Frahm

Jim Grier  
William Thornton  
William Quattlebaum, Vice Chairman  
Jack Wempe

**Members Absent**

Diane DeBacker  
Jim Garner  
Kathy Howell

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Member Grier moved to approve the minutes of February 24, 2010 as submitted. Following the second of Member Frahm, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Chairman Report**

Chairman Glassman announced that a joint committee including members from the TEA and the Regents met Friday, March 26, 2010 to discuss and review documents pertaining to the lawsuit filed by Dodge City Community College, Pratt Community College and Cowley Community College. The Ad-Hoc committee met and went into Executive Session for most of the meeting.

**Member Liaison Reports**

Member Frahm reported that she, Member Grier, Member Wempe, and Vice Chairman Quattlebaum were recently hosted by Barton County Community College on a visit to Ft. Riley. She commented that it was an excellent opportunity to see the unique program and partnership with the military. Barton County Community College provides postsecondary educational services to service personnel and their dependents and promotes opportunities to stay in Kansas for those leaving the service.

Vice Chairman Quattlebaum expressed his gratitude to Dr. Heilman for his hospitality and commented that he was impressed with the breadth of training provided as well as the facilities. He also mentioned that, as a businessman he has found that military personnel make excellent employees.

Members Frahm and Wempe recently attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees for Barton County Community College during which a review of the technical programs at Barton were discussed. A number of the college's community and business partners also attended and participated in the discussion.

Member Wempe reported he and Vice Chairman Quattlebaum toured the technical education facilities at Hutchinson Community College as well as a new structure for technical education programs being built by the high school. He thanked Dr. Berger for his hospitality and encouraged the college to continue its strong coordinated efforts with the local school.

Member Wempe stated that he had attended the Kansas Board of Regents meeting March 17, 2010 and provided the board with some brief comments regarding technical education issues.

#### **Vice President for Workforce Development Report**

Vice President Flanders introduced Dr. Dennis Rittle, a new staff member, who will be working with the technical program alignment initiative. Prior to starting at the Board office, Dr. Rittle worked with technical education programs at Butler Community College.

Vice President Flanders reported that he and Kathy Hund attended the National Governors Association meeting March 23-25, 2010. Discussion at this forum focused on increasing postsecondary credential attainment for adults. Kansas did receive a grant to host a Governor's forum in the fall to discuss potential strategies to increase the number of adults earning postsecondary credentials in Kansas. Kathy Hund will give a report on the meeting to the TEA in the next few months.

Vice President Flanders stated we have a successful Kansas nursing initiative and our institutions have increased the program capacity substantially. Unfortunately, we continue to face barriers to increasing the number of nursing students and one of those is the lack of efficient utilization of clinical space. He reported staff member Don Richards is working with the Kansas Hospital Association and is currently conducting a summit in Wichita for nursing faculty and providers to discuss more collaborative approaches to effectively meet the need for additional clinical space.

Vice President Flanders reported he also participated in the Board of Trustees meeting at Barton County Community College and extended his appreciation to Dr. Heilman for the invitation and opportunity to participate.

Vice President Flanders acknowledged and thanked the members of the various Local Workforce Investment Boards and business representatives for attending the meeting and encouraged them to comment during the open comment period. He expressed his appreciation to Keith Lawing, Executive Director for Local Area IV, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas, and his staff for their hard work in arranging schedules and initiating a dialogue with TEA members and Legislators.

Vice President Flanders announced that the Kansas Board of Regents has hired Dr. Andy Tompkins as the new President/CEO of the Kansas Board of Regents. Dr. Tompkins is well known in the state, formerly serving as the Commissioner of Education, and will begin his new position June 1, 2010.

#### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **PROPOSED NEW PROGRAMS**

##### **Technical Programs and Curriculum Committee:**

Vice President Quattlebaum announced that the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee met on February 9, 2010 and recommended approval of the following programs:

- **Highland Community College/Atchison Technical Center—Nursing (51/3801) at the Associate of Applied Science level (79 credits)**
- **Manhattan Technical College—Advanced Applied Laboratory Technician (CIP 41.000) at the Technical Certificate level (32 credits).**

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Quattlebaum moved to recommend approval of the programs on the consent agenda. Following the second of Member Frahm, the motion carried.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

##### **PROPOSED ALIGNED AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM**

##### **Technical Program and Curriculum Committee**

Vice Chairman Quattlebaum introduced Dr. Chuck Kater who presented the proposed aligned Automotive Technology program to the members for approval. Dr. Kater expressed his appreciation to the Process Management Committee and the colleges for their input and to Dr. Dennis Rittle for his quick start and the contributions he has made toward bringing this aligned program forward.

Dr. Kater gave a detailed explanation of the program alignment process as well as the improvements being implemented including an appeal process for institutions with unresolved concerns. He pointed out that the Alignment Process has four primary objectives: 1) allow business and industry to identify value-added exit points within programs, 2) identify and support student acquisition of nationally recognized third party industry credentials, 3) identify a "few" common courses that can serve as a bridge for articulation opportunities with K-12 and 4) decrease the variability in program length.

Member Grier questioned transferability of the newly aligned program between institutions. Steve Porter, Associate Dean of Instruction at Hutchinson Community College addressed the Authority and stated that, since all community colleges will be NATEF accredited and will be teaching common competencies, the credits will be transferable. Bill Osborn, Vice President of Instruction at Johnson County Community College stated that transferability would be a non-issue.

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Quattlebaum moved to recommend approval for the aligned Automotive Technology program. Following the second of Member Wempe, the motion carried.

#### **OPEN COMMENT**

Chairman Glassman introduced business and industry and local workforce board representatives attending the meeting:

- Keith Lawing, Executive Director, Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas;
- Mike Fleming, Healy Law Firm, LLC & State Workforce Board Chair;
- Mark Conway, Remediation Contractors, Inc, Local Area IV Board Chair;
- Krista Thacker, Via Christi, Local Area IV Board;
- Kathy Smith, Kamen Aero Structures, Local Area IV Board;
- Jerry Atkinson, Spears Manufacturing, Local Area V Board Chair;
- Steve Jenkins, Greater Topeka Chamber of Commerce/GO Topeka, Local Area II Board;
- Neil Fisher; Kansas Building Systems, Local Area II Board;
- Dr. Dave Moody, Salina Regional Health Center, Local Area I Board Chair;
- Maurine Toll, Salina Chamber of Commerce, Local Area I Board;
- Ann Corrison, Knight Foundation;
- Bob Dalke, Kansas Workforce One;
- Kris Kitchen, Workforce Network of Kansas.

Comments shared by these business leaders emphasized their support for a strong technical education system and the need for close collaboration between the industry and the education sectors to ensure program graduates are meeting employment needs of the state. The employment landscape has changed and will continue to change as the economy rebounds and the use of technology increases. The old jobs are not coming back. The business/industry representatives stressed the need for a fully-trained, skilled workforce for the new tech jobs emerging as the economy improves. Speakers also encouraged continued efforts to improve the connections between the secondary and postsecondary technical education programs.

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

##### **Process Management Committee Progress Report**

Vice Chairman Quattlebaum introduced Kammy Rapier, a Six Sigma Master Black Belt from Cessna Aircraft Company, who serves as the facilitator for the monthly Process Management Committee (PMC) meetings conducted over the past several months. Ms. Rapier updated TEA members on the progress of the Committee. She revisited the six sigma processes and tools and walked members through activities and deliverables. The presentation is posted on the KBOR website and made a part of these minutes.

##### **Budget /Finance Committee**

###### **Budget Update**

Chairman Grier introduced Diane Duffy who updated TEA members regarding the Legislative budget and Postsecondary Aid issues.

**Legislative Budget and Postsecondary Aid Update**

- **Current Year—FY 2010 (with three months to go – fiscal year ends June 30)**  
The state appropriation for higher education remains at \$747 million; the FY 2006 level of spending and the amount required for the state maintenance-of-effort agreed to when the State accepted the federal stimulus funding for higher education. Last month Ms. Duffy also reported a bill for the current year was passed and signed by Governor that included a 5% salary reduction for officers and directors of state agencies. This reduction would also apply to the salary stipend received by TEA and Regent members effective March 21, 2010. The Board's CEO, state university CEOs, and others were also reduced.
- **Budget Year—FY 2011 (July 1, 2010 to June 30 2011).**  
Beginning in September, the Board made a very modest request that if there were any available SGF resources that consideration be given to restoring less than 2% of the SGF cut. The Governor submitted a budget that included \$400 million in new revenues and a \$10 million increase for higher education. The Legislature began work in January and both the House and Senate Committees worked respective budget bills. Institutional leaders made numerous presentations to various legislative committees. Both Committees removed the Governor's recommended increase. At this point neither the House nor Senate has worked an FY 2011 appropriation bill on the floor. The Legislature made an unprecedented first adjournment yesterday without passage of a FY 2011 budget bill. The next important date, in terms of the state budget, is April 16; the date the consensus revenue estimating group will release the latest revenue estimates. The Senate Ways and Means and House Appropriations Committees are likely to return the week of April 19 and the full legislature is slated to return the week of April 26 for the veto/omnibus session.
- **Postsecondary Aid Update**  
The ad hoc committee, comprised of three Regent members appointed by Chair Docking and three TEA members appointed by Chairman Glassman, met for an initial meeting on March 5. Several subsequent meetings have been scheduled with the goal of having a report and recommendations to the Board in May.

**PR Marketing Committee****Marketing Update**

Secretary Thornton reported the scheduled committee meeting was not held due to schedule conflicts and the inability to have a quorum present. He introduced Vanessa Lamoreaux to give the Marketing update.

Ms. Lamoreaux reported the RFP for updating and redesigning of the Kansas Career Pipeline has been completed and submitted to the Department of Administration for review. She also reported that the Trozzolo Communications Group has extended the original contract through the end of our fiscal year at no additional cost.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Glassman adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m. The next meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority will be Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Kansas Board of Regents in the Boardroom.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Janice Haberman, Executive Assistant