

**KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
MEETING  
Wednesday, April 28, 2010**

The April 28, 2010 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority was called to order by Chairman Joe Glassman at 10:03 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  
Diane DeBacker  
Sheila Frahm

Jim Grier  
Kathy Howell  
William Thornton  
William Quattlebaum, Vice Chairman  
Jack Wempe

**Members Absent**

Eddie Estes  
Jim Garner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Member Grier moved to approve the minutes of March 31, 2010 as submitted. Following second of Member Quattlebaum, the motion carried.

**Chairman Report**

Chairman Glassman reported at the last KBOR meeting he shared remarks regarding the great job colleges have done in meeting budget cuts and stressed his concerns any potential further reductions. Chairman Glassman stated that now is the time for the delivery of skilled training, especially in critical industries, to be ready to meet the needs of the workforce when the economy rebounds. He also stressed the importance of having a TEA member in attendance at all future KBOR meetings to improve communication between KBOR and the TEA.

**REPORTS**

**Member Liaison reports**

No reports.

**Report from Vice President for Workforce Development**

Vice President Flanders reported that Kelly Russell attended a national meeting of state CTE directors in Washington DC. This organization has developed a broad based vision for Career Technical Education at the national level. He stressed the importance of not only having a vision but also taking viable action steps to support the vision. A handout explaining the next steps was given to the Authority members to review. Key elements in Career Technical Education vision include: CTE programs are results driven; are a positive return on investment; are comprised of comprehensive career clusters; and include postsecondary alignment of occupation specific training for employment and continued education. Vice President Flanders stated that when someone completes a technical certificate or an associate degree they are more likely to be employed in an uncertain economy. He reported that our secondary partners are focusing on career clusters framework which complements our postsecondary alignment.

Vice President Flanders reminded the Authority that he serves on the National Association of Manufacturing (NAM) Skills Council and Kathy Hund was currently representing him at their meeting in Phoenix, AZ. NAM is promoting and encouraging states to be involved in industry recognized third party

credentials in conjunction with academic awards for career technical program participants. He was pleased to report that the TEA and NAM are on the same track.

Vice President Flanders attended the KansasWorks State Board (KWSB) meeting on April 27, 2010. He stated that he was impressed with the increased visibility and relevance of the board as well as the strong partnerships that have been established to promote technical education, as evidenced by last month's involvement of business leaders from across the state. He announced to the institutions that the local area boards have received their allocations for funding for 1) adults; 2) dislocated workers; and 3) youth. The adult and dislocated funding streams can support student tuition and fee expenses. Workforce Alliance (Local Area IV) received a National Emergency Grant to help with some of the lay-offs in that community. Vice President Flanders encouraged other institutions to investigate various funding streams that may be available for their area.

Member Wempe asked if there had been any interaction with Kansas State Board of Education (KSBE). Diane DeBacker reported that the KSBE had passed nine initiatives for career technical education and that the Board is now in the process of addressing actions to support those initiatives. Vice President Flanders also shared that KBOR and KSDE staff are working on a survey to be conducted jointly focused on improving connections between secondary and postsecondary programs, identifying some of the barriers, as well as successful partnerships between secondary and postsecondary institutions. Results will be shared with members of the TEA as well as KSBE.

Member Grier attended a Methodist Youth Bill meeting in Sedgwick County during which a presentation was given by representatives from SRS. He noted that due to the statements made led him to believe that youth ages 16-18 in foster care cannot access state funding for additional education until they have graduated from high school or attained a GED. He asked that staff research this assumption for accuracy.

A brief discussion regarding various funding scenarios for secondary students participating in technical education programs at postsecondary institutions. Members received a copy of the survey of postsecondary institutions, conducted in 2008, regarding the various types of courses in which secondary students enrolled and the variety of funding sources applicable at that time. Members agreed that further discussion with our secondary partners regarding this issue is needed.

### **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 March 16, 2010 and recommended approval of the following program:

- **Wichita Area Technical College—Aviation Interiors** (48.0799) at the Associate of Applied Science (60 credits) and at the Technical Certificate level (42 credits)

**Motion:** Vice Chairman Quattlebaum moved to approve the program presented on the consent agenda. Following a second by Member Frahm, the motion carried unanimously.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

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

Vice President Quattlebaum introduced Dr. Chuck Kater and Don Richards. Dr. Kater referred members to the materials in the handouts which included two program alignment maps. Dr. Kater explained that the first map depicted the aligned program at the completion of the faculty meetings that was then forwarded to institutions for comment. The second program map, with the most current date, depicts the aligned program as modified based on comments received and it is the program map being recommended for approval.

Don Richards explained the aligned Surgical Technology program included potential exit points at the technical certificate level (up to 47 credits) as well as at the associate degree level (up to 65 credits). He also shared that all programs will need to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). All educational competencies are aligned with the Association of Surgical Technologists (AST) requirements and that students completing either level would be eligible to sit for the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination. Mr. Richards also noted that the faculty has developed common courses totaling 19 credit hours and identified an additional 28 credit hours for institutional flexibility course work.

**Motion:** After discussion, Vice Chairman Quattlebaum moved to approve the aligned Surgical Technology program as presented. Following a second by Chairman Glassman, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Open Comment**

In response to the earlier discussion regarding postsecondary education costs for secondary agriculture individuals (ages 16-18) Dr. Vietti, President of Butler Community College stated that the college waives tuition for those students in foster care that have earned a high school diploma or GED. She noted that those students still in high school can access college courses through articulation agreement and/or concurrent enrollment.

### **Budget /Finance Committee**

#### **Budget Update**

Chairman Grier introduced Rita Johnson who presented information regarding the FY 2010 Technology Internship Grants. She reminded members that K.S.A. 72-4467 established the Kansas Technology Innovation and Internship program to be administered by the Kansas Board of Regents. State funds are appropriated on an annual basis to support Innovative Technology grants (\$130,500) and Technology Internship grants (\$50,000). Innovative Technology grants were awarded in the fall. The total amount of funding available for internship grant awards is \$51,486. Board staff received 11 complete applications submitted by the April 19, 2010 due date and the requested funding totaled \$35,025. The applications were reviewed by staff and were presented to the TEA for approval. Staff also requested permission to award any additional applications submitted until all remaining funds are expended or the fiscal year ends.

**Motion:** Chairman Glassman moved to approve the FY 2010 Technology Internship Grants and to allow staff to award the remaining funds for additional requests. Following a second by Member Wempe, the motion carried unanimously.

### **Legislative Budget and Postsecondary Aid Update**

Member Grier introduced Diane Duffy who gave the Legislative Budget and Postsecondary Aid Update. Ms. Duffy reported that the recent April revenue estimates were revised downward from the November estimates by \$130 million over the two state fiscal years. She noted the Legislature has been struggling the last several months to close a \$400 million dollar gap and the April revenue forecast increases the budget gap to \$500 million dollars. She reported that for FY 2011 the Consensus Revenue Estimating group is forecasting that revenues will not continue to decline, but will begin to recover. The forecasters described the recovery as "anemic." Higher Education is currently at the FY 2006 level of state appropriations -- \$747 million dollars which is also required by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Ms. Duffy reported that the Legislature will meet for its wrap up session and will be focused on getting a budget bill passed for FY 2011 (the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010). The Board of Regents' message is "no more cuts." The Governor recommended \$757 million State General Fund (SGF) for higher education, an increase of \$10 million over the prior fiscal year. Both Houses have stripped out the \$10 million dollars. Ms. Duffy reported that KBOR and TEA are unable to move forward with a discussion of the approach to the distribution of postsecondary aid because we do not know the final appropriation amount or whether the House and the Senate will treat the postsecondary aid line item differently. The House splits postsecondary aid into two pools -- postsecondary aid for technical colleges and postsecondary aid for

other institutions. The Senate bill follows past practice and appropriates a single line-item. Once the legislature adjourns and a budget bill has been passed, staff will start working with the Budget Finance Committee to work on options related to the distribution of postsecondary aid.

## **PR Marketing Committee**

### **Marketing Update**

Secretary Thornton reported that the Department of Commerce received word that the Kansas Career Pipeline (KCP) Request for Proposal (RFP) will need to go through additional review by an Information Technology (IT) related review board/entity (ITEC, Information Technology Executive Council) to ensure the project meets state guidelines. This review is necessary when a project exceeds a specific dollar amount and/or certain thresh-holds are met concerning IT structures. Unfortunately this means the RFP is delayed, indefinitely. Commerce, along with pipeline partners, is working to identify potential solutions.

Member Thornton then reported the impact this delay has on the planned outreach activities related to CareerZoom Kansas. KBOR will need to move forward with marketing the site solo. KBOR was delaying marketing the site to take advantage of the natural synergies that would result from the redesign and launch of KCP and the integration of the KCP, KANSASWORKS, and CareerZoom Kansas sites. Given the indefinite nature of the KCP delay, staff is working with the vendor to identify appropriate next steps related to marketing that will promote CareerZoom Kansas, while enabling integration when the KCP is redesigned and launched and the integration of the three sites takes place as planned.

The TEA may expect to hear more about potential activities, strategies, and other issues connected with this activity at future meetings.

Secretary Thornton also reported that the marketing committee is reviewing its charge, activities to date, and engaging in a self-assessment. The goals are to identify successes and opportunities for improvement related to work as a committee and to sketch out a plan of activities for the next year that the committee can present to the TEA.

Vanessa Lamoreaux reported on recent activities related to legislative issues, specifically the budget. KBOR communications and government relations staff have been working with all the public universities and association representatives for the community and technical colleges to coordinate communication efforts around a theme of no more cuts to the higher education budget. This work has resulted in a coordinate set of messages that each sector and/or institution will use. To date, informational sheets, an Op-Ed (Letter to the Editor), and alumni letter have been generated. The informational sheets are posted on the KBOR website under the Government Relations/Advocacy tab. The Op-Ed and Alumni Letter will be released later and will be coordinated across the state. Following their release the pieces will be available on the KBOR website.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

Representative Ann Mah addressed the Authority members and thanked them for all the work they are doing for technical education. She stated that there is a coalition of legislators determined to do the right thing this year and who will fight to maintain funding for technical education. She emphasized the need to get more high school students into technical training and the need to address the funding issues necessary to accomplish this initiative.

### **21<sup>st</sup> Century Job Skills Summit**

Keven Ward, Education Facilities Consultant, and Chad Remboldt, Trane Education Sector Consultant of Trane Commercial Systems addressed the Authority. The presentation included a brief overview of the company, information regarding their educational initiatives and programs and the benefits of high performance campuses. The complete presentation is filed with the official minutes.

**Report from Kansas, Inc.**

Stan Ahlerich, President, Kansas, Inc. addressed the Authority and gave a presentation highlighting the organization's activities. TEA members were given a copy of the strategic plan developed by Kansas, Inc. which includes their vision as well as strategies designed to support the development of policies and recommendations to ensure the State's ongoing strategic competitiveness for economic growth. The presentation is filed with the official minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Glassman adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority is scheduled for Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at the Kansas Board of Regents in the Boardroom.

Respectfully Submitted by  
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