

System Council of Chief Academic Officers

Thursday, March 11, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room B
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson Street Suite 520
Topeka, Kansas

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of February 17, 2010 [Attachment 1]

2. Discussion:
 - a. Distance Education Initiative – Input from Campuses
 - b. Retreat

3. Other Business

BOARD MEETING DATES (2009/10)	Possible SCOCAO Teleconference/conference call meetings	Type of Meeting
September 16, 2009	September 10, 2009	Teleconference/Conference Call
October 14, 2009	October 14, 2009	Face-to-face
November 18, 2009	November 12, 2009	Teleconference/Conference Call
December 16, 2009	December 10, 2009	Teleconference/Conference Call
January 20, 2010	January 14, 2010	Teleconference/Conference Call
February 17, 2010	February 17, 2010	Face-to-face
March 17, 2010	March 11, 2010	Teleconference/Conference Call
April 14, 2010	April 8, 2010	Teleconference/Conference Call
May 19, 2010	May 13, 2010	Teleconference/Conference Call
June 23, 2010	June 17, 2010	Possible face-to-face

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers
Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2010
9:30 a.m.
Room 530
Curtis State Office Building
Topeka, KS**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in Room 530 of the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S. W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas, at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Kim Krull, Cloud County Community College
Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University
Barbara Romzek, University of Kansas
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University
Jim Williams/Tes Mehring, Emporia State Uni
Gary Miller, Wichita State University
Robin Bowen, Washburn University
Gary Alexander, KBOR

Brain Inbody, Neosho County Community College
Allen Rawitch, University of Kansas Medical Ctr
Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University
April Mason, Kansas State University
Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College
Alysha Johnston, Coffeyville Community College
Kevin Brungardt, Garden City Community College
Danny Anderson, University of Kansas

Board Staff:

Gary Alexander, KBOR, Jacqueline Johnson, KBOR, Joan Warren, KBOR, Jean Redeker, KBOR, and Dawn Ressel, KBOR

1. Approve Minutes of January 14, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Gary Miller moved and April Mason seconded the motion to approve the January 14, 2010 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

2. Discuss Distance Education Initiative

Joan Warren presented the current draft of the Distance Education Initiative. Board staff will be attending the Kansas Council of Instructional Administrators (KCIA) this afternoon to discuss distance education. SCOCAO will have a preliminary discussion at its March 11, 2010 teleconference/conference call meeting.

Discussion followed:

- The report will be prepared by Board Staff
- The Kansas Postsecondary Database will contain much of the necessary data – campuses should not have large amounts of new data to report

- Open-source materials, free test books, free education, articulation, 2+2 programs, etc. have raised multiple questions at the legislature
- The definition of distance education
 - What is it
 - HLC definition
 - Is it a definition of programs or courses that are identified as distance education
 - What type of delivery
- Misconception that online delivery is cheaper than face-to-face
- Aggregate number of sections offered in individual matter categories – change to programs
- Service areas are important – definition of use of service areas
- A two-year distance education plan is not a strategic plan
- Board staff were asked by coordinated institutions to re-phrase the sentence “Results of this review and analysis will be used to help improve accountability and efficiency.”
- The goal is to provide the legislators with a report that indicates the efficient use of funds
- The goal is to complete the plan by June 2010
- Reporting will not be retroactive

Members were asked to e-mail their comments regarding the definition of distance education to KBOR staff. Members should also obtain input from their continuing education staff and report to SCOCAO in March.

3. Update on the Status of the Five Strategic Questions

President Robinson will present the status of the Five Strategic Questions at Thursday mornings Board meeting.

4. Other Business

Library Proposal

The Council of Deans and Directors of Libraries has a proposal for purchasing power. Julene Miller, General Counsel, is reviewing the proposal. The financial officers need to provide input.

There being no other business, meeting adjourned.