

System Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, June 23, 2010
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Room 530
Curtis State Office Building
1000 SW Jackson Street
Topeka, Kansas

AGENDA

1. Approve Minutes of May 13, 2010 [Attachment 1]

2. Discussion:
 - a. Core Outcomes Project [Attachment 2]
 - b. Concurrent Enrollment Report
 - c. Academic Year 2010-2011 Issues

3. Other Business

SCOCAO Meeting Schedule – September 2010 – June 2011

Teleconference/Conference Call MEETING DATES	AGENDA MATERIALS DUE	FACE TO FACE MEETING DATES
September 9, 2010	August 25, 2010	September 15, 2010
October 14, 2010	September 29, 2010	
November 11, 2010	October 27, 2010	
December 9, 2010	November 23, 2010	
January 13, 2011	December 28, 2010	
February 10, 2011	January 26, 2011	
March 10, 2011	February 23, 2011	
April 14, 2011	March 30, 2011	
May 12, 2011	April 27, 2011	
June 9, 2011	May 25, 2011	June 15, 2010

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers
Minutes**

**Thursday, May 13, 2010
2:00 p.m.
Conference Room B
Kansas Board of Regents
Curtis State Office Building
Topeka, KS**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in Conference Room B of the Kansas Board of Regents Office, Suite 520, 1000 S. W. Jackson, Topeka, Kansas, at 2:00 p.m. by teleconference/conference call on Thursday, May 13, 2010.

Members Present:

Brian Inbody, Neosho County Community College	Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University
Allen Rawitch, University of Kansas Medical Ctr	April Mason, Kansas State University
Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College
Barbara Romzek, University of Kansas	Tim Peterson, Washburn University
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University	Kevin Brungardt, Garden City Community College
Tes Mehring, Emporia State University	Joe Burke, Labette Community College
Martha Shawver, Wichita State University	Peggy Forester, Independence Community College
Kim Krull, Cloud County Community College	

Board Staff:

Gary Alexander, KBOR; Joan Warren, KBOR; and Jean Redeker, KBOR

Approve Minutes of April 8, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Tes Mehring moved and Larry Gould seconded the motion to approve the April 8, 2010 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Program Alert Update

As an information item:

Board staff advised the System Council of Chief Academic Officers that (recently) as staff approve submitted programs, Washburn programs mistakenly went through the program alert creating some confusion. Just as a clarification, Washburn University provides its program information as a courtesy. Washburn's programs do not go through the Kansas Board of Regents approval process.

Learning Outcomes Update

Joan Warren presented an update on the April learning outcomes meeting. Bob Wilkinson, Pittsburg State University, hosted the meeting at Pittsburg State University. The State universities discussed the current status of learning outcomes and brainstormed on how to move forward. A Washburn University representative also attended and reported. Commonalities were discussed, e.g., NSSE, VSAs, HLC, and creating cultures of evidence.

They discussed four learning outcome objectives:

- Oral and written communication
- General technical and numerical literacy
- Critical thinking/problem solving
- Collaboration and teams
- Oral/written communication and critical thinking will be examined first

The proposed Foresight 2020 document mentions a Learning Outcomes Task Force and this group could potentially be a resource for the Task Force should it be formed.

A web site hosted by Pittsburg State University is available to the group.

The next meeting is on June 28, 2010 at Emporia State University.

The Community Colleges will be brought into the discussion as some time in the future.

SCOCAO members asked for a copy of the notes and handouts from the April meeting. Joan Warren indicated that she would distribute those.

Learning Outcomes will be discussed at the June 3 and 4 KCIA (Community College) retreat.

“CREST” Report

Gary Alexander reported on his trip to the Midwest Higher Education Compact meeting in Minneapolis. The discussion centered on MHEC’s grant from the Gates’ Foundation to explore the feasibility of “Credential Repository for Education, Skills and Training (CREST)” and how the concept could be done.

The participants discussed:

- A web-based portfolio to store the earned credits of each student and to document life experience learning
- The portfolio would be assessed as to its value and the student would be matched to institutions that would have the most appropriate degree completion plans
- The students would be able to evaluate their options and choose the best one

They also analyzed the concept from different angles:

- Identified technical, economic and political issues
- Shared existing state articulation, transfer and degree completion initiatives
- Existing technologies, technological requirements and data needs
- Input regarding potential users – potential students and institutions – demand
- Regional transfer issues
- What to do at the state level

Other Business

SCOCAO Retreat

Place on the June agenda “discuss a SCOCAO Retreat for late summer.”

KCIA Retreat

Kim Krull shared the KCIA Retreat Agenda with SCOCAO as follows:

- Thursday, June 3
 - Old business – Leadership Scholarship Committee; Library Consortium; and Statewide articulation agreement
 - New business – Tilford Conference
 - Best Practices on Our Campuses – Part I
 - Dr. Ron Matson, WSU, - Recharge and Reenergize
- Friday, June 4
 - Best Practices on Our Campuses – Part II
 - Distance Ed plan, statewide articulation, Tech Ed update
 - Matt Lindsay, Executive Director, Kansas Campus Compact – Service Learning
 - Business Meeting

Kim Krull will need to know if you are coming for the lunch count. Please contact her if you plan to attend.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.

**Core Outcomes Project
Draft Mission Statement**

The Core Outcomes Project is an academic initiative of the Kansas Board of Regents that brings together faculty from Kansas community colleges, technical colleges, and universities for the purpose of developing core outcomes and competencies for lower-level (100-200 level) general education courses offered within the state system. The program targets only basic courses in general education where there is a reasonable likelihood of obtaining a system-wide consensus on basic skills and competencies. The program is designated in part to facilitate articulation, although it is not a formal avenue for resolving articulation issues.

Faculty in the various discipline groups work to develop outcomes and competencies for their disciplines and then report their work in a standard format, which is posted on the KBOR web page.

Discipline groups determine when their work is completed and when it should be reviewed (approximately every three years).

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Receive Kansas Core Outcomes Report

Summary and Staff Recommendation

On September 16, 2005, approximately 175 faculty members gathered in Wichita to review and reevaluate the competencies of selected specific core education courses. The 2005 report was presented and accepted by SCOCAO Staff recommends acceptance by the SCOPs. 2/24/06

Background

The Kansas Core Outcomes Project was initiated in 1999 by the Kansas Council of Instructional Administrators, a group comprised of the chief academic officers of the state's community college and vocational-technical schools and colleges. The goal of the project was to develop core outcomes and competencies for general education at the state's colleges and universities.

In 2004, the Kansas Board of Regents moved the oversight of the Kansas Core Outcomes Project from KCIA to SCOCAO. The disciplines group met at the Southside Educational Center in Wichita on September 16, 2005 with the administrative coordination and guidance from Dr. Ron Wasserstein, Washburn University. Disciplines meeting were biology, computer science, English, world history, psychology, mathematics, sociology, anthropology, early childhood education and theatre. SCOCAO received the report in January 2005.

Attached is the Kansas Core Outcome Project report and staff recommends SCOPs accept the report.