

**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

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**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.