

System Council of Chief Academic Officers Minutes

Tuesday, June 23, 2010
9:00 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 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2010.

Members Present:

Kim Krull, Cloud County Community College	Danny Anderson, University of Kansas
Allen Rawitch, University of Kansas Medical Ctr	April Mason, Kansas State University
Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College
Tes Mehring, Emporia State University	Alysha Johnston, Coffeyville Community College
Bill Ivy for Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University	Gary Miller, Wichita State University
Nancy Tate, Washburn University	

Others Present:

Barbara Romzek, University of Kansas	Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University
Peggy Forester, Independence Community College	

Board Staff:

Gary Alexander, KBOR; Joan Warren, KBOR; and Jacqueline Johnson, KBOR

Approve Minutes of May 13, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Tes Mehring moved and Gary Miller seconded the motion to approve the May 13, 2010 minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

Discussion:

Core Outcomes Project

In context with the Core Outcomes Project, Gary Alexander informed the Council of a Lumina grant that the Kansas Board of Regents is working on. The focus of the grant is as follows: “Indianapolis—Lumina Foundation for Education announced today that it will provide up to \$8 million in grants during the next four years to support large-scale efforts to increase degree completion among adults who have already earned some college credits.” The grant proposal will be submitted no later than July 30, 2010.

- The Core Outcomes Project is a good resource regarding various academic issues
- The University of Kansas is hosting the Project this year
 - Information regarding the meetings was distributed
 - The dates are October 11 and 12
- The Core Outcomes Report is not on the current Board web site/Board staff will check into this

Questions were asked regarding the Core Outcomes Project:

- What is the directive of the Core Outcomes Project?
- Who has authority to make decisions?

Core Outcomes Project 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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Discussion followed:

- Alignment of the high schools and postsecondary institutions is one of the issues of the P-20 Council
- Continue to talk about the positive points of the Core Outcomes Project

Concurrent Enrollment Report

Gary Alexander explained that this is a regular bi-annual report required by Board Policy. The Postsecondary data base will work on tracking students' progress as they move through the postsecondary system.

Academic Year 2010-2011 Issues

Issues for the System Council of Chief Academic Officers to pursue in the coming year were discussed.

- Excess credit issues
- Foresight 2020
- Give Andy Tompkins a copy of the position paper that the Chief Academic Officers gave to Reginald L. Robinson
- Performance Agreement Structure – alignment with Foresight 2020
- Learning Outcomes Assessment

- Meeting goals
- Costs associated with meeting goals
- How to be efficient
- Prepare a paper on HLC's new policies focusing on process
- Dates for a possible retreat in September

Other Business

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.