

**Kansas Board of Regents  
Academic Affairs Standing Committee**

**Tuesday, August 31, 2010  
Conference Call  
MINUTES**

The Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents met by Conference Call in Conference Room B of the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 31, 2010. This meeting had been properly noticed pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Law on August 26, 2010.

**Members present:** Regent Dick Hedges  
Regent Janie Perkins  
Regent Mildred Edwards  
Regent Ed McKechnie

**Staff present:** Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Joan Warren, Jacqueline Johnson, Dianne Glass, Blake Flanders, Don Richards, Dennis Rittle, Julene Miller, and Terry Schwartz

**Present:** Gayle Shaw, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees and Scott Rothschild, Lawrence Journal World

**Others present  
by phone:** Jeff Vitter, University of Kansas, and Barbara Romzek, University of Kansas

Meeting opened at 11:00 a.m.

**Approve Minutes  
June 8, 2010 Minutes**

Regent Perkins moved and Regent Edwards seconded the motion to approve the June 8, 2010 Minutes. Motion passed.

**Additional Agenda Item for  
Thursday, September 16, 2010 Discussion Agenda**

**Approve Memorandum of Agreement with FHSU/AAUP -- FHSU**

Theresa Schwartz, Associate General Counsel, presented the Fort Hays State University request to approve the negotiated contract between FHSU and the FHSU Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (FHSU-AAUP). The proposed agreement has been reviewed by KBOR legal staff for compliance with Board policies and applicable laws.

This new agreement, covering the time period July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013, has relatively few of its sections differ from those that the Board previously approved and that are currently in effect. The differences appear in: Article I: Contract Term; Article IV: Salary; Article V: Salary Generation; Article

XI: Reappointment, Merit and Promotion for Non-tenure Track (NTT) Faculty (a new article); Article XV: Phased Retirement; and Article XXV: Furloughs or Pay Reductions (new article).

Legal staff recommends approval.

Regent Perkins moved and Regent Edwards seconded the motion to recommend placing the additional agenda item “Approve Memorandum of Agreement with FHSU/AAUP – FHSU” on the Thursday, September 16, 2010 discussion agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents agenda. Motion carried.

## **Agenda Planning**

### **Wednesday, 09/15/2010 Consent Agenda**

- a. Approve Request for Approval of Additional Degree Granting Authority for Capella University to Offer:**
  - 1. Doctor of Education – Reading and Literacy Specialization**
  - 2. Master of Public Administration and Master of Science in Public Safety – Joint Degree Program**
- b. Approve Additional Degree Granting Authority for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary to Offer:**
  - 1. Master of Arts in Peace Studies**
  - 2. Master of Arts in Theological Studies**
- c. Approve Additional Degree Granting Authority for Nashville Auto-Diesel College to Offer:**
  - 1. Associate of Occupational Studies in Automotive and Diesel Technology with Automotive Undercar Specialty**
  - 2. Associate of Occupational Studies Degree in Automotive and Diesel Technology with Heavy Equipment**
- d. Approve Request for Additional Degree Granting Authority for PinnacleCareer Institute, South Kansas City, Missouri, for the following Degrees:**
  - 1. Associate of Occupational Studies – Health Information Technician**
  - 2. Associate of Occupational Studies – Information Technology Web Programming and Information Technology Support**
- e. Approve Request for Additional Degree Granting Authority for American Public University System to Offer:**
  - 1. Master of Arts in Legal Studies**
  - 2. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**
  - 3. Bachelor of Arts in General Studies**

Jacqueline Johnson presented agenda items 1. a-e on the Wednesday, September 15, 2010 agenda. Private Postsecondary staff review institutions that apply for degree and non-degree granting status according to a process and set of standards required by the Postsecondary Educational Institution Act. The process may include on-site reviews to ensure proper facilities, equipment, materials, and adequate space are available to meet the needs of the student. Capella University, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Nashville Auto-Diesel College, Pinnacle Career Institute, and American Public University were given a thorough review of the institution’s staff qualifications, website platform, record keeping systems, coursework, and materials. Staff recommended approval.

Board staff was asked to provide the length of the programs offered at the Nashville Auto-Diesel College.

Regent Edwards moved and Regent Perkins seconded the motion to recommend placing agenda items 1.a. – e. on the Wednesday, September 15, 2010 Consent Agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents agenda. Motion carried.

**f. Approve Request for Degree and Certificate Programs Submitted from Community Colleges and Technical Colleges for the following: Johnson County Community College, Railroad Signal Career Certificate (CIP 49.0208)**

Dennis Rittle, Associate Director for Career Technical Education, presented Johnson County Community College's request for a Railroad Signal Career Certificate (CIP 49.0208). The program submitted addressed all criteria requested and has been subject to the 14 day comment period required by policy. The program was reviewed by the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee and the Postsecondary Technical Education Authority recommends approval.

The proposed program will prepare current and prospective employees to meet the needs mandated by the Rail Safety Improvement Act (RSIA) of 2008. Estimated starting wages for the craft are \$17.50 to \$20.50 per hour. Based on projected retirements, the demand for signalmen in the industry will remain strong for the next five years. The college anticipates a minimum of 30 enrollments a year and will establish throughput capacity to handle up to 250 enrollments a year to meet the needs of the industry.

No letters of comment were received regarding the proposed program.

Staff recommends approval.

Regent Perkins moved and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion to recommend placing agenda item 1.f. on the Wednesday, September 15, 2010 Consent Agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents agenda. Motion carried.

**Wednesday, 09/15/2010 Discussion Agenda**

**a. Approve Request for the Respiratory Therapy Alignment**

Don Richards, Associate Director for Career Technical Education, presented the request for approval of the Respiratory Therapy Alignment. Six community and technical colleges with Washburn University are involved in the Respiratory Therapy Alignment. A Letter of Guidance dated 6/7/10 which provided a credit hour ceiling for state funding pertaining to the Associate Degree in Respiratory Therapy offered at these seven institutions was subjected to a 14-day Presidential comment period from 6/10/10 to 6/23/10. None of the institutions offered any concerns or comments indicating disagreement or discomfort. One comment supporting the proposed alignment was made. Staff recommends approval.

No discussion followed.

Regent Edwards moved and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion to recommend placing agenda item 2.a. on the Wednesday, September 15, 2010 Discussion Agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents agenda. Motion carried.

- b. Approve Request for New Degree Granting Authority for an Associate in Specialized Technology at Wyo Tech
- c. Approve Request for New Degree Granting Authority for Regis University:
  - Bachelor
    1. Bachelor of Science in Computer Networking
    2. Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
    3. Bachelor of Science in Marketing
    4. Bachelor of Science in Accounting
    5. Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
    6. Bachelor of Science in Applied Science
  - Master
    1. Master of Education – Adult Education
    2. Master of Non-Profit Management
- d. Approve Request for New Degree Granting Authority for Grand Canyon University:
  - Bachelor
    1. Bachelor of Arts Christian Studies
    2. Bachelor of Arts Communications
    3. Bachelor of Arts English Literature
    4. Bachelor of Arts History
    5. Bachelor of Arts Interdisciplinary Studies
    6. Bachelor of Science Accounting
    7. Bachelor of Science Addiction Counseling
    8. Bachelor of Science Applied Management
    9. Bachelor of Science Business Administration
    10. Bachelor of Science Elementary Education with emphasis in English (non-licensure per KDOE)
    11. Bachelor of Science Elementary Education/Special Education (non-licensure per KDOE)
    12. Bachelor of Science Entrepreneurial Studies
    13. Bachelor of Science Finance and Economics
    14. Bachelor of Science Health Care Administration
    15. Bachelor of Science Health Sciences: Professional Development and Advanced Patient Care
    16. Bachelor of Science Justice Studies
    17. Bachelor of Science Marketing
    18. Bachelor of Science Medical Imaging Sciences
    19. Bachelor of Science Registered Nurse to BSN
    20. Bachelor of Science Psychology
    21. Bachelor of Science Public Safety and Emergency Management
    22. Bachelor of Science Respiratory Care
    23. Bachelor of Science Sociology
    24. Bachelor of Science Sports Management
  - Master
    1. Master of Arts in Christian Studies
    2. Master of Education
    3. Master of Business Administration
    4. Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Leadership (Dual Degree)

5. **Master of Science in Accounting**
  6. **Master of Science in Addiction Counseling**
  7. **Master of Science in Criminal Justice**
  8. **Master of Science in Health Care Administration**
  9. **Master of Science in Health Care Informatics**
  10. **Master of Science in Leadership**
  11. **Master of Science in Disaster Preparedness and Executive Fire Leadership**
  12. **Bridge to Master Degree in Nursing**
  13. **Registered Nurse to Master of Science**
  14. **Master of Business Administration and Master of Science in Nursing Nursing Leadership in Health Care (Dual Degree)**
  15. **Master of Science in Professional Counseling**
  16. **Master of Science in Public Health**
  17. **Master of Science in Psychology**
  18. **Master of Public Administration**
- Doctoral**
1. **Doctor of Education in Organizational Leadership**
- Advanced Certificate Programs**
1. **Emergency Management: Health Care**
  2. **Emergency Management: Public Safety**

- e. **Approve Request for New Degree Granting Authority for Vatterott College, Sunset Hills, MO, Online Programs for an Associate of Occupational Studies in:**
1. **Business Management**
  2. **Medical Billing & Coding**
  3. **Medical Assistant**

Jacqueline Johnson, Director of Private Postsecondary Education, presented agenda items 2.b.-e. requests for new degree granting authority for Wyo Tech, Regis University, Grand Canyon University and Vatterott College, Sunset Hills, MO.

The Board of Regents has the responsibility for authorizing schools to deliver instruction in Kansas that includes most private institutions located in the state of Kansas and extends to qualifying private and public colleges and universities located outside of Kansas. The above listed institutions (2.b.-e.) applied for degree granting status and were reviewed according to a process and set of standards required by the Postsecondary Educational Institution Act. After a thorough review of these institutions staff recommends approval.

No discussion followed.

Regent Perkins moved and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion to recommend placing agenda items 2.b.-e. on the Wednesday, September 15, 2010 Discussion Agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents agenda. Motion carried.

## **Thursday, 09/16/2010 Discussion Agenda**

### **a. Approve Request for University of Kansas Chancellor Emeritus**

Gary Alexander, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the University of Kansas' request to bestow the title of Chancellor Emeritus to Chancellor Gene Budig.

Chancellor Budig served thirteen years and presided over impressive growth of the physical campus, including construction of the Dole Human Development Center, the Adams Alumni Center, the Anschutz Science Library, the Lied Center, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and the Regents Center in Overland Park (now known as the Edwards Campus). He and his wife have been generous donors to many areas of the university, establishing teaching professorships in the College of Liberal Arts and Science, the Department of Special Education, the School of Education, in Writing, Social Welfare, and the Libraries. In addition, they established a scholarship fund.

Staff recommends approval.

Discussion followed:

- The process for bestowing the title Emeritus was approved by the Board in 2009
- BAASC suggested it would be appropriate for the individual receiving the title to be present at the Board meeting in which the title is bestowed

Regent McKechnie moved and Regent Perkins seconded the motion to recommend placing agenda item 3.a. on the Thursday, September 16, 2010 Discussion Agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents agenda. Motion carried.

### **b. Approve Distance Education Plan**

Gary Alexander presented the request for approval of the Distance Education Plan. This plan was reviewed at the Regents August Retreat.

Background for the Distance Education Plan: The System Council of Chief Academic Officers' input was obtained in the development of the current Plan that was accepted by the System Council of Presidents in January 2006. The Board's Academic Extension policy (Ch. II.D.6.a.) states that "the Vice President for Academic Affairs of the Board shall be responsible for the development, implementation and coordination of policies and procedures that will serve to achieve an effective and efficient system of credit and noncredit academic extension instruction including distance education and off-campus face-to-face courses and programs."

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) was charged to revise the existing plan in Fall 2009. Board staff reviewed other state plans, consulted with the Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO), the System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO), and campus-based distance education experts as they worked on revising the plan. Multiple drafts of the plan were discussed with BAASC.

Each university campus will develop its plan consistent with its resources and mission. The plans are scheduled to be presented to the Board in Spring 2011. Current data will be provided when it is available.

Discussion followed:

- University Plans are due in the Board office January 2011
- The Board will act on these plans in the Spring 2011
- Plans are subject to biennial review, beginning in spring 2013
- Universities will report annually

Regent Perkins moved and Regent McKechnie seconded the motion to recommend placing agenda item 3.b. on the Thursday, September 16, 2010 Discussion Agenda of the Kansas Board of Regents agenda. Motion carried.

### **Other Business**

#### **Monthly Private Postsecondary Education Update September 2010**

Jacqueline Johnson presented the monthly update of Private Postsecondary Education.

A brief summary:

- 10 schools approved
- 56 institutions have contacted Board Office (not all contacts fill out applications)
- 3 institutions are operating out-of-compliance and have been sent to the Attorney General's office and the District Attorney's office

#### **Admissions Standards Timeline Update**

- The Admissions Task Force met and received presentations from 10 stakeholders
- USD Superintendants have been asked for input regarding the mathematics issue
- Fall 2010 schedule an Admissions Task Force meeting to compile the Task Force Report
- Task Force Report to Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee in Spring 2011

Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.