

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

**Tuesday, September 29, 2015
Conference Call
MINUTES**

The Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents met by Conference Call at 11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2015.

In Attendance:

Members: Regent Van Etten
Regent Zoe Newton
Regent Ann Brandau-Murguia
Regent Daniel Thomas

Staff: Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Karla Wiscombe, Jacqueline Johnson, April Henry, Julene Miller, and Renee Burlingham

Others: Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; Brian Niehoff, Kansas State University; Chris Crawford, Fort Hays State University; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; David Cordle, Emporia State University; Jo Kord, Emporia State University; Robert Klein, University of Kansas Medical Center; Mike Werle, University of Kansas Medical Center; Matt Schuette, University of Kansas Medical Center; Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University; Jan Schmidt, Pittsburg State University; James Genandt, Manhattan Area Technical College; Scott Lucas, Wichita Area Technical College; John Masterson, Allen Community College; Todd Carter, Seward County Community College/Area Technical School; Adam Borth, Seward County Community College/Area Technical School; Corey Isbell, North Central Kansas Technical College; Jennifer Brown, North Central Kansas Technical College; Dean Hollenbeck, Flint Hills Technical College; Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College; Lisa Kirmer, Flint Hills Technical College; Amanda Foust, Salina Area Technical College; Brenda Chatfield, Northwest Kansas Area Technical College; Randy Pembroke, Washburn University; Nancy Tate, Washburn University; Clark Coco, Washburn Institute of Technology; Gillian Gablemann, Washburn Institute of Technology; Aron Potter, Coffeyville Community College; Bill Nash, Barton Community College; and Robin Garrett, Barton Community College

Meeting called to order at 11:15 a.m.

Approve September 16, 2015 Minutes

The September 16, 2015 minutes were amended to add before Other Business: “BAASC asked VP Alexander to work with Chief Academic Officers to determine how to provide a more standardized report on student learning assessment that provides information of value to the Board.” Regent Newton moved, and Regent Thomas seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Consent Agenda item a. is a request to act on new Certificate of Approvals for degree granting institutions and therefore is a discussion item.

Regent Newton moved, and Regent Thomas seconded the motion, to place the current consent agenda item a. to the Discussion Agenda as item a. Motion carried.

- a. Act on Request for Approval for Degree and Certificate Programs Submitted Barton Community College
- b. Act on Request for Approval for a Master of Science in Cancer Biology – KUMC

Robert Klein provided information about the Cancer Biology program:

- Interdisciplinary graduate program

- Cancer Research is the main focus

Regent Murguia moved, and Regent Thomas seconded to place consent agenda items a. and b. on the Board's October 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

- a. Act on Request for New Certificate of Approval for the following Degree-Granting Institutions:
- Herzing University
 - International Sports Sciences Association
 - Savannah College of Art and Design

Jacqueline Johnson gave an overview of the three institutions requesting approval for new Certificates of Approval for degree granting institutions:

- Board staff reviewed each institution's:
 - Staff Qualifications
 - Record Keeping Systems
 - Coursework, Materials
 - Online Platform
- These institutions demonstrate they meet and comply with all statutorily imposed requirements

Board staff recommends issuance of a Certificate of Approval with new degree granting authority for these institutions.

Regent Newton moved, and Regent Thomas seconded the motion to place the Request for New Certificate of Approval for the following Degree Granting Institutions: (1) Herzing University, (2) International Sports Sciences Association, and (3) Savannah College of Art and Design on the Board's October 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

- b. Act on Request for Approval for a PhD in Cancer Biology – KUMC

The outside review team gave a positive report. Robert Klein indicated this direct track PhD is part of KUMC's strategy to become a comprehensive cancer center.

- c. Act on Request for Approval for a PhD in Personal Financial Planning – K-State

Ruth Dyer gave a brief overview of the PhD in Personal Financial Planning:

- Meets the needs of the profession
 - College and University Faculty
 - Practitioners of Financial Planning
 - Productive Citizens of the State of Kansas and the United States
- Five doctoral programs registered with Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards are at: Kansas State University, Louisiana State University, Texas Tech University, University of Georgia, and University of Missouri
- K-State offers on the only known distance-based doctoral degree
- Need for additional consumer and household focused degree

- d. Act on Request for Approval for a Name Change and Major Reorganization of the K-State Salina Campus

Ruth Dyer provided a brief synopsis of the Kansas State University Salina request for a name change and major reorganization:

- Seeks to change its official name from Kansas State University Salina to Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus
 - The current name reflects location not what it does
 - The name change reflects the actual programs offered
- Retain the College of Technology and Aviation
- Merge the academic departments of Aviation, Engineering Technology, and Arts and Sciences and Business to create the School of Integrated Studies

Regent Thomas moved, and Regent Newton seconded the motion to place the above listed items a.-d. on the Board's October 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Other

Receive 2013-2014 Annual Private Postsecondary Report

Jacqueline Johnson presented the annual Private Postsecondary Report for academic year 2013-2014:

- Report is about the activities of the Private Postsecondary (PPS) Unit of the Kansas Board of Regents
- The Focus is on
 - Qualitative review process
 - Data collection outcomes
 - Strategies used to regulate both the private and out-of-state postsecondary institutions operating in Kansas
- Information related to the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

The annual Private Postsecondary Report will be on the Board's October consent agenda.

Other Business

Review Performance Agreement Reports AY2014

Jean Redeker provided background on the performance agreement report process and introduced the performance reports for Academic Year 2014 submitted by the institutions. These reports will be the basis of awarding any new funds in July 2016.

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee reviewed the following:

1. Kansas State University (K-State)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of Kansas State University's performance agreement report. K-State is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in all six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance agreement funding guidelines, staff recommend K-State be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

2. University of Kansas (KU)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of the University of Kansas' performance agreement report. The University of Kansas is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in six of seven goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend KU be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

3. University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of the KUMC's performance agreement report. The University of Kansas Medical Center is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in all seven goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend KUMC be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

4. Wichita State University (WSU)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of Wichita State University's performance agreement report. WSU is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in five of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend Wichita State be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

5. Emporia State University (ESU)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of ESU's performance agreement report. Emporia State University is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in five of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend Emporia State be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

6. Fort Hays State University (FHSU)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of FHSU's performance agreement report. Fort Hays State University is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in all six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend FHSU be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

7. Pittsburg State University (PSU)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of PSU's performance agreement report. Pittsburg State University is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in five of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend PSU be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

Regent Newton moved, and Regent Thomas seconded the motion, to approve the recommendations for the above listed seven universities as presented by staff for the performance agreements reports. Motion carried.

8. Allen Community College (Allen CC)

Karla Wiscombe gave a brief overview of Allen County College's performance agreement report. Allen CC is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in all six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend Allen Community College be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

9. Seward County Community College/Area Technical School (Seward County CC/ATS)

Karla Wiscombe gave a brief overview of Seward County CC/ATS' performance agreement report. Seward County Community College/Area Technical School is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in all six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend Seward County CC/ATS be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

10. North Central Kansas Technical College (NCK Tech)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of NCK Tech's performance agreement report. North Central Kansas Technical College is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in four of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend NCK Tech be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

11. Manhattan Area Technical College (Manhattan Tech)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of Manhattan Tech's performance agreement report. Manhattan Area Technical College is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in four of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend Manhattan Tech be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

12. Salina Area Technical College (SATC)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of SATC's performance agreement report. Salina Area Technical College is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in five of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend SATC be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

13. Wichita Area Technical College (WATC)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of WATC's performance agreement report. Wichita Area Technical College is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in all six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend WATC be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

14. Flint Hills Technical College (FHTC)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of FHTC's performance agreement report. Flint Hills Technical College is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in five of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend FHTC be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

15. Northwest Kansas Technical College (NWK Tech)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of NWK Tech's performance agreement report. Northwest Kansas Technical College is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional

improvement in four of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend NWK Tech be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

16. Washburn Institute of Technology (Washburn Tech)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of Washburn Tech's performance agreement report. Washburn Institute of Technology is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement in four of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, staff recommend Washburn Tech be awarded 100% of any new funding for which it is eligible.

Regent Thomas moved, and Regent Newton seconded the motion, to approve the recommendations for the above listed two-year institutions as presented by staff for the performance agreements reports. Motion carried.

17. Washburn University (Washburn)

Jean Redeker gave a brief overview of Washburn's performance agreement report. Washburn University is reporting on the first year of a three-year performance agreement. The institution achieved directional improvement or maintained the baseline in three of six goals. Consistent with the Board's performance funding guidelines, Washburn University qualifies for 90% of any new funding for which it is eligible because the school achieved directional improvement or maintained the baseline in exactly 50% of the indicators. However, funding guidelines provide the Board discretion to award 100% of any new funding in cases where the institution has maintained or improved from the baseline in exactly 50% of the indicators as Washburn has. In determining whether to award 90% or 100% of new funding, the Board may consider such factors as: 1) the quality of the indicators, 2) the scope of the agreement and amount of effort, and 3) any extenuating circumstances not under the control of the institution.

Randy Pembroke provided input to BAASC as follows:

- Nursing licensing exam changed resulting in a decrease in student pass rate
- Washburn has a strategy for improvement listed in the narrative
- Washburn's online student credit hours and transfer students numbers are up for 2015-16
- Washburn's general education credit policy has become more transfer friendly

Regent Thomas moved, and Regent Newton seconded the motion, to approve the recommendations for Washburn University for 90% funding of any new funds as presented by staff for Washburn's performance agreement report. Motion carried.

It was reiterated that in determining whether to award 90% or 100% of new funding, the Board may consider such factors as: 1) the quality of the indicators, 2) the scope of the agreement and amount of effort, and 3) any extenuating circumstances not under the control of the institution.

There being no other business, Regent Newton moved, and Regent Thomas seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.