Kansas Board of Regents Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee

MINUTES Wednesday September 20, 2017

The September 20, 2017, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Regent Bangerter at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held in the Board Office located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, KS.

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Members: Regent Bangerter Regent Brandau-Murguia Regent Thomas

Regent Van Etten

Staff: Jean Redeker Scott Smathers Jacqueline Johnson

Karla Wiscombe Max Fridell Cynthia Farrier

April Henry Charmine Chambers

Others: Ed Kremer, KCKC Jon Marshall, Allen CC Nancy Zenger-Beneda Cloud CC

Todd Carter, Seward CC
Stuart Day, KU
Brad Bennett, Colby CC
Harold Arnett, Cowley CC
Megan McReynolds, ESU
Brian Lindshield, KSU
Herb Swender, Garden City CC
Elaine Simmons, Barton CC
Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC

Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC

Rick Muma, WSU Gurbhushan Singh, JCCC

Rob Catlett, ESU

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Bangerter welcomed everyone and introduced the student liaison's Megan McReynolds, ESU, and Emily Brandt, FHSU.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Thomas moved that the minutes of the June 14, 2017, regular meeting and the September 5, 2017, conference call be approved. Following the second of Regent Van Etten, the motion carried.

AGENDA PLANNING

CONSENT AGENDA

1. University of Kansas requested approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture and Design degree. Stuart Day, KU, answered questions from the September 5, 2017 conference call and provided background information.

Regent Van Etten moved, with the second of Regent Brandau-Murguia, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION AGENDA

1. The BAASC Agenda Topics for Academic Year 2017-18 were reviewed and discussed. Regent Van Etten moved with the second of Regent Thomas, that the BAASC Agenda Topics for Academic Year 2017-18 be approved. The motion carried.

2. Request Endorsement of the Kansas Placement/Assessment Guidelines.

Jean Redeker presented the recommendations of the Developmental Education Working Group to endorse the Kansas Placement/Assessment Guidelines. The Guidelines establish common exams and practices for assessing a student's readiness for college-level work.

Discussion was held and Regent Thomas moved, with the second of Regent Van Etten, that the Discussion Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

OTHER BOARD MATTERS

A. BAASC 18-02 Performance Reports for Academic Year 2016

Stuart Day, University of Kansas, addressed the questions raised from the September 5, 2017, conference call. Further discussion was held on other points of the Performance Reports.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

A. The Process for Universities to submit justification for baccalaureate degrees exceeding 120 credit hours was discussed. Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) discussed this during their meeting today and the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFPS) will discuss this at their meeting today as well.

COCAO members consensus is the process will work; however, several institutions are in the middle of revising their general education requirements. Some universities will be submitting their degrees for exclusion and some universities will be submitting plans for transitioning to 120 credit hours.

Discussion was held concerning the impact of this change on community colleges. COCAO will have further discussion at future meetings. The coordination of changing the degree credit hours between institutions will be requested for inclusion on the System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) agenda. Prior to implementation, each institution's plan will be presented to BAASC prior to Board approval.

The Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) works hard on ensuring courses will seamlessly transfer within our system. TAAC strives to approve courses that will work for degree programs systemwide.

B. BAASC conference call dates were discussed. Final decision is to move conference calls to Monday at 11:00 am. January 2, 2018, will remain on Tuesday as Monday is a holiday.

C. The BAASC Work Plan was reviewed and discussed. The BAASC Work Plan was accepted by consensus.

Other Matters

An update was presented on the KSDE/KBOR Coordinating Council meeting held September 19, 2017. The Council discussed the Concurrent Enrollment Taskforce goal of reviewing concurrent enrollment programs. During the first meeting, the Council heard from postsecondary institutions. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25th when the Concurrent Enrollment Program perspective of high schools and districts will be presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:34 am.