

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

**MINUTES
Tuesday, November 3, 2020**

The November 3, 2020 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held by Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger, Chair Regent Murguia	Regent Schmidt	Regent Van Etten
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson Cindy Farrier Scott Smathers	Karla Wiscombe Sam Christy-Dangermond Jennifer Armour	Tara Lebar Steve Funk Diane Lindeman
Others:	Brad Bennett, Colby CC Jean Redeker, KU Howard Smith, PSU Scott Lucas, WSU Tech Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Matt Schuette, KUMC Robert Klein, KUMC Erin Shaw, Highland CC John Masterson, Allen CC Deanna Carpenter, Allen CC Ben Wolfe, KU Ken Fischer, KU Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU Heather Morgan, KACCT	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brian Niehoff, K-State Corey Isbell, NKCTC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Lori Winningham, Butler CC Shirley Lefever, WSU Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Amit Chakrabarti, K-State Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jerry Pope, KCKCC Kim Zant, Cloud CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Michael Calvert, Pratt CC	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Charles Perkins, Barton County CC Elaine Simmons, Barton County CC Caicey Crutcher, Barton County CC Luke Dowell, Seward County CC Kim Morse, Washburn JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Steve Loewen, FHTC Lisa Kirmer, FHTC Graham Leach Krouse, K-State Lisa Kolm, Pratt CC Esam Mohammad, Butler CC Scott Tanona, K-State Craig Harms, K-State

Regent Kiblinger welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the September 9, 2020 meeting minutes, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussion, the motion passed.

Consent Items

Jean Redeker presented the KU request for a Master of Engineering in Bioengineering and Ken Fisher, Bioengineering Program Director, was available for questions. KU already has a Master of Science in Bioengineering, and the new program will be a non-thesis option. Jean stated it is an interdisciplinary program that pulls from current courses and faculty. Regent Kiblinger asked if this program will impact the similar program at WSU. Ken responded their target students are professionals in the Kansas City area. He noted they expect several degrees in this program per year but don't anticipate this program to have a major effect on the WSU program. Shirley Lefever and Linnea GlenMaye responded that WSU has no issues with the program, and they feel that there is room in Kansas for both programs.

Jean Redeker and Ben Wolfe presented the KU request for a Bachelor of Health Sciences. Ben Wolfe, Professor at the KU Edwards Campus, was instrumental in creating this new program. Ben stated the degree was designed to meet the needs of transfer students from regional Kansas City Metro community colleges looking to complete a bachelor's degree. The degree was established for students interested in health industry areas such as nutrition, public and population health, and health care management. Regent Schmidt asked what job titles this would include. Ben responded students could pursue entry-level positions in hospital management and health insurance, and it also leads to a pipeline for graduate programs. Ben noted the main emphasis of the program is to serve administrative and managerial routes within health fields. Ben discussed the current high demand in health-related fields and occupations.

Brian Niehoff presented the K-State request for a Bachelor in Public Health. Craig Harms was available for questions. K-State currently has a Master's in Public Health. Brian noted a demand for bachelor degrees in public health fields for health specialty teachers, community health workers and educators, and county health directors. This is an interdisciplinary degree spanning across five of their colleges. It is a 120-hour program with over 60 hours devoted to health and science courses, and it will use existing courses and faculty.

Brian Niehoff presented the K-State request for a BA and BS in Integrated Computer Science. Graham Leach Krouse was available for questions. Brian noted this was an interdisciplinary degree. Currently, K-State has a computer science degree program in engineering, and the new degrees will be accessible for non-engineering students. Brian noted these degrees would open up opportunities for students who have an interest in arts and sciences as well as technology. They will use existing courses and faculty and believe it will be a strong program.

Regent Van Etten made a motion to approve the four program requests for placement on the Board consent agenda in November, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

AY 2019 Performance Reports

Sam Christy-Dangermond presented AY 2019 Performance Reports up for approval. Sam noted that performance funding is only available when the legislature allocates new money. Each report is measured from six metrics with a goal to meet or exceed the baseline of each metric. Institutions must meet or exceed the baseline on at least four metrics to qualify for 100% of any new funding.

The Committee was presented performance reports from ten institutions, each being recommended to receive 100% of any new legislative funding in July 2021 for which they are eligible:

1. University of Kansas
2. University of Kansas-Medical Center
3. Allen Community College
4. Barton Community College
5. Butler Community College
6. Fort Scott Community College
7. Labette County Community College
8. Pratt Community College
9. Flint Hills Technical College
10. Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology

Committee members spent time discussing data issues with calculating KUMC's indicator for increasing the percentage of practicing physicians in Kansas trained at the Medical Center. In the past, social security numbers were used to track these individuals; however, this data is no longer available. The data was previously accessible through a partnership between the KU School of Medicine and the Board of Healing Arts. Matt Schuette mentioned the AAMC (American Association of Medical Colleges) publishes a report every two years

that allows KUMC to see how they're doing nationally. Potential future data sources, such as the Kansas Department of Labor, were discussed. KBOR receives labor data from Kansas and Missouri, but it does not include occupational data. Regent Schmidt noted this type of data aligns with the Board's Strategic Plan goal of meeting the needs of the Kansas economy and he expressed concerns with tracking data.

Regent Schmidt made a motion to approve the ten AY 2019 performance reports for 100% of any new funding in July 2021, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

SARA Policy Changes

Jennifer Armour presented on policy changes to the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Jennifer noted SARA is an agreement that allows institutions to offer distance education in member states without having to obtain approval from each state. The Board serves as the state portal entity approving the participation of institutions in Kansas. The National Council for SARA requires member states have processes in place to address student complaints and an institutional appeals process. During the September 9 BAASC meeting, it was recommended that these processes be drafted for placement in the Board Policy Manual.

Regent Murguia made a motion to approve the inclusion of SARA policy changes as presented for Board approval in November, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Additional Updates

Daniel Archer provided an update from the General Education (GE) Working Group. Daniel noted the group has met twice. A comprehensive survey was created to identify challenges in GE and transfer at colleges and universities. Daniel summarized survey responses into three core themes; 1) Lack of Continuity within the System, 2) Specific Course or Discipline-Area Issues, and 3) Baccalaureate Degree Credit Hour Requirement Barriers. Daniel stated transfer challenges identified were inconsistencies from one university to another and variances from one academic department to another and clarified that there is little to no policy structure in place outside of systemwide transfer. Challenges associated with discipline-specific courses not transferring or fulfilling degree requirements were also identified. Daniel believes there is opportunity to improve course transfer in math and science. The survey also identified challenges with the current KBOR baccalaureate degree policy definition, which requires 60 hours be taken at the university, 45 of which must be taken at the upper level. These policies create challenges in extending degree time, which impacts affordability. Daniel noted the Board is looking at this policy in the near future. The goal of GE is to ensure students demonstrate knowledge and skills. The GE group is looking at common threads in this area to develop a framework that guides creating a GE package for use across our system institutions.

Regent Schmidt provided a Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Working Group update. Regent Schmidt stated the impact of these workers has a broad impact on Kansas and involves many different organizations. They have discussed creating a coordinator position to manage all interested parties. He noted WSU is creating a one-page description of the position and he will share that when it becomes available.

Regent Kiblinger provided a brief update from the Coordinating Council. She noted they have not met recently, but work is being done to create several working groups. Tara will provide more details in her following update.

Tara Lebar provided an update on the newly formed IPS Coordinating Workgroup and Coordinating Advisory Committee. The two groups were created at the Coordinating Council's request, and progress will be reported on a continual basis to the council and BAASC. Tara provided a document showing membership, each group's main tasks, and an anticipated meeting schedule. Members are comprised from across Kansas, from a variety of institutions both at the secondary & post-secondary level with inclusion in mind. The Committee requested the presentation listing committee members be emailed to them.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for November 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Regent Murguia moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.