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

**Tuesday, September 1, 2015
Conference Call
MINUTES**

The Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents met by Conference Call at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2015.

In Attendance:

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

Staff: Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, Julene Miller, and Renee Burlingham

Others: John Younger, University of Kansas; Cheryl Lester, University of Kansas; Aileen Ball, University of Kansas; Graham Glynn, Fort Hays State University; Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; Brian Neihoff, Kansas State University; Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University; Jan Schmidt, Pittsburg State University; Andy Anderson, Johnson County Community College; Doc Arnett, Cowley Community College; and Robin Garrett, Barton Community College

Meeting called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Approve June 17, 2015 Minutes

The June 17, 2015 minutes were moved and seconded for approval. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Request for Approval for a Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies – KU

Cheryl Lester and John Younger were present representing the University of Kansas. Cheryl Lester gave a brief overview of the program.

It was moved, and seconded to place the University of Kansas' proposed Bachelor of Arts in Jewish Studies on the Board's September 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Request for a Master in Innovation Design – WSU

Tony Vizzini and Rick Muma were present representing Wichita State University. Tony Vizzini provided a brief overview of the program.

It was moved, and seconded to place Wichita State University's proposed Master in Innovation Design on the Board's September 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Discussion Agenda

Student Learning Assessment Report

Gary Alexander previewed the *Foresight 2020* Student Learning Assessment Report. The Report will be on the September 2015 Board agenda. BAASC will also discuss the Report at its Wednesday, September 16, 2015 meeting.

It was moved, and seconded to place the *Foresight 2020* Student Learning Assessment Report on the Board's September 2015 agenda. Motion carried.

Other Business

There being no other business, meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Fort Hays State University: Reorganization

Summary and Recommendations

Fort Hays State University seeks board approval of actions requested as a result of its re-engineering process. Board policy states that “major reorganization of a state university’s administrative structure, as well as creation of academic divisions, departments, or colleges, must have the approval of the Board” (Chapter II.C.1). In addition to items already approved, staff recommends two actions for BAASC consideration: (1) creation of a new college; and (2) relocation of academic departments and creation of a new department.

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Background

Beginning October 2014, Fort Hays State University engaged in a re-engineering process involving stakeholders from all sectors of the campus. The University now seeks final Board approval for specific actions resulting from this re-engineering process.

Approved Items

Board policy governing “New Academic Units and Academic Programs” stipulates that the following actions “require approval of the Council of Chief Academic Officers and President and Chief Executive Officer: “changing the name of an existing unit or degree title or consolidating two or more units or degrees in one unit or degree or splitting a unit or program into two or more units or programs (Chapter II.A.7.ii). Consistent with this policy, the following items were approved by the Council of Chief Academic Officers and the President and CEO. These actions were acknowledged by the Council of Presidents at its June 17, 2015 meeting. No further action is required.

Rename Colleges

- College of Arts and Sciences **to** College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences
- College of Education and Technology **to** College of Education
- College of Health and Life Sciences **to** College of Health and Behavioral Sciences

Rename Institute and Departments

- Rename Institute of Applied Technology **to** Department of Applied Technology
- Rename Department of Management and Marketing **to** Department of Management
- Rename Department of Justice Studies **to** Department of Criminal Justice

Split Academic Departments

- Split Department of Sociology and Social Work into two departments: (1) Department of Sociology, and (2) Department of Social Work
 - Retain Department of Sociology in College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences
 - Locate Department of Social Work in College of Health and Behavioral Sciences

Request to Create a New College

The following item requires final action by the full Board.

- Create a new College, to be named at a later date.

Fort Hays State University’s rationale for creating a new college has four elements: (1) the “unprecedented enrollment growth” of both Fort Hays State University and its College of Arts and

Sciences in recent years, “making management cumbersome and often trifurcated when trying to advocate for resources to serve too many ends. Creating the new college “will allow a re-balancing of the academic enterprise around areas of natural affinity,” and will enable the University “to re-distribute the workload more evenly and appropriately . . .”; (2) the university’s status as home to the Kansas Academy of Science and Mathematics; (3) the new college’s potential impact on the university’s ability to seek “grants in the area of science pedagogy”; and (4) increasing “the pipeline of students to . . . institutions [with colleges of engineering].”

Both the Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) and Council of Presidents (COPS) took action at their June 17, 2015 meetings on the question of approving a College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Fort Hays State University.

The Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) voted down a motion to approve bringing FHSU’s request to the Board on a 1-5 vote. The majority of the Council argued Fort Hays lacks an Engineering program sufficient to justify the new name. The Council approved a subsequent motion to support creation of the new college with “Engineering” removed from the title on a vote of 5-0, with one abstention.

The Council of Presidents (COPS) subsequently approved bringing FHSU’s request to create a College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to the Board by a vote of 4-2. Again, opposition was directed strictly to the proposed title. No opposition has been expressed to creation of the new college itself.

Fort Hays State has consistently noted it has no intention of developing a formal, multi-layered engineering program. In a February 10, 2011 memo from then Provost Larry Gould to Vice President Alexander responding to concerns about its proposed Information Systems Engineering B.S. degree, the Provost emphasized “Fort Hays State University is not seeking to build Civil, Mechanical, Manufacturing, Nuclear, Aeronautical, Chemical, or other facility and laboratory expensive engineering programs.” It argues its new college will help provide students for Kansas engineering programs, especially those at Kansas State and Wichita State.

Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends for full Board consideration the creation of a new College at Fort Hays State University, to be named at a later date.

Request to Relocate Academic Departments and Create a New Department

The following requests require final action by the full Board.

Fort Hays State University is seeking to relocate a number of departments to its proposed new College. The departments the institution is seeking to move are:

- Department of Psychology **from** the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences **to** the College of Health and Behavioral Sciences
- Department of Applied Technology **from** the College of Education **to** the proposed new College
- Departments of Chemistry; Computer Science and Information Systems Engineering; Geosciences; Mathematics; and Physics **from** the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences **to** the proposed new College

- Department of Agriculture and Department of Biological Sciences **from** the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences **to** the proposed new College

The institution is also seeking to create a new Department of Applied Business Studies, to be housed in the College of Business and Entrepreneurship.

Staff Recommendation

Contingent on approval of the proposed new College, staff recommends for full Board consideration the requests to relocate the specified academic departments; and to create a Department of Applied Business Studies, to be housed in the College of Business and Entrepreneurship.