

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

The November 18, 2020 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Shirley Lefever at 9:15 a.m.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Shirley Lefever, WSU Charles Taber, K-State Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU David Cordle, ESU Howard Smith, PSU	Robert Klein, KUMC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Sam Christy-Dangermond Karla Wiscombe	Amy Robinson Tara Lebar	Cindy Farrier Marti Leisinger
Others:	Erin Shaw, Highland CC Corey Isbell, NCK Tech Brian Niehoff, K-State Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Melinda Roelfs, PSU Kim Morse, Washburn Jennifer Ball, Washburn Steve Loewen, FHTC Dukka KC, WSU Gergely Zaruba, WSU Jean Griffith, WSU Larisa Genin, WSU Stanton Gartin, SATC Ziqi Sun, WSU	Jerry Pope, KCKCC Lori Winningham, Butler CC Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Andrew Hippisley, K-State Mickey McCloud, JCCC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Monette Depew, Pratt CC Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Chris Broberg, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC G. Wilson, KU Mindy Markham, K-State	Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC Jean Redeker, KU Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jon Marshall, Allen CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Mark Allen, Independence CC Dennis Livesay, WSU Sue Abdinnour, WSU Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU Mythili Menon, WSU Heather Morgan, KACCT

Shirley Lefever welcomed everyone, and a roll call was taken. Shirley introduced herself as the new Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs at WSU, and she replaces Rick Muma as Chair of COCAO.

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting, and David Cordle seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussion, the motion passed.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Readings**

Shirley Lefever provided a summary of the four programs for which WSU is seeking approval. All requests were discussed in detail at the previous meeting, and the Committee presented no additional questions.

- Bachelor of Arts in Applied Linguistics
- Master of Science in Data Science in Engineering
- Master of Science in Business Analytics
- Master of Science in Mathematical Foundations of Data Analysis

David Cordle moved to approve the four programs listed above, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. These programs will go to COPS for approval later the same day, and if approved, they will go to the Board in December for final approval.

### **Other Requests**

- Shirley Lefever presented the WSU request for approval to create a new School of Computing and change the name Master of Science in Computer Networking to Master of Science in Computing. These requests allow WSU to reorganize the College of Engineering so the degree programs in computing can be housed in the same department.

Chuck Taber moved to approve the two WSU requests, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. These requests will go to Blake Flanders for final approval.

- Chuck Taber presented the K-State request for approval for a name change of the Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship to the Bachelor of Science in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. This change aligns with a trend for interest in innovation beyond business start-up knowledge.

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the K-State name change request, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. This request will go to Blake Flanders for final approval.

- Howard Smith presented the PSU request for approval for a name change of the Bachelor of Science in Justice Studies to Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. Howard also presented a request for approval to consolidate the Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Math and the Bachelor of Science in Math. Howard noted they are consolidating education programs and content areas as a means of addressing low-enrollment minima.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the PSU name change request, and David Cordle seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously. This request will go to Blake Flanders for final approval.

### **Council of Faculty Senate Presidents Update**

Aleksander Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Faculty Senate President, provided an update. Aleks stated the Council has continued working on a joint Freedom of Expression statement, and they hope to present this to the Board soon. Similar statements have focused on students, and he noted that faculty have their own concerns for speech within classrooms. Aleks stated the Council is also having conversations about a General Education Transfer Package being created and noted the Council encourages including teaching faculty in this process. The Council is behind the effort but has concerns with high school students taking general education courses with little to no advising on program-specific course requirements.

### **Other Matters**

Howard Smith stated the PSU Kansas Center for Career and Technical Education, housed in the Kansas Career and Technology Center, has begun work on an Associate of Applied Science in Career and Tech Ed. They have started conversations with a couple of technical colleges in Kansas and are looking at moving this program forward.

Chuck Taber recognized the retirement announcement of David Cordle of ESU. Chuck thanked David for all his work with the Council. David thanked the Council and stated he will remain at ESU for several more months.

### **Adjournment**

Shirley reminded everyone updated admission policies are due to KBOR Academic Affairs by December 11, 2020. The next COCAO meeting will be on December 16, 2020 and held through Zoom. Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.