

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

The December 16, 2020 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Shirley Lefever at 8:46 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	Marti Leisinger
Others:	Erin Shaw, Highland CC Corey Isbell, NCK Tech Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Melinda Roelfs, PSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Andy Klenke, PSU Ed Bashaw, ESU	Jerry Pope, KCKCC Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brian Niehoff, K-State Heather Morgan, KACCT Jon Marshall, Allen CC Jean Redeker, KU Kim Morse, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette Depew, Pratt CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Greg Belcher, PSU	Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC Lori Winningham, Butler CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Brad Bennett, Seward County CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Luke Dowell, Seward County CC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Mark Allen, Independence CC Robert Klein, KUMC Kim Krull, Butler CC Carol Lucy, ESU

Shirley Lefever welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Howard Smith moved to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

1st Readings

- David Cordle presented the first reading for a Bachelor of Arts in Interdisciplinary Entrepreneurship. Ed Bashaw, Dean, School of Business, and Carol Lucy, Assistant Professor, Business Administration, presented a brief overview and stood for questions. Dean Bashaw noted they were able to make this BA a part of their Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business's (AACSB) accounting accreditation process, and it will extend to potential majors in the discipline. Professor Lucy stated this program will allow more students in the Midwest to have opportunities at cutting-edge entrepreneurship education. David stated the program could serve as a second major for students, particularly in arts and humanities when they look at creating a business venture that focuses on their specific areas of interest.

No questions were presented from the Council. This program will be up for a second reading at the next COCAO meeting.

- Howard Smith presented the first reading for an Associate of Applied Science in Career & Technical Education. Howard stated it comes from the Kansas Center for Career and Technical Education, established at the PSU Kansas Technology Center a few years ago. This program is a direct result of

workforce demand for academic credentials and/or specific skill sets. Howard stated this program fits within their academic structure and they do not need additional resources. Andy Klenke, Department Chair of Teaching and Workforce Development, and Greg Belcher, Director of the Kansas Center for Career and Technical Education, were available for questions. Director Belcher noted other universities have noticed when they created similar associate degree programs it helped their career and technical education bachelor degree completion rate.

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Council of Faculty Senate Presidents Update

Aleksander Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Faculty Senate President, provided an update. Aleks stated the Council is working on two items; 1) discussions with TAAC regarding transfer equivalencies and clarification on upper division transfer courses, and 2) finalizing a Council of Faculty Senate Presidents Freedom of Expression Statement to be read to the Board later in the day.

Adjournment

Shirley reminded everyone updated admission policies are due to KBOR Academic Affairs by December 11, 2020.

The next COCAO meeting will be on January 20, 2021. Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:58 a.m.