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
- Robert Klein, KUMC
- David Cordle, ESU
- JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn
- Daniel Archer, KBOR
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**Staff:**
- Sam Christy-Dangermond
- Amy Robinson
- Marti Leisinger
- Karla Wiscombe
- Tara Lebar

**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 McClyod, 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
- Lорi 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.

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

**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.