

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021**

The February 17, 2021 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Shirley Lefever at 8:57 a.m.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Shirley Lefever, WSU Chuck 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	April Henry Cindy Farrier
Others:	Erin Shaw, Highland CC Corey Isbell, NCK Tech Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Brian Niehoff, K-State Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC	Jerry Pope, KCKCC Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Shelly Gehrke, ESU Bryan Mann, KU	Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton County CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Kim Morse, Washburn Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU Luke Dowell, Seward County CC Scott Lucas, WSU Tech Lua Yuille, KU

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard Smith moved to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 meeting, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

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

David Cordle provided a summary of the ESU request to approve a Master of Arts in Applied Sociology. He reminded the Council that the proposal intends to prepare students for work in the service sector and be offered through accelerated 7-week terms year-round.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve ESU's request for a Master of Arts in Applied Sociology, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. This program will go to COPS for approval later in the day.

**Other Requests**

Barbara Bichelmeyer provided a summary of the KU request to approve a name change of their MSE in Social and Cultural Studies to MSE in Education and Social Policy. Barbara noted changing the title is to better reflect their current faculty's expertise, align with other institutions, and clarify career paths. Bryan Mann, Assistant Professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, was available for questions.

Howard Smith moved to approve KU's request to approve a name change of MSE in Social and Cultural Studies to MSE in Education and Social Policy, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. This program will go to Blake Flanders, KBOR CEO and President, for final approval.

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

Aleksander Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Faculty Senate President, provided an update from the Council. Aleks stated the Council has continued to be concerned by the KBOR policy on termination of tenured and non-tenured faculty. He noted this issue received national attention, and they have sent documents to Blake Flanders, KBOR CEO and President, from various organizations and universities in opposition to the policy. The Council will continue to discuss this later in the day, and they are going to ask the Board to suspend the policy to allow additional review. The Council would like a new committee formed with a member from the Board Governance Committee, COFSP, COP, COCAO, Human Resources, and institutional staff. The goal is to look at this policy, and possibly other policies around budgets, to perhaps come up with a more robust, transparent approach that includes shared governance.

### **Other Matters**

Barbara Bichelmeyer noted they would be placing an MA in Organizational Communication request on the March agenda.

### **Adjournment**

Shirley Lefever reminded the Council members the University Press of Kansas Board of Trustees would meet at noon. The next COCAO meeting will be on March 17, 2021.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 a.m.