The May 19, 2021 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Shirley Lefever at 9:01 a.m.

In Attendance:

Members:
- Shirley Lefever, WSU
- Jill Arensdorf, FHSU
- Robert Klein, KUMC
- Chuck Taber, K-State
- David Cordle, ESU
- JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn
- Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU
- Howard Smith, PSU
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Staff:
- Sam Christy-Dangermond
- Amy Robinson
- Cindy Farrier
- Karla Wiscombe
- Tara Lebar

Others:
- Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC
- Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU
- Brian Niehoff, K-State
- Clay Stoldt, WSU
- Corey Isbell, NCK Tech
- Doug English, WSU
- Elaine Simmons, Barton CC
- Erin Shaw, Highland CC
- Heather Morgan, KACCT
- Janice Stover, Cowley CC
- Jerry Pope, KCKCC
- Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
- Jason Sharp, Labette CC
- Jennifer Ball, Washburn
- Jean Redeker, KU
- Jon Marshall, Allen CC
- Kim Morse, Washburn
- Kim Zant, Cloud County CC
- Kim Krull, Butler CC
- Linnea GlenMaye, WSU
- Lori Winningham, Butler CC
- Mark Vermillion, WSU
- Mickey McCloud, JCCC
- Mike Strohschein, Washburn
- Mindy Markham, K-State
- Monette DePew, Pratt CC
- Ryan Diehl, Hutchinson CC
- Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC
- Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC

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

Approval of Minutes
Howard Smith moved to approve the April 14, 2021 meeting minutes, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Other Requests
Shirly Lefever presented the following WSU program changes for approval:

1. Name Change of the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry
2. Name Change of the Bachelor of Applied Science in Workforce Leadership and Applied Learning to Bachelor of Applied Science in Organizational Leadership and Learning

David Cordle moved to approve both WSU requests as presented, and Howard Smith seconded. With no questions presented, the motion passed unanimously through a roll-call vote.

These requests will go to Blake Flanders, President and CEO, 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 plans to discuss three main items later in the day:

1. What will returning to campus look like in the fall for faculty (such as mask mandates, social distancing, and remote work options).
2. Non-tenured faculty rights and privileges (such as the ability to take sabbaticals, load reductions for professional development, and securing longer-term appointments).
3. Continue discussions about the anticipated GE package.

**Opportunities that Universities are Considering or Planning to Pursue in the Future**
Barbara Bichelmeyer noted KU would soon propose a Doctorate in Social Welfare. This will be a practitioner-focused terminal degree.

Shirley Lefever asked what other institutions were doing with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) new process for program changes. Shirley stated they were concerned with tracking the 25% changes, which were cumulative from review to review. David said their HLC liaison emphasized that the 25% are all credits required for the program and not the major.

**Adjournment**
This was David Cordle’s and Brian Niehoff’s last meeting. David Cordle has served as the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at ESU since 2013 and will be replaced by Dr. George Arasimowicz. Brian Niehoff, Associate Provost of K-State, has been a member of the provost's staff since 2009. The council thanked them for their dedication and work.

The next COCAO meeting will be on June 16, 2021.

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.