

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

The September 15, 2021, meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Jill Arensdorf at 8:59 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Shirley Lefever, WSU Chuck Taber, K-State Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU George Arasimowicz, ESU Howard Smith, PSU	Robert Klein, KUMC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Karla Wiscombe Tara Lebar Marti Leisinger	Amy Robinson Cindy Farrier Lisa Beck	Sam Christy-Dangermond April Henry Hector Martinez
Others:	Mickey McCloud, JCCC Jerry Pope, KCKCC Clay Stoldt, WSU Davood Askari, WSU Jan Twomey, WSU Jean Redeker, KU Kim Morse, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mark Faber, FHSU Robert Klein, KUMC Shelly Gehrke, ESU Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Alysia Starkey, K-State Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Janet Stramel, FHSU Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Krull, Butler CC Laurel Littrell, K-State Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sarah Leftwich, WSU Tech Mike Strohschein, Washburn	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Jennifer Roberts, KU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Joan Brewer, ESU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Lisa Blair, NWKTC Rich Bomgardner, WSU Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tiffany Bohm, KCKCC

Jill Arensdorf welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Howard Smith moved to approve the June 16, 2021 meeting minutes, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

1st Readings

Chuck Taber and Alysia Starkey presented the first readings for the following K-State programs:

1. Associate of Applied Science in Unmanned Aircraft Systems
2. Master of Science in Aeronautics

Chuck discussed letters of support and concern received regarding the AAS in Unmanned Aircraft Systems. This program will also be discussed at a special meeting of the Technical Education Authority (TEA) later in the day. TEA will provide a recommendation to the Board regarding the proposal.

Both programs will be up for a second reading and vote at the next COCAO meeting.

2nd Readings

- Shirley Lefever, Rich Bomgardner, and Clay Stoldt presented the WSU second reading for the Master of Science in Athletic Training. Howard Smith moved to approve the MS in Athletic Training program as presented, 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.

- Shirly Lefever, Davood Askari, and Jan Twomey presented the WSU second reading for the Master of Science in Materials Engineering. George Arasimowicz moved to approve the MS in Materials Engineering program as presented, 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 Matters

Barbara Bichelmeyer presented the following KU requests for approval:

- Act on Request for Name Change of the MS and Ph.D. in Environmental Engineering to the MS and Ph.D. in Environmental & Water Resources Engineering
- Act on Request for Name Change of the MS and Ph.D. in Environmental Science to the MS and Ph.D. in Environmental & Water Resources Science
- Act on Request to Consolidate the BA and BGS in Classics & Classical Languages with the BA and BGS in Classical Antiquity, resulting in the BA and BGS in Classics
- Act on Request for Name Change of MA in Classics & Classical Languages to MA in Classics

Howard Smith moved to approve the four KU requests as presented, and Shirley Lefever seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

George Arasimowicz and Joan Brewer presented the following ESU request for approval:

- Act on Request to Consolidate the Department of Psychology and the Department of Instructional Design & Technology, resulting in the Department of Psychology, Learning Science, & Instructional Technology

Chuck Taber moved to approve the ESU request as presented, and Shirley Lefever seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Chuck Taber presented the following K-State request for approval:

- Act on Request for Name Change of BS in General Human Ecology to BS in Integrative Human Sciences

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the K-State request as presented, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

These approved requests will go to Blake Flanders, President and CEO, for final approval.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP) Update

Janet Stramel, FHSU Faculty Senate President, provided the update. The Council will be meeting for the first time later in the day, and they have breakfast with the Board the following morning. Janet noted they will be reviewing the Kansas Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Guidelines. The Council also plans to discuss Covid-19 impacts on faculty tenure timelines and general education requirements.

Opportunities that Universities are Considering or Planning to Pursue in the Future

Howard Smith, PSU, provided information regarding their mergers and consolidation of departments. PSU is also looking at a Computer Science degree and a broader Business degree, possibly moving forward with proposals this fall.

Jill Arensdorf, FHSU, stated they would soon be bringing forward an MS in Computer Science which will be

offered entirely online.

Adjournment

COCAO will not meet in October due to the Board campus visit. The next COCAO meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2021.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.