

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

The January 19, 2022, meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Jill Arensdorf at 8:51 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Chuck Taber, K-State Daniel Archer, KBOR	Jen Roberts, KU Howard Smith, PSU	Robert Klein, KUMC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn
Staff:	Karla Wiscombe Tara Lebar Marti Leisinger	Sam Christy-Dangermond Judd McCormack Lisa Beck	Amy Robinson April Henry Hector Martinez
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Lisa Blair, NWKTC Mike Werle, KUMC Mary Carol Pomatto, PSU Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC Steve Loewen, FHSU Tonya Ricklefs, Washburn	Alysia Johnston, Fort Scott CC Claire Nickerson, FHSU Janet Stramel, FHSU Jennifer Ball, Washburn Lee Miller, Barton CC Lucy Steyer, ESU Matthew Mayo, KUMC Chalise Prabhaker, KUMC Shelly Gehrke, ESU Susan Bradley, Butler CC Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Bobby Winters, PSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC JoLanna Kord, ESU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Luke Dowell, SCCC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Robert Klein, KUMC Stanton Gartin, SATC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Chuck Taber moved to approve the December 15, 2021, meeting minutes, and Shirley Lefever seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

1st Readings

Robert Klein, Chalise Prabhaker, Matt Mayo, and Mike Werle presented the first reading for an MS in Health Data Science at KUMC. The MS in Health Data Science is a 36-credit hour program proposed by the Department of Biostatistics and Data Science, to be offered online and in-person. It will be the first program in the region focused on producing graduate-trained health data scientists with a high level of biostatistics and computing skills that are currently in demand. The full proposal can be found on page 6 of the agenda.

The KUMC program will be up for the second reading and vote at the next COCAO meeting.

2nd Readings

Howard Smith moved to approve the FHSU request to offer an MS in Computer Science, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Shirley Lefever moved to approve the PSU request to offer a BS in Computer Science, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Both programs will move forward to COPS later in the day for approval.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (COFSP) Update

Janet Stramel, Chair and FHSU Faculty Senate President, provided the update. Later in the day, the council plans to discuss the request granting tenure clock extensions. They will also begin the 5-year review of Advanced Placement (AP) cut scores for equivalent credit, as defined in policy.

Other Matters

Daniel Archer provided an update on program review. The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) will hear a proposal from the rpk GROUP to do system-level work on program review at its February 1, 2022, meeting. The rpk GROUP is proposing to:

1. reconstruct the program review process
2. conduct an evaluation of current programs under the reconstructed process
3. identify gaps in the system where there are opportunities for new programs, and
4. make recommendations to the system program portfolio

The estimated timeframe for the project is six to eight months, and the project will be created using data, research, and discussions. A steering committee with institutional representation to guide the process may be created. Further, in the proposal, rpk GROUP articulated they would be open to additional communications and feedback. With approval from BAASC, final approval would be sought from the Governance Committee.

Adjournment

The 19th Annual Capitol Graduate Research Summit, initially scheduled for February 16, has been rescheduled for March 29. The summit will be held in person on the first floor of the Capitol from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for February 16, 2022.

Howard Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.