

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, May 17, 2023**

The May 17, 2023, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Bichelmeyer at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom with an in-person option at the KBOR office.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Chuck Taber, K-State Brent Thomas, ES	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Howard Smith, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU	Robert Klein, KUMC Laura Stephenson, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Tara Lebar	Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier Charmine Chambers	Judd McCormack Marti Leisinger
Others:	Andrew Hippisley, WSU Ashlie Jack, WSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jean Redeker, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Kristen Kremer, K-State Melanie Wallace, Allen CC NWKTC Representatives Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tom Nevill, Butler CC Susan Dumler, FHSU Steven Skinner, WSU Vincent Bowhay, Indy CC Scott Lucas, WSU Tech	Andy Howe, ESU Brett Whitaker, FHSU Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Karen Johnson, PSU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Brad Bennett, SCCC Seth Carter, Colby CC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC	Angela Pool-Funai, FHSU Cheryl Giefer, PSU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jennifer Callis, SATC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Luke Dowell, SCCC Mary Carol Pomatto, PSU Seth Kastle, FHSU Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC Victor H. Gonzalez, KU Susan Castro, WSU Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Shirley Lefever moved to approve the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023, meeting minutes, and Brent Thomas seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

**Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update**

Nate Brunsell, KU's faculty senate president and CoFSP Chair, provided the update. He introduced the incoming KU faculty senate president, Victor Gonzalez. Victor will be providing any updates to COCAO at the June meeting. The Council thanked Nate for all his work over the year.

**First Readings**

Howard Smith, Karen Johnson, Cheryl Giefer, and Mary Carol Pomatto presented the first reading for a DNP in Leadership at PSU. The proposed program will fulfill workforce needs and prepare nursing leaders for healthcare organizations and faculty for nursing programs. It's a 34-credit hour program (for students who have already earned the MSN) with emphasis options in Organizational Leadership or Educational Leadership. It will be offered in Summer 2024, has no initial new costs, and will be offered online. This program will be up for

approval in June.

### **Second Readings**

- Howard Smith moved to approve an MS in Global Strategic Leadership at FHSU, and Brent Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Brent Thomas moved to approve a BAS in Applied Leadership at FHSU, and Chuck Taber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Jill Arensdorf moved to approve a BA/BS in Addiction Counseling at K-State, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Howard Smith moved to approve a BS in Cybersecurity Engineering at KU, and Brent Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- Brent Thomas moved to approve an AA in General Studies at PSU, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

These programs will be up for approval at the Council of Presidents (COPS) meeting later in the day and, if approved in COPS, will go to BAASC on May 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Requests**

- Jill Arensdorf presented a request to approve changing the name of the BA in Foreign Language to BA in Modern Language at FHSU. This change would update the title to reflect a better descriptor for more current options in the field.

Howard Smith moved to approve the FHSU name change as presented, and Brent Thomas seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Shirley Lefever presented a request for approval to change the name of the MS in Mathematical Foundations of Data Analysis to MS in Mathematical Data Science at WSU.

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the WSU name change as presented, and Chuck Taber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

These requests will go to Dr. Blake Flanders for final approval.

### **Other Matters**

PSU will have a Supply Chain Management program coming soon, they have named an Interim Dean of the College of Technology, and are looking for a VP of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. FHSU will have a BS in Criminalistics program coming soon. K-State will have a few out-of-service area requests for their Olathe campus for new programs in manufacturing and technology coming soon. WSU and ESU noted they are also working on associate degree proposals similar to the PSU proposal. KU has plans to bring forward a request to offer education degrees in China.

### **Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for June 14, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Brent Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:26 a.m.