

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 14, 2023**

The June 14, 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 Linnea GlenMaye, 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:	Angela Pool-Funai, FHSU Cherry Steffen, Washburn Dan Moser, K-State Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Dockers, PSU Jennifer Callis, SATC Jo Wick, KUMC Kelli Feldman, KU Matthew Mayo, KUMC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sara Schwedtfeger, ESU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tiffany Evans, Colby CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Paul Adams, FHSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Tamara Lynn, FHSU	Arvin Cruz, FHSU Bruce Moses, Allen CC Diane Murphy, K-State Jaben Parnell, PSU Jean Redeker, KU Jen Roberts, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Marc Malone, Garden City CC Melanie Wallace, Allen CC Mary Carol Pomatto, PSU Scott Lucas, WSU Tech Tara Lindahl, Washburn Tom Nevill, Butler CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Jolynn Dowling, WSU Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Scott Lucas, WSU Tech	Becky Stuteville, K-State Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Jill Wood, WSU Karen Johnson, PSU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Mike Werle, KUMC Robert Klein, KUMC Steven Skinner, WSU Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC Tonya Ricklefs, Washburn Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the May 17, 2023, meeting minutes, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

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

No update was provided.

**First Readings**

- Robert Klein and Jo Wick presented the first reading for a Ph.D. in Clinical and Translational Science at KUMC. The program is a 61-credit hour program developed over discussions on ways to identify, recruit, and train future principal investigators that can lead multidisciplinary clinical and translational research. There is a high demand for physician and medical scientists, which is expected to have

continued growth.

- Jill Arensdorf, Arvin Cruz, and Tammy Lynn presented the first reading for a BS in Criminalistics at FHSU. It is a collaboration between the Criminal Justice, Chemistry, Biology, and Geosciences programs and came from market opportunity research. This is an interdisciplinary program, and current faculty and courses will be utilized. WSU submitted concerns with course duplication and regional employability, which will be addressed before the September second reading.

### **Second Reading**

- Chuck Taber moved to approve a DNP in Leadership at PSU, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Requests**

- Linnea GlenMaye presented a request to approve a name change of the Department of Engineering Technology to the Department of Applied Engineering at WSU. This will align the name of the department to the program it offers.

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

- Chuck Taber presented a request to approve a name change of PSM in Applied Biosciences to MS in Applied Biosciences at K-State. This change will help with degree clarification and meeting industry standard naming.

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the name change as presented, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Chuck Taber presented a request to approve a name change of BS in Feed Sciences & Management to BS in Feed & Pet Food Science at K-State. This change will help provide a clear focus for students moving into the pet food industry. There will be a minor curriculum change as two different concentration options will be created: production/management and science.

Brent Thomas moved to approve the name changes as presented, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer presented requests to approve the following name changes at KU. These changes will provide clarification and a clean-up of program titles. The changes to theatre titles will align with disciplinary norms and more accurately reflect the current curriculum.
  - BSE in Elementary Teacher Education to BSE in Elementary Education
  - BSE in Secondary Teacher Education to BSE in Secondary Education
  - MA in Theatre to MA in Theatre & Performance Studies
  - Ph.D. in Theatre to Ph.D. in Theatre & Performance Studies
  - BFA in Theatre to BFA in Theatre Design
  - MFA in Theatre to MFA in Scenography

Howard Smith moved to approve the education program name changes as presented, and Chuck Taber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chuck Taber moved to approve the theatre program name changes as presented, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Other Matters**

Chuck Taber noted that he announced his retirement. Chuck plans to retire by January 2024, and K-State will start the search for a new Provost soon. Barbara Bichelmeyer noted that KU would be bringing forward a BS in Health and Society after internal approval.

**Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for September 20, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Brent Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.