The September 20, 2023, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Taber at 8:50 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom with an in-person option at the KBOR office.

In Attendance:

Members: Chuck Taber, K-State  
          Barbara Bichelmeier, KU  
          Brent Thomas, ESU  
          Jill Arensdorf, FHSU  
          Howard Smith, PSU  
          Shirley Lefever, WSU  
          Robert Klein, KUMC  
          Laura Stephenson, Washburn  
          Daniel Archer, KBOR  

Staff: Amy Robinson  
       Karla Wiscombe  
       Judd McCormack  
       Elizabeth Ogundiran  
       Sam Christy-Dangermond  
       Cindy Farrier  
       Colleen Denney  

Others: Ashlie Jack, WSU  
        Arvin Cruz, FHSU  
        Bekah Selby-Leach, ESU  
        Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC  
        Elaine Simmons, Barton CC  
        Grady Dixon, FHSU  
        J. David Macey, FHSU  
        Janice Stover, Cowley CC  
        Jason Sharp, Labette CC  
        Jean Redecker, KU  
        Jennifer Ball, Washburn  
        Jerry Pope, KCKCC  
        Kara Wheeler, Allen CC  
        Linnea GlenMaye, WSU  
        Lisa Blair, NWKTC  
        Lisa Kirmer, FHTC  
        Monette DePew, Pratt CC  
        Rachel Bates, Cowley CC  
        Robert Klein, KUMC  
        Sara Schwedtfeger, ESU  
        Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC  
        Sonia Gugnani, FSCC  
        Stuart Day, KU  
        Tamara Lynn, FHSU  
        Gurb Singh, JCCC  
        Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC  
        Tonya Ricklefs, Washburn  
        Tanya Gonzalez, K-State  
        Jolynn Dowling, WSU  
        Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC  
        Corey Isbell, NCKTC  
        Marc Malone, Garden City CC  
        Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC  
        Tom Nevill, Butler CC  
        Mickey McCloud, JCCC  
        Luke Dowell, Seward County CC  
        Don Von Bergen, K-State  

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes
Howard Smith moved to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update
Don Von Bergen, K-State Faculty Senate President and Chair of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents, provided the update. The Council met recently and discussed how they would like to participate proactively through shared governance. Don mentioned interest in the Board’s Faculty of the Year award, which will be awarded to one tenured and one non-tenured (but tenured track) faculty member from each public university. The Council has been tasked with coming up with criteria for the award in order to determine nominations. More information will be announced as it is finalized.

First Readings
Barbara Bichelmeier and Stuart Day presented the first reading for a BAS in Professional Performance at KU. This degree is to meet the growing demands of students exploring careers utilizing their athletic or artistic talents and will be offered through the School of Professional Studies and based at the KU Edwards Campus.
The program is offered online and through hybrid formats and consists of 30 hours for the major. Current resources will be utilized, and additional funds have been allocated in the second and third years to fund additional sections as needed.

**Second Reading**
Jill Arensdorf introduced Tamara Lynn and Arvin Cruz, program faculty, who gave an overview of the proposal for a BS in Criminalistics at FHSU. Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the program, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. This program will go to COPS at their meeting later in the day and, if approved, will go to BAASC on October 3rd.

**Other Requests**
- Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request to approve a name change of the BS in Interdisciplinary Computing to a BS in Applied Computing at KU. This name change better reflects the nature of the degree.
  
  Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the KU name change as presented, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request to approve a name change of the Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy to a Bachelor of Music Therapy at KU. This name change better reflects the nature of the degree.

  Shirley Lefever moved to approve the KU name change as presented, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

**Other Matters**
The Council discussed and confirmed their yearly schedule. There will be no meeting in October, as the Board will do a campus-only visit at KU. The November meeting will be at ESU, and the April meeting will be at FHSU; both will be in-person meetings with a virtual option. The December meeting will be virtual only due to limited meeting space. All other meeting dates will be virtual meetings with an in-person option at the Topeka KBOR office.

Howard Smith noted PSU is working on a Master of Social Work to meet demand.

**Adjournment**
The next COCAO meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. on the Emporia State University campus. A virtual option will be provided.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.