

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers**  
**MINUTES**

**Wednesday, January 15, 2020**

The January 15, 2020, meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Co-Chair David Cordle at 8:32 a.m. The meeting was held in Suite 530 located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, KS.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	David Cordle, ESU Erin Shaw, Highland CC Carl Lejuez, KU Rick Muma, WSU	Matt Pounds, NWK Tech Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Julian Mazacheck, Washburn	Lori Winnamon, Butler CC Charles Taber, K-State Howard Smith, PSU Beth Ann Krueger, KCKCC
Staff:	Daniel Archer Karla Wiscombe Natalie Yoza Cindy Farrier	Sam Christy-Dangermond Tim Peterson Charmine Chambers	Amy Robinson Erin Wolfram Scott Smathers
Others:	Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Tech Jean Redeker, KU Jennifer Ball, Washburn Heather Morgan, KACCT Joe McCann, Seward County CC	Kim Krull, Butler CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Michael Werle, KUMC Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Greg Schneider, ESU	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Brian Niehoff, K-State Mike Calvert, Pratt CC Kaye Monk-Morgan, WSU Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC Kevin Bracker, PSU

Co-Chair David Cordle welcomed everyone and those present introduced themselves.

**Approval of Minutes**

Rick Muma moved that the minutes of the December 18, 2019, meeting be approved. Erin Shaw seconded the motion. With no discussion or corrections, the motion passed.

**Transfer and Articulation Council Update**

Karla Wiscombe stated the council met last week and they previewed a demonstration of the new Transfer KS portal for systemwide transfer courses. The portal will likely launch the first week of February. It was discussed that a demonstration will be provided at the next SCOCACO meeting. Karla discussed how important it will be to keep each institution's course inventory in KHEDS accurate and noted that KBOR and university IR staff have been working on addressing any errors. She also noted that when an institution sends a request to add or change course information, changes will be done through course inventory and once approved it will automatically be imported into the portal. Karla reminded everyone that if an institution has not previously offered a systemwide transfer course, the deadline for applications is March 1, 2020.

**Reverse Transfer Update**

Erin Wolfram provided information that included KBOR procedures for reverse transfer, AY 2017-2019 data on reverse transfer associate degrees awarded, and student opt-in data. Erin noted these numbers can be broken down for each year by individual institutions and can be obtained by contacting her through email at [ewolfram@ksbor.org](mailto:ewolfram@ksbor.org). She also noted the reverse transfer degree totals show an increase each year. In addition to

the procedure flow chart, the reverse transfer communication plan and the AY 2017 – 2019 reports can be found at [https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/reverse-transfer](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/reverse-transfer). Erin noted a list of institutional contacts is also found on this webpage and asked institutions to look at their information to ensure it is up to date.

### **GetAHEAD**

Tim Peterson provided an update on the Adult Higher Education Accessible Degrees (AHEAD) initiative. His last update to the committee was in November 2018. This KBOR project is funded by the Lumina Foundation and helps Kansas adults who have previous higher education credits to complete an online degree. Tim went over statistics presented to the Committee, including declining Kansas populations and Kansas population projections comparing 2016 with 2066. Tim spent time discussing the plan to increase awareness of this program, including the role Ambassadors can play, a direct mail campaign with follow up emails, a commercial add, and video testimonies from student success stories. The GetAHEAD website also has resources including an inventory of accessible online degrees, financial aid and Kansas scholarships information, CLEP and Military Credit information, online resources for adult students, career and technical education programs, and reverse transfer information. Tim reminded the Committee to check the information on the online degree program page as discussed by Erin previously in the meeting and stated this would also be beneficial for the GetAHEAD program. These resources can be found at [www.getaheadkansas.org](http://www.getaheadkansas.org).

Rick Muma asked Tim if the list of employers providing tuition assistance programs is a complete list. Tim responded that it is not, but he hopes to grow this list to include all employers in Kansas offering tuition assistance programs.

### **Adjournment**

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting. Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.