

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

The June 17, 2020, meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Co-Chair Brad Bennett at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Topeka. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was held through Zoom and live streamed for the public.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	David Cordle, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Charles Taber, K-State
	Brad Bennett, Colby CC	Rick Muma, WSU	Corey Isbell, NCKTC
	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Howard Smith, PSU	JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn
	Erin Shaw, Highland CC	Jerry Pope, KCKCC	Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Sam Christy-Dangermond	Amy Robinson	Travis White
	Karla Wiscombe	Erin Wolfram	
Others:	Robert Klein, KUMC	Jean Redeker, KU	Joe McCann, Seward County CC
	Linnea GlenMaye, WSU	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC	Pedro Leite, Cloud County CC
	Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC	Stanton Gartin, Salina Tech	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Tech
	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC	Alek Sternfeld, WSU	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC
	Brian Niehoff, K-State	Alysia Starkey, K-State	Ryan Diehl, Hutchinson CC

Co-Chair Brad Bennett welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Minutes**

Rick Muma moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 meeting, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussion, the motion passed.

**Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update**

Karla Wiscombe reported TAAC made the decision to host the 2020 KCOG Conference with an online format. The online conference will still be hosted by WSU. Karla noted the virtual format could increase participation and decrease costs. The next Quality Assurance report was also worked on by the sub-committee. This report is provided during the opening session of the conference. KCOG Conference information and reports can be found under: [https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/transfer-articulation](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/transfer-articulation)

**Open Educational Resource (OER) Steering Committee Update**

Erin Wolfram stated the Open Textbook Network (OTN) membership is being finalized. The request has been approved by the Department of Administration and needs to be approved by KBOR general council and CEO. Erin believes the contract will be ready by the end of July. OTN membership will provide OER professional development and training opportunities, as well as access to resources and data collection mechanisms for institutions across the state. Erin stated this could be a great avenue to help with initiatives and increase OER across Kansas.

The Open Educational Resources (OER) conference scheduled for September 18, 2020, at FHSU has been moved to a virtual event. Instead of a one-day conference, the OER Steering Committee is going to offer a series of 6-12 webinars throughout the year on various OER topics. Because of this change in format, the conference sub-committee is no longer accepting presentation proposal submissions or OER Champion Award nominations. When available, information regarding format changes, fall OER webinar topics, and a schedule will be

distributed via email and updated on the main OER webpage at [https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/open-educational-resources](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/open-educational-resources).

The OER grant writing sub-committee met on June 12, 2020. They applied for a grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and if awarded, Kansas would receive \$165,000 to assist with administrative work and mini-grants for OER development for training across the state. The sub-committee will know by August if we are awarded the grant.

### **Statewide Online Test Proctoring Option**

Daniel Archer discussed the possible need or interest for exploring a statewide contract to potentially save costs. Brad stated Colby Community College uses a large number of test proctoring and believes they currently pay \$22 per test. He noted this works well for the student, but during the pandemic they are covering this cost for students and could benefit from any cost savings. Barbara noted while exploring options, we should look at capacities to handle volume. Erin stated KCIA is meeting next week and she could gather more feedback there. Jill stated FHSU is in the middle of renewing an RFP this year and work has been done on needs that could contribute to a statewide RFP if needed. Daniel will send out a survey to gauge interest and needs to help guide him with vendor discussions.

### **Performance Reports Reminder**

Sam Christy-Dangermond stated the Performance Reports for AY19 are due back to her by July 1, 2020. There are still a few weeks before they are due, and she is available for questions at any time. Brad asked for clarification if the special Covid-19 funding changes will apply to these reports. Sam responded if BAASC approves the guidelines for new funding, the changes will apply only to the AY20 and AY21 reports.

### **New Business**

Brad stated SCOCAO membership will be finalized at the next KCIA meeting in June. This usually occurs in May but was postponed due to the pandemic. Brad noted KCIA will be compiling a current list of all institutional plans for the fall and he will email this out to SCOCAO. Brad thanked the Committee and staff for their work over the past year.

### **Adjournment**

David Cordle moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.