

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

The June 16, 2021 meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Co-Chair Erin Shaw at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was initially scheduled to be held in Topeka. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was held through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Shirley Lefever, WSU Chuck Taber, K-State Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Erin Shaw, Highland CC George Arasimowicz, ESU Howard Smith, PSU Jerry Pope, KCKCC	Corey Isbell, NCK Tech Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Karla Wiscombe Tara Lebar Marti Leisinger	Amy Robinson Cindy Farrier	Sam Christy-Dangermond April Henry
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Kim Morse, Washburn Luke Dowell, Seward CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC	Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Clay Stoldt, WSU Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Mindy Markham, K-State Rich Bomgardner, WSU	Brian Lindshield, KSDE Davood Askari, WSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Marc Malone, Garden City CC Mike Strohschein, Washburn Tech Robert Klein, KUMC

Co-Chair Erin Shaw welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters. Erin introduced the new officers for AY 22, her replacement for Highland CC, and the new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at ESU:

- Highland CC has reorganized. Sharon Kibbe will become Dean of Instruction and replace Erin Shaw as Highland's Chief Academic Officer contact. Lucas Hunziger will become Dean of Technical Education and take over all of the technical sides of HCC, including the TEA.
- George Arasimowicz has replaced David Cordle as ESU's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Mickey McCloud will be chair of KCIA and therefore, co-chair of SCOCAO next year.
- Michelle Schoon will be vice-chair of KCIA and replace Sarah Robb at SCOCAO next year.
- Aron Potter will replace Lori Winningham on SCOCAO next year.

**Approval of Minutes**

JuliAnn Mazachek moved to approve the May 19, 2021 meeting minutes, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

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

Linnea GlenMaye stated TAAC last met on June 9, where its two standing subcommittees presented reports. The Quality Assurance subcommittee presented its review of the 2020 Quality Assurance Report and discussed clarifications and additions for the 2021 Quality Assurance Report to be presented at the upcoming fall KCOG Conference. The Core Outcomes Subcommittee presented recommendations for revisions to the TAAC

Operating Procedures, and the full council will continue this work over the next month. Revisions will include clarifying procedures and adding new language providing procedure details for the new Transfer Kansas portal. The 2021 TAAC Communication Plan will be finalized very soon and includes information and resources for institutional marketing and messaging of seamless course transfer.

The CAOs entered their course information for the six new courses to be reviewed at the 2021 KCOG Conference, and TAAC may be seeking clarification from institutions that did not enter courses for inclusion in this process. TAAC clarified the three components of the process for creating Kansas Regents Shared Numbers (KRSN) in the Transfer Kansas portal:

1. The first step begins in May when CAOs submit course information for the upcoming KCOG in preliminary KRSN articulation.
2. The second step occurs in January after the KCOG and Board approval of the new SWT courses, CAOs certify the course information.
3. The third step occurs around March or April when the new courses are added to the Transfer Kansas portal and become effective the following summer.

### **Open Educational Resources (OER) Update**

Tara Lebar provided an OER update, including information from the Open Education Initiatives in Kansas Higher Education executive summary and report found at [https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/open-educational-resources/oer-across-institutions](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/open-educational-resources/oer-across-institutions). Dr. Brian Lindshield, OER Steering Committee Chair, was also available for questions. Tara provided an overview of why OER is an important initiative for students, and shared information about the OER Steering Committee and their activities this past year. The report summarized survey responses aimed to capture baseline data on OER initiatives in use across the KBOR system with the intention to use and measure impact in years to come. Participation in the survey was optional, and Tara noted 28 institutions responded (with KUMC counting in addition to KU). The survey results will help inform approaches, activities, and strategies as we seek to continue to support the growth and development of OER throughout the system. The council presented no questions.

### **Discuss AY 22 Meeting Modality**

The committee discussed what modality they would prefer to conduct our scheduled meetings for the upcoming academic year. It was noted KBOR would continue to provide a virtual option for Provosts to answer questions at Board meetings if needed. Members stated they have appreciated the virtual option but would also like an in-person option for those who may be asked to speak at the Board meeting and also to have social interactions. Members noted virtual meetings also create savings, and some prefer this modality. Members agreed a hybrid option would be best explored for future meetings.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting, and Corey Isbell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.