Kansas Board of Regents Academic Affairs Standing Committee

Tuesday, September 3, 2013 Conference Call MINUTES

The Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents met by Conference Call at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2013. This meeting had been properly noticed pursuant to the Kansas Open Meetings Law on August 27, 2013.

In Attendance:

Members: Regent Robba Moran Regent Mildred Edwards

Staff: Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Karla Wiscombe, Jacqueline Johnson, Crystal Puderbaugh, Rita Johnson, Renee Burlingham, Susan Fish, and Julene Miller

Others: Linda Fund, Kansas Association of Community College Trustees; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University; Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University; Brian Niehoff, Kansas State University; Randy Pembrook, Washburn University; Jennifer Brown, Northcentral Kansas Technical College; Marilyn Mahon, Manhattan Area Technical College; Mike Werle, University of Kansas Medical Center; Regena Lance, Fort Scott Community College; and Mike Vitale, Kansas City Kansas Community College

Meeting called to order at 11:07 a.m. without a quorum present.

Approve June 19, 2013 Minutes

Regent Moran authorized the minutes stand as written.

Consent Agenda

Act on Requests for Additional Degree Granting Authority for:

- Strayer University
- National American University
- Walden University
- Full Sail University

Act on Requests for Degree and Certificate Programs Submitted from Community Colleges and Technical Colleges for Manhattan Area Technical College

Regent Moran authorized placing the above listed consent agenda items on the September consent agenda of the Board of Regents as no questions or comments had been sent to her regarding the agenda items.

Discussion Agenda

Act on Requests for New Degree Granting Authority for Northcentral University

Jacqueline Johnson presented Northcentral University's request for new degree granting authority. Nortcentral University is accredited by the North Central Association of the Higher Learning Commission which is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Regent Moran authorized placing Northcentral University's request for new degree granting authority on the September discussion agenda of the Board of Regents.

Comments and Questions

Face-to-face Standing Committee Meeting

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee's face-to-face meeting will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

BAASC is interested in learning more about teacher preparation and wants to hear from the universities what they are doing well and what they are working on. At the September 18 meeting Robert Scott, Dean of Education at Fort Hays State University and Rick Ginsberg, Dean of Education at the University of Kansas, will make presentations to the Standing Committee. The other education deans are scheduled to make presentations later in the year.

Reciprocity

It was noted the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institutional Act will require revision if Kansas enters into the proposed State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). One consideration is how to address institutions in the states that do not enter into the proposed SARA.

It was noted that representatives of the Midwest Higher Education Commission and the National Board on Reciprocity will discuss the issue with the full Board of Regents at its September 18th meeting.

Academic Advising Report Update

The proposed academic advising policy language is on the System Council of Chief Academic Officers' September 18 agenda and it will be shared with the Student Advisory Committee. Then it will be taken to BAASC and/or Governance Committee.

Other Business

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.