

**APPROVED MINUTES  
KANSAS POSTSECONDARY  
TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY  
CONFERENCE CALL**

The September 26, 2013 meeting of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA) was held via conference call at the Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas.

**Members Present:**

Kathy Howell, Chair	Sheila Frahm
Eddie Estes, Vice Chair	Keith Meyers
Bruce Akin	Joe Glassman
Thomas Burke	Steve Kearney
Diane DeBacker	

**Members Absent:**

David Coleal  
Lana Gordon  
Connie Hubbell

**Others Represented**

Barton County Community College	Johnson County Community College
Butler County Community College	Kansas City Kansas Community College
Fort Scott Community College	Hutchinson Community College

The meeting was called to order by Chair Howell at 10:00 AM.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** Member Frahm moved to approve the minutes of August 22, 2013. Following a second by Member Burke, the motion carried.

**REPORTS**

**Chair's Report**

Chair Howell reported the 2013-2014 TEA Strategic Priorities document will be forwarded to TEA members for review and asked that members send any comments and/or suggested changes to staff in preparation for discussion at the October 31, 2013 meeting.

**Member Liaison Report**

Member Meyers reported the USD 497 School Board approved the change in location for the new technical education center on September 23, 2013 which was part of the bond issue approved in April 2013. The new technical education center will now be placed at 2920 Haskell Avenue in Lawrence instead of the Holcom Center. The next step will be the gifting of a portion of the land to the school district for the purpose of constructing the new center.

Member Akin reported touring the Technical Retraining to Achieve Credentials (TRAC-7) mobile labs at Washburn Institute of Technology on Tuesday, September 17, 2013 during the Trade Adjustment Assistance Community College and Career Training (TAACCCT) Grantee Conference.

Vice Chair Estes noted the TRAC-7 mobile labs will also be on display at the Topeka Capitol Plaza Manor Conference Center at the 2014 Kansas Workforce Summit January 23-24, 2014. Vice Chair Estes reported

attending the dedication ceremonies of the new Bob and Lou Peel Allied Health Center at Hutchinson Community College on September 14, 2013. He also attended the groundbreaking for the new men's dormitory at Dodge City Community College on September 20, 2013 which is scheduled for completion in July 2014.

### **Vice President for Workforce Development Report**

Vice President Flanders recognized and thanked Westar Energy for donating materials to erect a substation repair site near the wind turbines at Cloud County Community College (Cloud) and for a donation of \$50,000 in an endowed scholarship for the wind power program. Westar also donated \$20,000 in scholarships to pay for fees for high school students in the wind power program at Cloud.

Vice President Flanders congratulated Butler County Community College for a Department of Labor TAACCCT grant award of \$2.7 million for delivery of information technology education and training to eligible Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) workers, veterans and the long-term unemployed. The training will include Microsoft and Cisco certifications along with Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA) network certifications.

Vice President Flanders reported an outcome metrics webinar was held for the institutions on September 23, 2013 and noted progress has been made in data collections and common field definitions. He thanked the following colleges for nominating programs and participating in the outcome metrics pilot program: Coffeyville Community College, Colby Community College, Cowley College, Dodge City Community College, Independence Community College, Neosho Community College, Pratt Community College, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Salina Area Technical College, Seward County Community College and Washburn Institute of Technology

Vice President Flanders reported Kansas received national recognition of SB 155 and career technical education in the state with an article in the September 2013 issue of *Techniques*, a publication of the Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE). He recognized Lisa Beck, Associate Director for Career Technical Education with the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR), and Martin Kollman, Education Program Consultant with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE), and thanked them for writing and submitting the article.

Vice President Flanders reported a team from Jobs for the Future (JFF) met with KBOR staff and college staff in September and looked at the implementation of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) in the Kansas higher education system.

Vice President Flanders thanked the Kansas Department of Children and Families for their support of the Accelerating Opportunity Kansas (AO-K) initiative. The department will utilize \$1.7 million of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funds to support the education and technical training costs for qualified TANF recipients.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **Technical Program and Curriculum Committee**

After discussion and a thorough review of the application materials, the Technical Program and Curriculum Committee recommended the TEA approve the AAS degree and technical certificate in Natural Gas Compression Technology submitted by Seward County Community College and the technical certificate in Welding submitted by Fort Scott Community College as listed below and forward to KBOR for final approval.

- **Seward County Community College**  
Natural Gas Compression Technology (15.0903) - AAS degree/64 credit hours; Technical Certificate/47 credit hours
- **Fort Scott Community College**  
Welding (48.0508) - Technical Certificate/24 credit hours

**Motion:** Commissioner DeBacker moved to recommend the approval of the Natural Gas Compression Technology (15.0903) AAS degree at 64 credit hours and technical certificate at 47 credit hours submitted by Seward County Community College and the Welding technical certificate at 24 credit hours submitted by Fort Scott Community College and forward to KBOR for final approval. Following a second by Member Kearney, the motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### **Budget and Finance Committee Report**

Committee Chair Glassman reported the Budget and Finance Committee did not meet in September 2013 due to scheduling difficulties.

#### **Update on Board's FY 2015 Unified Appropriations Request**

Vice President Flanders reported that KBOR is supporting a request for an additional \$8 million for FY 2014 for the tiered technical education line-item appropriation for a total of \$66,300,961. KBOR is also communicating that the enrollments in the Governor's CTE Initiative (SB 155) are expected to double in the second year of the initiative, FY 2014, requiring an estimated additional \$15.250 million. Vice President Flanders noted additional written budget information was available in the meeting material documentation.

#### **State Innovative Technology Grant**

Director Beene reported an allocation of \$179,284 was received for the Kansas Technology Innovation and Internship program. This program was established to provide funds to career technical institutions for internships and start-up support for innovative technical courses or programs in emerging technologies, manufacturing or areas of skill shortages. Five proposals were submitted for the innovative technology grant and reviewed by a committee of KBOR and Commerce workforce staff. The following four grant fund proposals were recommended to the TEA for approval by the review committee.

- **\$46,808 Washburn Institute of Technology**  
Grant funds requested will support innovative use of technology with instructional cameras and an upgraded information technology infrastructure to run industry specific software. Instructional cameras will be used for students and instructors engaged in diagnostic or repair lessons with the demonstration viewed in real time on large TV screens in an adjoining classroom. The demonstrations will also be recorded and archived for student self evaluation and additional viewing as needed for reinforcement. The required business/industry match will be met through a donation of equipment and consultant and curriculum development services including Case instruction software by Victor L. Phillips and Case Construction valued at \$228,723.
- **\$35,000 North Central Kansas Technical College**  
Requested grant funds will support the purchase of an ABB IRB140, with Miller 300 torch and enclosure Robotic Welderjo. The robotic welder, required software and 50 licenses for RoboticStudio5 training are included in the purchase price. The welding instructor will attend a three-day Train the Trainer course by ABB to obtain programming and operating knowledge of the robotic welder. The programming software is consistent with CNC Machining and Milling equipment providing a seamless transition between components. The required business/industry match will be met through a \$35,000 donation of equipment from AGCO which is over fifty percent of the welder cost.
- **\$20,000 Pratt Community College**  
Requested grant funds will be used to purchase mobile equipment packs and computers for courses designed to teach technical audio, lighting and camera techniques required currently for live remote production crews. Students will be expected to organize and produce a live event through a partnership with Kiowa County Media Center. The business/industry match will be met through use of the Kiowa County Media Center facilities and studios as well as equipment and instructional technician support for a total of \$20,950. The Media Center facilities provide technology to support classroom instruction and

provide access to mobile studios designed to broadcast via public access systems and streaming live through web portals.

- **\$30,000 Seward County Community College**

Grant funds requested will support professional development of two Seward instructors for training and qualification as trainers for an industry developed course in Principles of Troubleshooting. The troubleshooting course, developed by Flight Safety International, is designed to teach technicians an advanced logical approach to solving system problems using the "Path of Influence" system and techniques. When trained, the two instructors will, in turn, train 20 additional Seward instructors to integrate this course and techniques into technical program areas. Flight Safety International will support this project for the required business/industry match by providing additional professional development opportunities valued at \$109,800. Through course audits and consultations the instructors will remain current and maintain their high level knowledge of the Principles of Troubleshooting course or additional Flight Safety training offerings.

**Motion:** Member Estes moved to approve the distribution of state innovative technology grant funds to Washburn Institute of Technology for \$46,808, North Central Kansas Technical College for \$35,000, Pratt Community College for \$20,000 and Seward County Community College for \$30,000. Following a second by Member Burke, the motion passed unanimously.

### **Marketing Committee Report**

Committee Chair Kearney reported the manufacturing video has been shot at Garmin and is currently in post production phase. The manufacturing video will be presented to the TEA on October 31, 2013. The aviation video shoot will be scheduled soon with Spirit Aerosystems.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Howell called for adjournment. The next TEA meeting is scheduled for October 31, 2013 at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully submitted by:  
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