

System Council of Chief Academic Officers Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

8:15 a.m.

Kathy Rupp Conference Room

Topeka, KS

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, Kansas Board of Regents, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas, at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

Members Present:

Jon Marshall, Allen County Community College	David Cordle, Emporia State University
Howard Smith for Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University	Larry Gould, Fort Hays State University
Marilyn Mahan, Manhattan Area Technical College	Jeffrey Vitter, University of Kansas
Randy Pembroke, Washburn University	April Mason, Kansas State University
Robert Klein, University of Kansas Med Center	Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University

Board Staff

Gary Alexander, Karla Wiscombe, Susan Fish, Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, and Rita Johnson

Others Present:

Kimberly Engber, Wichita State University; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Kim Krull, Butler Community College; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Alysia Johnston, Coffeyville Community College; Michael Ahern, Dodge City Community College; Peggy Forsberg, Highland Community College; Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson Community College; Duane Dunn, Seward County Community College; Tom Romig, Washburn University; Bill Rich, Washburn University; and Aida M Alaka, Washburn University

Approve Minutes of June 19, 2013 Meeting Minutes

April Mason moved, and Larry Gould seconded the motion, to approve the June 19, 2013 minutes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Transfer and Articulation Advisory Council (TAAC) Update

Karla Wiscombe gave a brief overview of the upcoming Core Outcomes Project meeting on the Kansas State University campus. The Core Outcomes Project needs a host for 2014.

TAAC will continue to work on improving transfer and articulation of courses system-wide, is developing a proposed quality assurance policy and additional courses will be included no later than January 2014. The Board has also directed TAAC to begin addressing transfer issues of academic disciplines and report on its progress.

Developmental Education Task Force

A study of developmental education in Kansas' higher education system, as part of the Board's proposed Strategic Goal One – Educational Attainment item number 3, will require a working group/task force to do the study and provide recommendations for redesigning developmental education across the system no later than June 2014. Gary Alexander and Susan Fish, Director of Adult Education, will work with the developmental education study. An email will be sent regarding nominations for membership of the working group/task force.

Concurrent Enrollment Policy

SCOCAO discussed the proposed changes to the concurrent enrollment policy. The two substantial changes involve the 24 semester credit hours and faculty qualifications.

Discussion followed and SCOCAO was asked to direct any comments or inputs to Gary Alexander.

Student Learning Assessment Update

Gary Alexander reminded the Council a report on undergraduate student learning assessment is due June 2014. Institutions need to report on the areas accepted by the Kansas Board of Regents providing the mechanisms and results at each institution.

System Perspective on Reverse Transfer

SCOCAO discussed reverse transfer as follows:

- Value of a system-wide approach
- Student waivers - obtained at the initial institution
- Student Advisory Council input on student waivers
- Improvement of tracking graduation and retention rates

Smarter Balanced Update

Gary Alexander provided a brief update:

- In the last year of the grant (ends 8/1/2014)
- Developing cut scores
- Importance of the assessment test

The Council was asked to give Gary Alexander any input or concerns.

Washburn University –A Master of Studies in Law (22.0201) – Informational Item

Randy Pembroke presented the proposed Washburn University Master of Studies in Law (22.0201). This is an informational item and does not require action.

Other Business

Tilford Conference

April Mason informed the Council that registration has begun for the October 21 and 22, 2013 Michael Tilford Conference at Emporia State University.

Kansas Prior Learning Assessment Project

The Kansas Prior Learning Assessment Project group has asked for representatives from the four-year institutions. Best practices need to be determined and academic areas have not been addressed.

Complete College Kansas

SCOCAO received a revised proposal on Complete College Kansas from Fort Hays State University. The Council will discuss this at its October 2013 meeting.

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.