

Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee Minutes

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013
10:00 a.m.**

**University of Kansas Medical Center
School of Nursing
Varnes Board Room
Kansas City, Kansas**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee met in the Varnes Board Room of the School of Nursing at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

Members Present: Robba Moran, Chair
Mildred Edwards
Tim Emert
Helen Van Etten

Board Staff: Gary Alexander, Karla Wiscombe, Susan Fish, Jacqueline Johnson, and Theresa Marcel Schwartz

Others Present: April Mason, Kansas State University; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Donna Lalonde, Washburn University; Ken Weaver, Emporia State University; and Sara Harris, Independence Community College

Approve November 5, 2013 Minutes

Tim Emert moved, and Helen Van Etten seconded the motion, to approve the November 5, 2013 Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee Conference Call minutes as submitted. Motion carried.

BAASC 13-05, Teacher Preparation

Emporia State University Education Dean, Ken Weaver, made a presentation regarding ESU's Education Program and Washburn University Education Department Interim Chair, Donna Lalonde, gave a presentation regarding Washburn University's Education Program. These presentations included information on what the institutions are doing well, innovations, how they respond to changing demographics, and how they incorporate the Common Core Standards.

BAASC 13-03, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA): Gary Alexander and Theresa Schwartz

Gary Alexander first gave an update on the SARA process:

- BAASC asked to recommend action to Board in December
 - MHEC considered SARA at its Nov. 17-18 Commission meeting
 - Two items provided in agenda materials:
 1. SARA Document
 2. Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions Standards for Distance Education
- Theresa Schwartz has been in electronic conversation with Jennifer Parks and Alan Contreras. Jennifer is regional coordinator for M-Sara, and Alan is Coordinator for NC-SARA, the national component of the process.
- Key points:
 1. Voluntary
 2. Goal of harmonizing four regional compacts

- 3. States do not pay fees, institutions do
- Key issues:
 - 1. Necessity to change statute
 - 2. Responsibility for complaints
- Possible recommendation to Board:
 - 1. Do nothing
 - 2. Seek revision of statute to enable participation in SARA
- Ultimately will need legislative support

Theresa Schwartz discussed the questions of language and terms currently in the draft agreement. These questions, conveyed by email, were answered by principal individuals involved in drafting and shepherding the agreement (Jenny Parks and Alan Contreras). Theresa's questions included seeking clarification concerning the duties and role that KBOR (the portal agency) would play in responding to out-of-state student complaints about schools. It was decided the written responses received from these sources would be forwarded onto BAASC members for their information and review. BAASC members will review this written information and decide about recommending legislative changes that would allow KBOR to participate in the SARA initiative, with the understanding that a change in state law will be necessary if KBOR wants to sign onto the agreement. Even if authorizing legislation is adopted and thereby granting the Board such authority, the Board is not obligated to join the SARA initiative.

Discussion will continue at the December BAASC and Board meeting.

BAASC 13-02, Transfer and Articulation

Karla Wiscombe informed the Standing Committee that next year's meeting of the Core Outcomes Group will be September 12, 2014, hosted by Johnson County Community College.

The Core Outcomes Committee is reviewing the core outcomes from the September 27th meeting and will make recommendations to the Board of Regents in January.

The quality assurance subcommittee developed an appeals process and the Transfer and Articulation Council reviewed it Thursday, October 17, 2013. Karla Wiscombe presented the proposed Kansas System-Wide Transfer Appeals Process to the Standing Committee for recommendation to the Board.

Regent Van Etten moved, and Regent Edwards seconded the motion, to recommend placing the Kansas System-Wide Transfer Appeals Process, with a Quality Assurance Report to be included, on the December Board agenda. Motion carried.

BAASC 13-04, Developmental Education Update

Susan Fish gave an update on the progress of the Developmental Education Working Group.

At the initial meeting on October 29th, the Developmental Education Working Group discussed current innovations being implemented in Kansas and reviewed their plan of work. They will work in subgroups to discuss strategies for math, reading, writing, and advising, placement, and support services. The group will meet for the second time on Friday, November 22.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

Regent Moran adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.