

System Council of Chief Academic Officers Minutes

Wednesday, N, 2013

8:15 a.m.

Varnes Board Room

School of Nursing

University of Kansas Medical Center

Kansas City, KS

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Varnes Board Room, School of Nursing, at the University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City, Kansas, at 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013.

Members Present:

Karla Fisher, Butler Community College
David Cordle, Emporia State University
Lynette Olson, Pittsburg State University
Chris Crawford, Fort Hays State University
Tony Vizzini, Wichita State University

Robert Klein, University of Kansas Med Center
Jeffrey Vitter, University of Kansas
Randy Pembroke, Washburn University
April Mason, Kansas State University
Sara Harris, Independence Community College

Board Staff

Gary Alexander, Karla Wiscombe, Susan Fish, Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, Theresa Schwartz, Zoe Thompson, and Kirk Haskins

Others Present:

Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Mike Ahern, Dodge City Community College; Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson Community College; Penny Quinn, Barton County Community College; Mike Calvert, Pratt Community College; Meg McGranaghan, Butler Community College; and Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College

Approve Minutes of October 16, 2013 Meeting Minutes

David Cordle moved, and April Mason seconded the motion, to approve the October 16, 2013 minutes with the amendment to add Sara Harris, Independence Community College as the KCIA representative to SCOCOA. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Prior Learning

Zoe Thompson presented information concerning Prior Learning Assessment.

- There is nationwide interest in credit for prior learning
 - Effectiveness
 - Standards
 - Practices
- Multiple reasons for the interest
 - Diverse learners – their needs, demographics are different
 - Economic pressures – higher skills required for new economy
 - Pressures for college completion
 - Persistence
 - Retention

- Graduation
- Foresight 2020 goal – 60% of Kansas with postsecondary credentials
- Kansas Prior Learning Assessment Project
 - August – preliminary survey
 - September – Steering Committee face to face meeting
 - wants to build consensus around quality and standard practices
 - identified 3 areas where variability was wide and wanted quality standards
 - 3 chairs and subgroups established
 - Next steps
 - Subgroups meet
 - Evaluate best practices and standards
 - Use other state guidebooks as sample
 - Come to consensus and make recommendations
- After consensus by the Steering Committee
 - Guidebook will go through approval process
 - Evaluation tools
 - Revision timeline

Karla Fisher asked Zoe Thompson to report back to SCOCOA at its February 2014 meeting..

Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update

Karla Wiscombe informed SCOCOA 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 has developed an appeals process and the Transfer and Articulation Council reviewed it Thursday, October 17, 2013. Karla Wiscombe will present the proposed Kansas System-Wide Transfer Appeals Process to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee for recommendation to the Board.

Developmental Education Task Force 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.

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Update

Gary Alexander shared with the Council that the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee will discuss the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement today. The Standing Committee will review the general principles, goals and mechanisms of the agreement.

Concurrent Enrollment Faculty

Gary Alexander advised SCOCOA the proposed revision to the KBOR Concurrent Enrollment Policy will be presented to the System Council of Presidents today. The System Council will discuss and make a recommendation to the Governance Committee.

Student Learning Outcomes Reporting

Gary Alexander shared the draft format for campus reports on the Assessment of Student Learning. The institutions will provide an updated report on what each institution is currently doing for assessment of student learning.

Statewide Reverse Transfer Agreement

Karla Fisher gave a brief update concerning a statewide reverse transfer agreement. It was noted at the October 16 System Council of Presidents that President Shonrock and President Heilman will take the comments and develop a draft proposal.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.