2014 Kansas Board of Regents Data Quality and Planning Conference
– Tentative Agenda –

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Introduction to KHEDS and Navigating the DRP Website

This newcomer's session will focus on introducing the attendees to the Kansas Higher Education Data System (KHEDS). The basics of the collections will be discussed as well as how the collections are related and how the data is used. The session will include a demonstration on navigating the DRP website. Attendees are encouraged to bring their laptops and follow along.

9:35 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – KHEDS: Updates, Resources and Best Practices

This session will focus on updates to the KHEDS collections. Frequently asked questions will be discussed and participants will have an opportunity to ask additional questions about any of the KHEDS collections. Best practices and resources available to aid institutions in their data submissions will also be reviewed.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Networking Break

10:30 a.m. - 11:10 a.m. – Student Financing Module

NCHEMS and SHEEO list the collection of student-level financing data as one of the fifteen essential characteristics of an ideal postsecondary data system. Two years ago, KBOR staff set about to design new components for the AY (Academic Year) collection to meet that need. For the past year, we have worked through the pilot collection of student-level financing data in our Student Financing Module (SFM). This session reflects on lessons learned over the past year, sets the stage for the first year of reportable data, and strongly encourages open discussion of any lingering questions.

11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – IPEDS: New Collections and Updates

This session will include a review of the changes that NCES has made to the 2014-15 IPEDS data collections as well as changes approved for the 2015-16 collection cycle. This presentation will include discussion on the new Outcome Measures survey and resources available to aid institutions in completing the collection.

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. – Lunch/ Welcome

Dr. Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents President and CEO, and Regent Kenny Wilk, Kansas Board of Regents Vice Chairman will welcome attendees.

1:30 p.m. - 2:20 p.m. – KHERS: Business Intelligence Methods that Report, Transform, and Protect

This session brings together three topics under the KHERS (Kansas Higher Education Reporting System) umbrella. First, we will explore how the data you submit to KBOR is available to the public in an easy and intuitive manner. Next we spend time examining the set of reports comprising KHEER (Kansas Higher Education Enrollment Report) and consider the transformation of these reports from the perspective of KHERS. Finally, we discuss a methodology for protecting information from disclosure at the identifiable individual person level.

2:20 p.m. - 3:10 p.m. – Update on Kansas Board of Regents Data Initiatives and Special Projects

This session will include updates on several projects currently under development by the Kansas Board of Regents. Details will be shared concerning changes to the Kansas Board of Regents Data Book for 2015 and 2016. The presentation will discuss the status of collecting licensure and credentialing data from Kansas state agencies for use in matching with student data. Participants will also get to hear an update on the work of the Kansas Board of Regents Prior Learning Assessment Steering Committee.

3:10 p.m. - 3:25 p.m. – Networking Break

Dessert will be available.

3:25 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. – Communications and Government Relations Review

Breeze Richardson, KBOR Associate Director of Communications and Government Relations, will provide an overview of actions by the 2014 Kansas Legislature which impact higher education, review anticipated interim activity, and highlight data, charts, and reports being used with this key audience which are all publically available on www.kansasregents.org. In addition, Breeze will review other communication resources available on our website, addressing course transfer, Qualified Admissions, and special initiatives such as AO-K, and much more.

Registration and continental breakfast will begin at 8:00 a.m. on both days

More conference information including future agenda updates, lodging information and the online registration form can be found at:

http://www.kansasregents.org/2014_data_conference

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8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Federal Grant Management and the New Super Circular
This session will be conducted by Michael Brustein, who is a nationally recognized authority on federal education grants management. The three hour session will focus on the requirements of the Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) and OMB Circular on Costs and Audits.

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. – Term Collections
This session is designed to examine the extent to which converting to a term collection might bring consistency among layouts and streamline duplicative reporting among multiple collections such as the Fall Collection, SB155, A-OK/TANF, KHEER, and the Data Book. The audience will be asked to participate in the discussion during this moderated session.

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – Changing Developmental Education in Kansas: The Report from the Developmental Education Working Group
The Board of Regents asked a Working Group of faculty and administrators to assess the level and types of remedial education at state community and technical colleges. They were asked to make recommendations about state level policy and actions to promote effective remediation, strategies to be implemented at individual institutions, and appropriate state level goals and local performance measures for developmental education. This session will review the report and the recommendations made to the Board.

9:30 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. – Course Inventory/Transfer Portal - Universities
Maintaining a system wide course inventory is necessary to support metrics that will assess the quality of course articulation. Metrics have been requested which measure success in subsequent coursework not only for transfer articulation, but also credit for prior learning, developmental credit, and gateway courses. This meeting is designed to examine a process by which universities can upload course inventory data that could support metrics and a transfer portal.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. – Networking Break

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. – Research Presentations: Your Data in Action
Researchers describe and discuss recent studies. Topics to be included in this session are, the relationship between the location of instruction for general education courses and the success of students; and an examination of post-secondary graduates' earnings and the likelihood of graduates working in relevant occupational fields. You will not want to miss the opportunity to learn first-hand how our data is utilized for policy and decision-making, while impacting the evolution of Kansas institutions into an even more remarkable educational delivery system.

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – Kansas Institutional Research Officers (KIRO) - Universities
This university committee will hold its biannual meeting at the conference. Discussion is generally specific to university issues, and the KIRO Chairperson sets the agenda. Decisions are restricted to the committee, but others are welcome to observe the conversation.

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. – Policy and Data Issues Pertaining to Academic Affairs
Academic Affairs staff will discuss key academic policy areas that rely on campus data collection and reporting. Particular attention will be paid to: changes in program review reporting, concurrent enrollment, qualified admissions, transfer, including reverse transfer, and the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Other areas that may be considered include: prior learning assessment, reporting on student success plans, and assessment of student learning.

1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. – Big Changes are Coming: EDGAR, Super Circular, and Grant Management on Your Campus
This session will cover updates in managing the Carl D. Perkins grant awards, the new OMB Super Circular, and how the new regulations will apply to all federal grants. Anyone who manages Perkins or federal grants (coordinators, finance, business office, etc.) will benefit from the information shared in this presentation.

2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. – The Workforce Development (WFD) Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Guide
This session will introduce the WFD O&M guide. This guide book has been developed based on frequently asked questions, and is a resource for the KHEDS system as well as the associated management of programs (program change forms, etc.). Tips for troubleshooting during data collections, explanations of WFD and KHEDS generated reporting (KTIP, Course Funding Eligibility, etc.) and best practices for database management are included.

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Networking Break
Dessert will be available.

3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – WFD Reporting Management and Funding
This session will review reports available for funding distributions and provide the background on how the reports are developed. Best practices for verifying data for funding purposes will also be reviewed, and applicable updates on programs such as AO-K, Workforce AID, and SB155 will be discussed.