

Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 12, 2014

10:30 a.m.

**Kathy Rupp Conference Room
Kansas Board of Regents
Topeka, Kansas**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room of the Kansas Board of Regents, Topeka, Kansas, at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2014.

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

Board Staff: Gary Alexander, Karla Wiscombe, Susan Fish, Jacqueline Johnson, and Jean Redeker

Others Present: Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Lynette Olsen, Pittsburg State University; Steve Scott, Pittsburg State University; and Pawan Kahal, Pittsburg State University

Approve January 28, 2014 Minutes

Regent Emert moved, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion, to approve the January 28, 2014 Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee Conference Call minutes revised to change “consent agenda” to “discussion agenda” for the Approval of Courses for System Wide Transfer. Motion carried.

BAASC 13-03, SARA Update on MHEC/SARA Conference Call – Gary Alexander

Due to inclement weather, Gary Alexander, Jacqueline Johnson and Sue Maes were unable to attend the Midwest Higher Education Commission’s (MHEC) State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Meeting on January 10, 2014. They participated in a conference call with Jennifer Parks in which Ms. Parks provided them with an overview of the conference. It was noted most MHEC States are involved with SARA.

The following individuals testified in support of HB2544 (SARA): Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents; Sue Maes, Kansas State University; and Matt Lindsey, President of the Kansas Independent College Association and Fund. The House Appropriations Committee passed out the bill on Monday.

BAASC asked for a copy of House Bill 2544.

BAASC 13-02, Transfer and Articulation: Update – Karla Wiscombe and Gary Alexander

Karla Wiscombe updated BAASC concerning the Transfer and Articulation Council. Fourteen new courses are on the Thursday Board agenda which upon approval will bring the total number of transfer courses to forty-six.

TAAC's quality control work is in progress. Research for tracking transfer student outcomes continues. When the tracking system is in place, the Transfer and Articulation Council will report to BAASC.

BAASC 13-04, Developmental Education Update – Susan Fish and Gary Alexander

Susan Fish provided a developmental education update to the Standing Committee. The Developmental Education Working Group is discussing how to select which strategies to use and how to measure it. The math and advising subgroups reported at its January 31st meeting. The reading and writing subgroup will report at the next meeting. Establishing strategies to facilitate developmental education is an enormous task. The Group has asked the institutions' chief academic officers to complete a survey of innovative developmental education strategies they are using.

BAASC expressed its appreciation to Susan Fish and the Working Group for all of the work being done on developmental education.

Discussion Item**Doctoral Level Nursing Program at Pittsburg State University - Gary Alexander**

Gary Alexander clarified the discussion is about doctoral education at comprehensive universities and not specifically about the Pittsburg State University's Doctorate of Nursing Practice. In January the Board of Regents approved Pittsburg State University's request to propose a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

BAASC was asked to review the role of doctoral education at comprehensive universities in context of institutional mission.

The Kansas Board of Regents revised its policy to allow doctoral degrees at comprehensive universities under exceptional circumstances in May 1993.

Discussion followed:

- Mission focus is critical
- Impact of accrediting bodies is necessary
- Viability of a program
- Clinical doctoral degrees versus Ph.D. degrees

BAASC asked for information on the differences between clinical doctoral and Ph.D. degrees be provided to the Board.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.