Council of Chief Academic Officers

Wednesday, March 12, 2014
9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Or upon adjournment of SCOCAO
Kathy Rupp Conference Room
Kansas Board of Regents
Topeka, Kansas
and reconvene at 11:30 a.m.
Paisano's Restaurant
4043 SW 10th Street
Topeka, Kansas

MINUTES

The Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, Kansas Board of Regents, Topeka, Kansas at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 and reconvened at 11:30 a.m. at Paisano's Restaurant.

Members Present:

Chris Crawford Interim Provost, FHSU Jeffrey S. Vitter, Provost and EVC, KU April Mason, Provost, KSU Lynette Olson, Provost, PSU David Cordle, Provost, ESU Tony Vizzini, VPAA, WSU Randy Pembrook, Washburn U

Staff Present:

Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Jacqueline Johnson, and Karla Wiscombe

Others Present:

Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; Sheryl Lidzy, Emporia State University; Manjula Shinge, Emporia State University; Justin Honey, Pittsburg State University; Jeff Briggs, Fort Hays State University; Stephen Donnelly, Fort Hays State University; and Mike Calvert, Pratt Community College

Approve Minutes of February 12, 2014

Lynette Olson moved, and Jeff Vitter seconded the motion, to approve the February 12, 2014 minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

New Program Requests

FHSU - Request Approval for a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (CIP 51.9999) SECOND READING

Dr. Jeff Briggs, Dean of the College of Health and Life Sciences at Fort Hays State University, provided a brief overview of the proposed program.

Lynette Olson moved, and April Mason seconded the motion, to recommend approval for Fort Hays State University's Bachelor of Science in Health Studies (CIP 51.9999) to be placed on the Council of Presidents' April agenda. Motion carried.

PSU - Request Approval for a Bachelor of Science in Polymer Chemistry (CIP 40.0507) SECOND READING

Tony Vizzini moved, and Chris Crawford seconded the motion, to recommend approval for Pittsburg State University's Bachelor of Science in Polymer Chemistry (CIP 40.0507) to be placed on the Council of Presidents' April agenda. Motion carried.

Program Requests

KSU - Request Approval to Change the Name of the Division of Continuing Education to Kansas State University Global Campus

Tony Vizzini moved, and Lynette Olson seconded the motion, to approve Kansas State University's request for approval to change the name of the Division of Continuing Education to Kansas State University Global Campus. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items

FHSU – Three tracks in the Master of Professional Studies as follows: (1) Music (Composition) (2) Organizational Leadership and (3) Criminal Justice

PSU - Eliminating Education Specialist in Counseling

The above listed items are informational and no action is required.

Other Business

Tilford Conference Planning Committee – Sheryl Lidzy

Sheryl Lidzy reported on the Tilford Planning Committee's meeting:

- The 2014 Tilford Conference Dates are October 20th and 21st
- The conference theme is focused on transformation of curriculum
- This is the 20th anniversary of the Tilford Conference
- Potential Speaker Steve L. Robbins, author "What If?: Short Stories to Spark Diversity Dialogue"
- Conference Budget
 - o Research Institutions \$6,000 each
 - o Regional Institutions \$3,000 each
 - o Speaker Fee \$8,000
 - Seek additional funding from other sources
 - o Research the possibility of establishing an endowment

COCAO, by consensus, authorized the Planning Committee to have a maximum speaker fee of no more than \$8,000.

Board staff will look into the legality of establishing an endowment fund for the Tilford Conference.

Qualified Admissions – Effective Fall 2015

COCAO discussed some of the issues regarding the new Qualified Admissions regulations effective Summer 2015:

- Registrars are concerned with appropriately processing student applications
- Students self-reporting completion
- Exceptions window numbers are a concern

At the upcoming State ACT conference, there will a session on transcripts and how students qualify for admission.

Academic Calendars

COCAO asked for clarification of Board meeting dates and revision of academic calendar policy language to be specific concerning Spring Break dates. Board staff will look into the possibility of revising the policy.

The Council of Chief Academic Officers recessed until 11:30 a.m. at Paisano's Restaurant to celebrate Larry Gould's many years of service on the Council of Chief Academic Officers.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Sincerely,
David Cordle
Provost
Emporia State University