

## **Council of Chief Academic Officers**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2014**

**9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

**Or upon adjournment of SCOCOA**

**Kathy Rupp Conference Room**

**Kansas Board of Regents**

**and reconvene at Noon**

**Kathy Rupp Conference Room**

### **MINUTES**

The Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, Kansas Board of Regents, Topeka, Kansas at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 and reconvened at noon in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room.

#### **Members Present:**

Chris Crawford Interim Provost, FHSU  
Jeffrey S. Vitter, Provost and EVC, KU  
Ruth Dyer for April Mason, Provost, KSU  
Lynette Olson, Provost, PSU

David Cordle, Provost, ESU  
Tony Vizzini, VPAA, WSU  
Randy Pembroke, Washburn U  
Robert Klein, VCAA, KU Med Ctr

#### **Staff Present:**

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

#### **Others Present:**

Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Kimberly Engber, Wichita State University; and John Ferraro, University of Kansas Medical Center

#### **Approve Minutes of March 12, 2014**

Tony Vizzini moved, and Chris Crawford seconded the motion, to approve the March 12, 2014 minutes as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Program Requests**

##### **KUMC - Request Approval for a Clinical Doctorate in Speech-Language Pathology (CIP 51.0203) SECOND READING**

Jeff Vitter moved, and Chris Crawford seconded the motion, to recommend approval for the University of Kansas Medical Center's Clinical Doctorate in Speech-Language Pathology (CIP 51.0203) to be placed on the Council of Presidents' agenda. Motion carried.

Jeff Vitter moved, and Lynette Olson seconded the motion, to expedite the new program approval process by taking the University of Kansas Medical Center's Clinical Doctorate in Speech-Language Pathology (CIP 51.0203) to the Council of Presidents today. Motion carried.

##### **WSU - Request Approval for an Honors Baccalaureate (CIP 30.9999) FIRST READING**

Wichita State University's request for approval for an Honors Baccalaureate (CIP 30.9999) is on the agenda for First Reading. Kimberly Engber, Wichita State University, was present to answer any

questions. If anyone has input/concerns, please send them to Tony Vizzini prior to the May 2014 meeting.

Wichita State University's Honors Baccalaureate will be on the May COCAO agenda for second reading. If unanimously approved by COCAO, Tony Vizzini requests expediting the proposed degree to the Council of Presidents on the same day.

### **Program Requests**

#### **ESU - Request Approval to Change the Name of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Economics to the Department of Mathematics and Economics**

Lynette Olson moved, and Jeff Vitter seconded the motion, to approve Emporia State University's request for approval to change the name of the Department of Mathematics, Computer Science, and Economics to the Department of Mathematics and Economics. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Informational Item**

#### **PSU - New Technical Teacher Education Certificate**

The above listed item is informational and no action is required.

### **Discussion**

#### **Amend Board Policy on Process for Approval of New Academic Programs**

Gary Alexander presented the proposed amendment of the Board policy for the Process for Approval of New Academic Programs.

Tony Vizzini moved, and Lynette Olson seconded the motion, to endorse the amendment of the Process for Approval of New Academic Programs. Motion carried.

### **Qualified Admissions Standards**

Jean Redeker presented a review of Qualified Admissions Requirements as follows:

Beginning in summer 2015, applicants to state universities must have completed a precollege curriculum as one requirement for admission. Kansas residents may satisfy this requirement by completing either the Qualified Admissions Curriculum or the KS Scholars Curriculum with a 2.0GPA. Nonresidents may satisfy the precollege curriculum requirement by completing his or her home state's curriculum requirements with at least a 2.5 GPA.

Some university presidents have expressed concern about the possibility of losing significant numbers of new freshmen when the new requirements become operative. Staff was therefore asked to review the Qualified Admissions regulations to determine if solutions exist for dealing with such an eventuality.

Staff focused efforts on high school students who will have completed most, though not all, of the precollege curriculum requirements. The following solutions exist in regulation for students with some precollege curriculum deficiencies:

- Several regulations allow students to use college credit courses to meet QA curriculum requirements, whether taken during high school or after graduation.
- Board staff can approve courses to count toward precollege curriculum requirements if those courses are not on the officially approved list.
- For residents who did not attend a Kansas high school all four years, regulation 88-29a-18 provides for functional equivalents to the required curriculum.

- For nonresidents, regulation 88-29a-19 allows admissions officers to determine the adequacy of the curriculum in the state where the student attended high school, though the curriculum must be as rigorous as KBOR's. It also establishes meeting all four ACT college readiness benchmarks is equivalent to the precollege curriculum for nonresidents.

A detailed analysis of the regulations was attached to the memo provided by Jean Redeker.

Discussion followed:

- There are four exceptions windows
- Concern about unintentional consequences with the new standards

### **Concurrent Enrollment: Communicating the Rules**

The Council discussed the recent revision of the concurrent enrollment faculty qualifications.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

Lynette Olson moved, and Jeff Vitter seconded the motion, to recess until noon. Motion carried.

COCAO reconvene at 12:25 p.m. in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room.

### **University Press of Kansas – Board of Trustees**

The University Press of Kansas Board of Trustees received a report from Charles Myers, Director of the University Press of Kansas. The Press is making good progress converting files for new books and e-books. A website designer has been hired and if possible, a new website with a shopping cart option will be launched in June. These initiatives will facilitate the sale of more books and reach a larger audience. Mr. Myers provided a summary of the sales and signings in FY 13 and the first three quarters of FY 14, publicity at the Press, awards, and prizes. He included costs and forecast for FY15 and provided the University Press of Kansas Operating Statement.

The Board of Trustees expressed their appreciation of the UPK presentation and budget materials. They will review the materials and take action on the request for an increase in contributions at its May meeting.

April Mason moved, and Jeff Vitter seconded the motion, to accept the University Press of Kansas report. Motion carried.

Tony Vizzini moved, and Lynette Olson seconded the motion, to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Sincerely,  
David Cordle  
Provost  
Emporia State University