

System Council of Chief Academic Officers Minutes

Wednesday, April 16, 2014

8:45 a.m.

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

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, Kansas Board of Regents, Topeka, Kansas, at 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2014.

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers immediately recessed until 9:30 a.m. or at the conclusion of the Governance Committee's discussion of the social media policy.

SCOCAO reconvened at 9:40 a.m. in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, Kansas Board of Regents office.

Members Present:

Jon Marshall, Allen County 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 Medical Ctr
Jeffrey Vitter, University of Kansas
Randy Pembroke, Washburn University
Marilyn Mahan, Manhattan Area Technical College

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Gary Alexander, Jean Redeker, Karla Wiscombe, Susan Fish, Jacqueline Johnson, Blake Flanders, Zoe Thompson, Kathy Hund, and Cynthia Farrier

Others Present:

Rick Muma, Wichita State University; Kimberly Engber, Wichita State University; Sara Rosen, University of Kansas; Ruth Dyer, Kansas State University; Sue Maes, Kansas State University; John Ferraro, University of Kansas Medical Center; Gillian Gablemann, Washburn Institute of Technology; Andy Anderson, Johnson County Community College; Steve Vacik, Colby Community College; Duane Dunn, Seward County Community College; Brenda Chatfield, Northwest Kansas Technical College; Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Technical College; and Penny Quinn, Barton County Community College

Approve Minutes of March 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes

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

Updates

Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update

Karla Wiscombe updated SCOCAO regarding the status of the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC). The Quality Assurance sub-committee met Tuesday, April 15 and will report to TAAC tomorrow. TAAC will continue its work on quality assurance and the related data report. TAAC will make recommendations regarding future transfer courses to be reviewed at its fall September 12th meeting. Breeze Richardson will meet again with TAAC regarding its website and marketing methods.

Developmental Education Working Group Update

Susan Fish gave SCOCAO an update of the Developmental Education Working Group. The working group met on March 25th at Flint Hills Technical College and is on target for reporting to the Board. The next meeting is on May 2nd. The working group will hear reviews from several academic officers who have agreed to comment on the draft report. It is the last meeting prior to presenting the report to the Board.

Prior Learning Assessment – Zoe Thompson

Zoe Thompson, Kathy Hund, Cynthia Farrier, Karla Wiscombe, Sue Maes, Andy Anderson, and Brenda Chatfield were present representing the steering committee. Kathy Hund gave a brief overview of the draft guidebook, “Credit for Prior Learning: Suggested Standards for Policy and Practice for Kansas Public Colleges and Universities.”

The draft of the guidebook represents expertise and advice from the field and incorporates standard best practices from Council from Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL). Academic Officers were asked to provide feedback to Vice President Alexander.

Sue Maes, Andy Anderson and Brenda Chatfield provided the following:

- There is little uniformity across the system regarding credit for prior learning
- Students need to have accessibility on campuses for obtaining credit for prior learning
- Credit for prior learning needs to be transparent across the system
 - What are the policies and procedures
 - How and why credit is awarded
 - How credit is reported
- National Trends on credit for prior learning reference:
 - CAEL and
 - American Council on Education (ACE)

SCOCAO provided feedback and input regarding the draft guidebook as follows:

- Need clarification on implementing credit for prior learning
- Assessment
 - Type of assessment
 - Cost of assessing
- The “accepting” institution will be responsible for verifying the quality of the credit
- Transcripts should reflect credit for prior learning
- Timeline

Credit for prior learning will be discussed at the May SCOCAO agenda.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Lynette Olson moved, and Penny Quinn seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.