

**Kansas Board of Regents
Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee**

**MINUTES
Monday, December 2, 2019**

The December 2, 2019, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Schmidt at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held by conference call.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Schmidt, Chair Regent Van Etten	Regent Harrison-Lee	Regent Kiblinger
Staff:	Daniel Archer Erin Wolfram	Karla Wiscombe Julene Miller	Samantha Christy-Dangermond Amy Robinson
Institutions:	Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Howard Smith, PSU Mark Allen, Independence CC	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Brian Neihoff, KSU Linnea Glenmayer, WSU Scott Lucas, WSU Tech	Jean Redeker, KU Jide Wintoki, KU Dave Cook, KU

Regent Schmidt welcomed everyone and roll call was taken.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Van Etten made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting. Regent Kiblinger seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

- The Committee had seven items up for consent to send to the full Board for approval. Regent Schmidt stated they would cover each item and, unless there is a reason to pull one out, approve them at the same time. Daniel Archer listed the below items and allowed for time after each one for questions to institutional representatives.
 1. KU (Edwards Campus) Act on Creation of School of Professional Studies
 2. KU Requests Approval for a Master of Science in Business Analytics
 3. ESU Requests Approval for a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Ethnic, Gender, and Identity Studies
 4. KSU Requests Approval for Associate in Applied Science in Aviation maintenance
 5. KSU Requests Approval for Associate in Applied Science in Professional Pilot
 6. KSU Requests Approval for Master of Industrial Design
 7. KUMC Requests Approval for Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Science

Regent Schmidt asked for an overview of the ESU degree. No one was present on the call from ESU, so Samantha Christy-Dangermond provided a proposal overview. Regent Schmidt asked if other universities have similar programs. Sam responded that KU does, and others may as well. Regent Van Etten asked if it's a combination of programs. Daniel responded that they are combining faculty with different expertise, so it has a cross-disciplined structure. Regent Schmidt questioned if this program leads to a master's degree and asked what type of careers this degree is associated with. Sam responded that she could not address that specific question, and Daniel noted that he would not want to speak on behalf of the institution. ESU did not have a representative on the call to address these questions. Brian Niehoff, Kansas State University, responded that they have a bachelor's degree in Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies. He noted that these

students prepare themselves for graduate work, community service agency directorships, child welfare and crisis center workers, and a variety of other career titles.

Regent Van Etten asked if the KUMC BS in Respiratory Care is separate from the BS in Diagnostic Science. Sam responded as no one was present on the call from KUMC. She stated the proposal has three specializations, some of which have more than one track within the specialization. Staff will follow up with the Committee on this question after consulting with someone from KUMC.

Regent Kiblinger questioned if projected enrollment and revenue from new programs are tracked. She discussed she would like to know if the projected enrollment and generated revenues from the proposals are accurate and how closely the expectations of program success is achieved. Daniel responded that enrollment numbers are tracked, and there is a program review process every eight years. It was noted that projected revenue is not currently tracked.

Regent Kiblinger made a motion to approve the seven requests be placed on the Boards consent agenda. Regent Van Etten seconded the motion and the motion passed.

- Karla Wiscombe provided information on the request for approval of the nine new courses for System Wide Transfer (SWT). Karla stated the courses were reviewed by faculty, the faculty wrote outcomes, and the outcomes were presented to the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC). TAAC is recommending them to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC), and BAASC will send them to the full Board for inclusion in the SWT Course Matrix.

Regent Schmidt asked how many courses this brings Kansas to and how many programs these courses apply to. Karla stated that if the 9 courses are approved by the Board, the total will be 100. All SWT courses transfer seamlessly to all institutions offering equivalent courses. Regent Schmidt asked how many institutions offered the 9 courses. Karla offered to send the reports from the 9 new courses to the Committee so they can see which institutions currently offer the courses.

Regent Harrison-Lee made a motion to approve the nine courses be placed on the Boards' discussion agenda for SWT approval. Regent Kiblinger seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Performance Reports

- At the November 20, 2019 meeting the Committee heard the case for Independence Community College to move up a funding tier based off their AY 2018 performance report for indicator #1. The Committee asked for further information on faculty turnover and possible reasons for data variances on indicators #3 and #4.

Mark Allen, Independence Community College, provided follow up and clarification on the Committee's previous questions. Mark discussed faculty turnover and noted that if they had retained two more students, they would have met the goal for indicator #1. Mark discussed how the elimination of certain sports affected their retention rates and how faculty leaving affected recruiting and retention. Mark discussed the variance in number from indicator #3 and #4. He discussed these numbers with their Director of Student Services Programs, and she also indicated that the loss of high retention athletic programs and key faculty would have contributed to the lower numbers. He noted that they are working on increasing these numbers.

Regent Schmidt questioned if they investigated the possibility of errors in the way they gather data, such as a change in the process of gathering. Mark Allen indicated he had discussed this with their IT person, but since she is relatively new, she couldn't verify how the data was gathered or reported.

No further questions were presented to the Committee. Regent Van Etten motioned to move Independence Community College to the next funding tier. No second was provided by the Committee so this motion failed.

Regent Kiblinger discussed her concerns with their retention rates. She stated she is not sure there is a deep understanding of what caused the decrease and noted that understanding the specific reasons is important to the long-term vitality and viability of an institution. Regent Kiblinger made a motion to leave Independence Community College at the 90% funding level. Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Adjournment

Regent Kiblinger moved to adjourn the meeting. Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion and the motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.