

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

**MINUTES  
Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

The May 4, 2020 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Schmidt at 11:02 a.m. The meeting was held by Zoom and live streamed for the public.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Regent Schmidt, Chair Regent Kiblinger	Regent Harrison-Lee	Regent Van Etten
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson Travis White	Karla Wiscombe Erin Wolfram	Samantha Christy-Dangermond Steve Funk
Others:	Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Michael McCloud, JCCC Brian Niehoff, K-State Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Matt Schuette, KUMC Mark Allen, Independence CC	Lori Winningham, Butler CC Joe McCann, Seward County CC Jean Redeker, KU Robert Klein, KUMC Mike Werle, KUMC Jerry Johnson, K-State Monette DePew, Pratt CC	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Howard Smith, PSU Jerry Pope, NCKTC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Rick Muma, WSU

**Approval of Minutes**

Regent Harrison-Lee moved to approve the March 30, 2020 meeting minutes, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

**Consent Agenda**

- PSU is requesting approval of a BSE in Early Childhood Unified: Birth through Kindergarten. Howard Smith stated they are modifying a former degree that was within both Family and Consumer Science and Elementary Education. They no longer have a need for the full scope of that program, so Family and Consumer Science is remaking the program to concentrate on birth through kindergarten. The Elementary Education degree was redesigned a few years ago.

Regent Kiblinger moved to approve the PSU request for a BSE in Early Childhood Unified: Birth through Kindergarten. Regent Harrison-Lee seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

- K-State is requesting approval of an EdD in Community College Leadership. Brian Niehoff stated this will be a new program at K-State but noted similar community college leadership programs have been offered at the University of Texas and National American University. Many community college presidents, officers, and provosts have completed these programs. Jerry Johnson discussed the estimated enrollment. He stated they will migrate a few cohorts, and at full capacity they expect to serve 100 students at a time. Regent Kiblinger noted she is familiar with the education leadership cohort model used in K-12 and it is very successful and popular.

Regent Kiblinger moved to approve the K-State request for an EdD in Community College Leadership. Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion passed.

### **Apply Kansas Update**

Erin Wolfram provided an update on the Apply Kansas Initiative. A few highlights from the update include:

- The initiative occurs in October each year as part of the American College Application Campaign.
- The initiative's purpose is to increase the post-secondary college-going rate across Kansas.
- The initiative provides a designated date for students, staff, and volunteers to complete applications together during the regular school day.
- In 2019, 83 schools participated. Kansas now has 115 schools that signed up to participate next October.
- Erin discussed how Regents and higher education administration and staff can encourage high school registration, sign-up to volunteer at events, follow social media, and use #ApplyKS in relevant social media posts.

Regent Kiblinger stated this is a good program, and she believes they can do more in SE Kansas to be involved. Regent Schmidt asked if Erin has connected with the Dane G. Hansen Foundation. Erin has a list of foundations and non-profit groups that she plans on connecting with shortly. Regent Schmidt asked if Erin could provide the Committee information that they can use to help connect her with the foundations.

The Committee discussed if the timing of October is right. Erin responded the month of October is designated by the nationwide program. Site coordinators have found this is a good time frame for students that may need assistance or are not sure if they are going to apply. Erin stated the site coordinators are typically high school counselors but can be principals or assistant principals. Regent Harrison-Lee believes October works well but noted the FAFSA application starts prior to that date. Regent Schmidt and Regent Kiblinger noted they will work on gaining more participation in their areas of Kansas.

Erin noted data, the map of participating schools, and the school application can be found on the Apply Kansas website at <https://www.kansasregents.org/students/apply-kansas>.

### **Academic Advising Presentation and Potential Collaboration with KSDE**

Daniel Archer provided a background on the request to look at academic advising at institutions. The 6 public universities, 1 community college, and 1 technical college provided presentations from January to March, on their academic advising practices and strategies. Their responses are detailed in the issue paper Daniel provided. The presentations centered around four core themes:

1. First Year Advising Experience
2. Online Tools and Resources
3. Advising Assessments
4. How Data is Used

Daniel noted around March the KSDE reached out to KBOR about collaborating on Individual Plans of Study (IPS). He reminded the Committee that they were previously provided a presentation on IPS. This is a career and educational planning resource that every student in Kansas from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to their senior year of high school completes. Students take interest inventories, they explore how their interests and skills align with majors and careers, and they do this in conjunction with writing narratives about what they want to do after high school. At the end of high school this means they have an academic and career portfolio of qualitative and quantitative data compiled over several years. Daniel believes this could be a valuable resource for higher education advisors. Having this type of information allows a deeper dive into a student's background which can provide an opportunity for meaningful conversation on majors and careers.

Daniel stated if there is potential here, he would propose a working group comprised of K-12 and higher education professionals. He believes it would be beneficial to have high school counselors, college advisors, college career counselors, KSDE staff, KBOR staff, and both 2 year and 4-year representation. Daniel said we could get two things from the group:

1. How to maximize the use of this resource at the secondary level.
2. How we can expand the use of the IPS to post-secondary education, specifically in first-year advising.

Daniel noted that this aligns with the Kansas Coordinating Council which identifies projects that are mutually beneficial for K-12 and higher education. The working group could create a vehicle to address gaps and identify opportunities and challenges that can be worked on together, as well as creating an opportunity to build a stronger bridge between the two. KBOR and KSDE staff have a meeting at the end of the month to start moving forward.

Regent Schmidt asked for details from the PSU academic advising presentation about their Roadmap. Howard Smith stated the Roadmap was designed specifically for PSU as they were rebuilding their degree audit. Howard stated the Roadmap outlines a program for each student in each major from day one, which allows students to see the impact of any adjustments. Howard stated the first piece was the degree audit, and they are hoping to start the next piece when they get closer to normal functions. Regent Schmidt asked Daniel to connect with PSU to gain insight into how this might be expanded.

#### **Direct Support Professional (DSP) Update**

Regent Schmidt stated the DSP group met recently online. Developments from the meeting include:

- The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare 12 core areas for a DSP curriculum were shared.
- WSU expressed interest in developing the curriculum and a meeting was scheduled to discuss the possibility of this next step.

Regent Schmidt clarified that they are not looking at a degree or certificate. However, there are opportunities for courses which can improve quality and lead into other areas or professions. Regent Schmidt stated he would share the notes from their last meeting with the Committee.

#### **Coordinating Council Update**

While the council has not had their second meeting yet, they have been continuing their work. KSDE has created Senior Leader Conversations where 60+ high school seniors were brought together virtually to discuss how their post-secondary plans have been impacted by COVID-19. KSDE plans to also send a follow up survey to this group of students and provide a summary of student responses. Regent Kiblinger believes this information could be useful to universities in getting formal numbers around a survey. She believes the Coordinating Council will still meet on May 19<sup>th</sup> virtually. The Committee thanked her for her efforts and agreed this information could be useful. Regent Kiblinger hopes the data includes a breakdown of demographics that will give insight and will help understand why students may choose their post-secondary path and how they can reach underrepresented segments of our population.

#### **Adjournment**

Regent Schmidt discussed the next tentative agenda. The next meeting will likely be held via video conference on May 20, 2020 and livestreamed for the public.

Regent Harrison-Lee moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Van Etten seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 a.m.