

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

**MINUTES
Wednesday, September 9th, 2020**

The September 9, 2020 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held by Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger, Chair	Regent Schmidt	Regent Van Etten
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson April Henry Cindy Farrier	Karla Wiscombe Sam Christy-Dangermond Charmine Chambers Connie Beene	Tara Lebar Lisa Beck Jennifer Armour
Others:	Brad Bennett, Colby CC Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Howard Smith, PSU Jean Redeker, KU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Matt Schuette, KUMC Kim Morse, Washburn Apramay Mishra, KU	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brian Niehoff, K-State David Cordle, ESU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Lori Winningham, Butler CC Mickey McCloud, JCCC Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Lua Yuille, KU	Chuck Taber, K-State Erin Shaw, Highland CC Elaine Simmons, Barton County CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Luke Dowell, Seward County CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Marc Malone, Garden City CC Steve Porter, Hutchinson CC

Regent Kiblinger welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members. Regent Kiblinger introduced the new student liaison, Apramay Mishra. Apramay is a senior at KU and will be attending BAASC meetings to disseminate information to the Student Advisory Committee.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Van Etten moved to approve the August 25, 2020 meeting minutes, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussion, the motion passed.

Other Matters

- Jennifer Armour presented on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) appeal process. The SARA allows accredited degree granting institutions to offer distance education in member states without obtaining approval in each state. Kansas became a member of SARA in 2014. As a member, the state is required to have a process to address student complaints concerning activities covered under SARA. This process was created in 2014. State members are also required to implement an appeal process for institutions who were 1) denied initial approval or renewal or 2) removed from SARA participation due to noncompliance with SARA policies. States must implement the appeal process by January 1, 2021. Jennifer discussed the current work being done to create and implement this new policy. Regent Van Etten asked about previous issues with other SARA state members. Jennifer responded that SARA is relatively new, and states administer the agreement differently. She noted that SARA policies are being updated frequently to address various needs. A draft of the new SARA policy

in Kansas for appeals will be provided for review this fall and presented to the Board for approval in November.

- Daniel Archer presented on recommended high school courses for college preparation. Last year, changes were approved to eliminate the requirement of specific high school courses for admission and it was noted that general units rather than specific courses would be recommended. Based on feedback from K-12, it has been further suggested that specific courses should be recommended. The Kansas Scholars Curriculum is being recommended for students who wish to pursue post-secondary education at one of the six Kansas universities. The curriculum is required for students to obtain state-funded scholarships, it aligns with the current framework, and it will help guide students towards courses that will prepare them for college. Daniel discussed the differences in the previous courses required for Qualified Admission and the recommended Kansas Scholars Curriculum. He noted the main difference is that four years of math and two years of foreign language is required in the Kansas Scholars Curriculum. He stated the overarching goal is to increase simplicity with recommending a curriculum that is familiar to counselors and students without creating new barriers for first-generation students. Regent Schmidt discussed the need to create more access for high school students to obtain higher education. Daniel stated the proposed recommended curriculum will set a high expectation, but it will not affect admission status if the specific courses are not taken. Regent Kiblinger looks at the recommended courses as a tool for high school counselors to discuss with students and parents when preparing to be successful at the university level. She noted this will be helpful to have courses identified to ensure they are a part of high school curricula across Kansas. If the Committee approves the curriculum, it will be presented to the Board at the next meeting.

Regent Van Etten moved to approve the recommended high school courses for college preparation, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. Regent Schmidt noted he would like to see a similar recommendation looked at for community and technical colleges. With no further discussion, the motion passed.

- Daniel Archer presented the Strategic Program Alignment Low Enrollment Program Review schedule as outlined in his paper. Dates have been set for submission to KBOR, and to present for approval to BAASC and the Board. The process will start in November.
- Daniel Archer presented an update on the General Education (GE) Working Group. The group was formed a few months ago with a goal to address a potential state-wide GE package that colleges and universities could utilize in moving forward. The group will be co-chaired by Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU, and Jon Marshall, Allen Community College, and their first meeting is scheduled for September 29th. At the first meeting the group will look at current policies, current work by the AAC&U, and various GE models that have been utilized in other states. Daniel will provide regular updates on their progress.
- Regent Schmidt provided an update on the Support Professionals Working Group. They are working with WSU to build a curriculum and it looks promising. Regent Schmidt noted he has been meeting with a variety of key players across the state who support the project.
- Regent Kiblinger provided an update from the Coordinating Council. They last met on August 12th and discussed items that were presented at the joint KBOR/KSDE meeting earlier in the day such as spring break dates, concurrent enrollment, and the idea of high school seniors graduating with 15-30 hours of college credit. Regent Kiblinger stated the council discussed the idea of requiring all high school seniors to complete the FAFSA, and issues that this could create for some students. She noted they discussed how they could incorporate FAFSA completion into the Individual Plans of Study (IPS) through the KSDE Kansans Can Star Recognition Program. The council also discussed how to make work-based

learning a part of concurrent credit and will revisit that idea at a later meeting. The council was provided a progress update from the task force formed with high school counselors and post-secondary academic advisors. It was noted the group hadn't come together yet. Regent Kiblinger noted this group has the potential to make progress on first generation and underserved students. Daniel stated that KSDE has an existing working group that will be built upon with higher education advisors and he will provide follow up with progress on this collaboration. Regent Schmidt asked if tools such as IPS and DegreeStats are being taught in counselor programs. Daniel responded that current work is being done to create a standard IPS assignment. This would require students to visit the DegreeStats website (<https://www.ksdegreestats.org>) and research academic program costs and post-completion salary information. The Committee discussed the need to expose more students and teachers to this resource, and how to build upon current efforts. The Coordinating Council will meet next on October 16th.

Adjournment

BAASC is anticipated to meet in October, but official plans are still being finalized.

Regent Van Etten moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.