

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

The January 4, 2022 meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 9:02 a.m. The meeting was held in person and through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger Regent Winter	Regent Rolph	Regent Schmidt
Staff:	Daniel Archer Amy Robinson Renee Burlingham Julene Miller	Sam Christy-Dangermond Tara Lebar Cindy Farrier Lisa Beck	Karla Wiscombe April Henry Hector Martinez Scott Smathers
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Arvin Agah, KU Chuck Taber, K-State Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Laurel Littrell, K-State Mickey McCloud, JCCC Phil Speary, Butler CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brenda Koerner, ESU Chris Brown, KU Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Remy Lequesne, KU Shelly Gehrke, ESU	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Erik Perrins, KU Howard Smith, PSU Jennifer Roberts, KU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Mark Watkins, Labette CC Marlon Thornburg, Coffeyville CC Robert Klein, KUMC Stuart Day, KU

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the December 15, 2021 meeting minutes, and Regent Rolph seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Items

Barbara Bichelmeyer and Stuart Day presented a BS/BAS in Project Management at KU for approval. This program is in the School of Professional Studies at the KU Edwards Campus and would extend its project management program to the undergraduate level to complement its existing graduate-level program. It will be funded by the Johnson County Educational Research Triangle and is designed as an online degree completion program.

Barbara Bichelmeyer, Arvin Agah, and Erik Perrins presented an M. Eng. in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science at KU for approval. They currently offer this program with a research focus, and the new program is a coursework-only degree. The new program is designed for working professionals, driven by industry, and won't require new funds, since existing faculty are already teaching the courses in the program. There is a national trend toward tailoring programs to target audiences, and having both options will help students and industry.

Regent Rolph moved to place the two KU programs as presented under the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Winter, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Discussion Item

Daniel Archer presented the request for a Covid-19 response exception to the Board's tenure clock extension policy. When a faculty member on a tenure track is hired at one of our universities, they have a seven-year window to attain tenure. In April 2020, the Board granted universities an exception request, which gave these faculty an additional year. At this time, it was noted that additional flexibility might be needed in Fall 2020. Due to continued pandemic disruptions, universities are requesting a tenure-clock extension of one year to cover faculty that started in Fall 2022.

Regent Schmidt moved the request for a Covid-19 response exception as presented to the Board's tenure clock extension policy to be placed on the Board discussion agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Winter, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

Adjournment

Regent Rolph will Chair the next meeting, which is scheduled for January 19, 2022, at 11:00 a.m.

Regent Rolph moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Schmidt seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 10:04 a.m.