

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

The March 1, 2022, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom, with an in-person option at the Board office.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger	Regent Winter	Regent Schmidt
Staff:	Daniel Archer Tara Lebar Cindy Farrier Lisa Beck Renee Burlingham	Sam Christy-Dangermond Jennifer Armour Judd McCormack Marti Leisinger	Amy Robinson Crystal Puderbaugh Julene Miller Natalie Yoza
Others:	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Heather Morgan, KACCT Eric Elsinghorst, KUMC Howard Smith, PSU Jennifer Roberts, KU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Matthew Mayo, KUMC Robert Klein, KUMC	Brenda Koerner, ESU Cari Alfors, KU Gary Wyatt, ESU Jason Sharp, Labette CC JoLanna Kord, ESU Jean Redeker, KU Laurel Littrell, K-State Renee Hodgkins, KUMC	Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Bryce McFarland, Hutchinson CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Shawnee Hendershot, PSU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Winter moved to approve February 16, 2022, meeting minutes, and Regent Schmidt seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Items

- Robert Klein, Eric Elsinghorst, and Renee Hodgkins presented the KUMC request to seek Doctorate in Clinical Laboratory Science (DCLS) accreditation. The DCLS is one of three programs nationally, with the first KUMC class starting in 2019. It is a three-year program that includes two years of core courses followed by a year-long residency component. Seeking accreditation is essential for KUMC to stay competitive with the two other programs. National certification is also currently being established, requiring the program to be accredited.

Regent Winter moved to place the KUMC request to seek Doctorate in Clinical Laboratory Science (DCLS) accreditation as presented under the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Schmidt, the motion passed unanimously.

- Robert Klein and Matthew Mayo presented an MS in Health Data Science at KUMC for approval. This is a 36-credit hour program, primarily online, and builds off their existing MS in Biostatistics and their online MS in Applied Statistics, Analytics, and Data Science in partnership with the KU Edwards Campus. The MS in Health Data Science will be housed at the medical center campus and use existing faculty. It was noted that new programs at KUMC start with a handful of students, and once they make

sure there are no significant glitches, they expand out the program.

Regent Schmidt moved to place the MS in Health Data Science program at KUMC as presented under the Board consent agenda for approval. Following the second of Regent Winter, the motion passed unanimously.

Receive State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Report

Jennifer Armour presented the annual [SARA report](#). SARA allows for accredited degree-granting institutions to offer distance education in member states without seeking approval from each individual state. The Board serves as the state portal entity and approves participation from Kansas institutions. It was noted SARA is relatively new, being formed in 2014, and this report will also be presented to the Board on March 16. Jennifer highlighted the following from the report:

- Institutional participation remained relatively flat from last year
- There are over 2300 participating institutions, 45 of which are in Kansas
- 2020 enrollment data shows over 20,000 out-of-state students were enrolled in participating Kansas SARA institutions, with over 14,000 Kansans enrolled out-of-state
- Over 3500 out-of-state students were placed in Kansas, and 3100 Kansas students were placed out-of-state
- A new interactive dashboard and the recently released Institutional Cost Savings Study is available at <https://nc-sara.org/data-dashboards>
- The NC-SARA Institutional Cost Savings Study shows Kansas institutions have saved an estimated \$4.5 million on initial authorization costs and over \$1.5 million in renewal costs

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Regents requested an update on the National American University's conditional certificate of approval be added to the next agenda.

Regent Winter moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Schmidt seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:54 a.m.