KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, March 16, 2022
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) will meet in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room, located in the Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, Kansas, 66612. To the extent possible, a virtual option will be provided to accommodate those who prefer not to attend in person. Information will be sent to participants via email, or you may contact arobinson@ksbor.org.

I.	**Call to Order**	Regent Kiblinger, Chair	
	A. Roll Call and Introductions		
	B. Approve minutes from March 1, 2022		p. 3
II.	**Consent Items**		
	A. Request Permission to Require More Than 120 Hours - Updated BA in Architectural Studies – KU	Barbara Bichelmeyer	p. 5
	B. Request to Seek Accreditation for Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics – KUMC	Robert Klein	p. 7
	C. Request for a New Certificate of Approval for Degree-Granting Authority for Visible Music College	Crystal Puderbaugh	p. 10
III.	**Other Matters**		
	A. Conditional Certificate of Approval for National American University – Update	Crystal Puderbaugh	
	B. Advantage KS Coordinating Council (AKCC) Update	Regent Kiblinger	
IV.	**Suggested Agenda Items for April 5th Meeting**		
	A. rpk GROUP Update		
	B. Program Review Report		
	C. New Program Approvals		
V.	**Adjournment**		

BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE

Four Regents serve on the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC), established in 2002. The Regents are appointed annually by the Chair and approved by the Board. BAASC meets virtually approximately two weeks prior to each Board meeting. The Committee also meets the morning of the first day of the monthly Board meeting. Membership includes:

Shelly Kiblinger, Chair

Jon Rolph

Allen Schmidt

Wint Winter

Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee

AY 2022 Meeting Schedule

BAASC Academic Year 2021- 2022 Meeting Dates			
Meeting Dates	**Location**	**Time**	**Agenda Materials Due**
August 31, 2021	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	August 10, 2021
September 15, 2021	Hybrid Meeting	1:30 p.m.	August 25, 2021
	*No Meetings in October		
November 2, 2021	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	October 12, 2021
November 17, 2021	Hybrid Meeting	10:30 a.m.	October 27, 2021
November 29, 2021	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	November 9, 2021
December 15, 2021	Hybrid Meeting	11:00 a.m.	November 24, 2021
January 4, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	December 14, 2021
January 19, 2022	Virtual (Topeka option available)	10:30 a.m.	December 29, 2021
February 1, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	January 11, 2022
February 16, 2022	Topeka (Virtual option available)	10:30 a.m.	January 26, 2022
March 1, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	February 8, 2022
March 16, 2022	Topeka (Virtual option available)	11:00 a.m.	February 23, 2022
April 5, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	March 15, 2022
April 20, 2022	FHSU	11:00 a.m.	March 30, 2022
May 3, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	April 12, 2022
May 18, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	April 27, 2022
May 31, 2022	Virtual Meeting	9:00 a.m.	May 10, 2022
June 15, 2022	Topeka	11:00 a.m.	May 25, 2022

*Please note virtual meeting times have changed to 9 a.m., and Board day meetings have changed to 11 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

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	Sam Christy-Dangermond	Amy Robinson
Tara Lebar	Jennifer Armour	Crystal Puderbaugh
Cindy Farrier	Judd McCormack	Julene Miller
Lisa Beck	Marti Leisinger	Natalie Yoza
Renee Burlingham		

Others:		
Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC	Brenda Koerner, ESU	Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC
Heather Morgan, KACCT	Cari Alfers, KU	Elaine Simmons, Barton CC
Eric Elsinghorst, KUMC	Gary Wyatt, ESU	Bryce McFarland, Hutchinson CC
Howard Smith, PSU	Jason Sharp, Labette CC	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
Jennifer Roberts, KU	JoLanna Kord, ESU	Kim Zant, Cloud County CC
Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Jean Redeker, KU	JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn
Linnea GlenMaye, WSU	Laurel Littrell,	Shawnee Hendershot, PSU
Matthew Mayo, KUMC	Renee Hodgkins, KUMC	Tanya Gonzalez, K-State
Robert Klein, KUMC		

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 clinicals or internships in Kansas, and 3100 Kansas students were placed in out-of-state clinicals or internships
- 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.

Summary and Recommendation

At its May 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed its policy on credit hour requirements for baccalaureate degree programs to determine whether it met best practices for on-time completion, and found at that time, 67% of baccalaureate programs required more than 120-semester credit hours. To meet best practices for on-time completion, state universities subsequently took steps to reduce the percentage of baccalaureate degree programs exceeding 120 credit hours from 67% to 8%. Between March 2018 and June 2019, the Board approved 43 bachelor's programs to exceed 120 credit hours at the three research universities and one regional university, mostly in the disciplines of engineering and computer science.

The University of Kansas has long offered a Master of Architecture degree that is a freshman-entry program requiring five years of course work leading to licensure. Currently, there is no bachelor-level program leading to licensure. The university would like to grant a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies to students enrolled in the five-year Master of Architecture program and who complete the first four years of the curriculum. Since the first four years of curriculum total 136 hours, the university requests permission for this degree to exceed 120 hours.

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Background on 120-Hour Policy

The Board's policy on the number of credit hours required to complete a baccalaureate degree has varied from 120 to 124 credit hours. In November 2001, the Board of Regents reaffirmed that the baccalaureate degree definition included "courses totaling a minimum of 120 semester credit hours." In May of 2002, the Board raised the minimum required number of credit hours for a baccalaureate degree from 120 to 124. This increase was reversed to a minimum of 120 credit hours by the Board in October of 2010, which made Kansas' requirements consistent with most other states.

At its May 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed its policy on credit hour requirements for baccalaureate degree programs to determine if it met best practices for on-time completion and found at that time 67% of baccalaureate programs exceeded 120 semester credit hours. This review was in fulfillment of the Board's AY 2017 goal to determine if the policy met best practices for promoting on-time completion.

To meet best practices for on-time completion, state universities subsequently took steps to reduce the percentage of baccalaureate degree programs exceeding 120 credit hours from 67% to 8%.

The Board approved approximately 8% of state university baccalaureate programs to exceed 120 credit hours at its meetings between March 2018 and June 2019. Most of those programs were at the three research universities with two being at a regional university, and most were in engineering or computer science disciplines.

Background on KU Architecture Programs

The University of Kansas currently offers a Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies (generally considered a pre-professional degree) whose curriculum they plan to phase out. This degree program does not lead to licensure and only has six students currently enrolled. The department has approved a change in curriculum to match the first four years of the Master of Architecture program and would like to replace the old curriculum they are phasing out with this curriculum. Consequently, a new program proposal is unnecessary. However, the BA in Architectural Studies would no longer be a program to which students would apply for admission. The department would continue recruiting and admitting students to the five-year Master of Architecture program, and would only award the BA in Architectural Studies after students who are admitted to the five-year master's program complete the first four years of curriculum, which comes to 136 hours. This would allow students opting to leave after year four of the program to be awarded a bachelor's degree. It would also allow Master of Architecture students to apply more seamlessly to graduate schools.

Request

The University of Kansas requests permission for the updated Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies to require 136 hours and be considered an exception to the 120-hour "norm" that has been in place since 2017, with the caveat that the degree is granted only to students admitted to the five-year Master of Architecture program and who have completed the first four years (136 hours) of the program.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of KU's request for the updated Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies to require 136 credit hours.

Request to Seek Accreditation for Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics – University of Kansas Medical Center

Summary and Recommendation

The University of Kansas Medical Center seeks approval to pursue programmatic accreditation for its Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Health Information Management Education (CAHIIM). This accreditation for graduate certificates in the field of Health Informatics is new and did not exist at the time of this program's inception. Further, universities are not required to seek Board approval for certificate programs, so this is the first opportunity the institution has had to request permission to seek accreditation. Finally, because CAHIIM is just beginning to pilot accreditation for graduate certificates, the commission has agreed to waive the up-front costs associated with accreditation. The annual fee to continue accreditation is anticipated to be $500. Board staff recommends approval.

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Background

Board policy (II.7.l.i.) on accreditation requires state universities to seek approval prior to pursuing initial accreditation for an academic program.

Request: Accreditation for Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics

The University of Kansas Medical Center requests approval to seek accreditation for its Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics (HI) from Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Health Information Management Education (CAHIIM). CAHIIM accredits the KUMC Master of Science in Health Informatics, and is the only accreditor for master's programs in Health Informatics in the U.S. Further, it is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), a national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality through accreditation. Accreditation provides public recognition of educational programs and sets competency standards, providing graduates and employers affirmation of high quality programs. Further, it provides institutions with the ability to continue to increase quality through monitoring and re-evaluation.

CAHIIM is just beginning to pilot accreditation for HI certificate programs, so this is the first opportunity the institution has had to request accreditation. If this request to seek accreditation is approved, the Graduate Certificate in HI at KUMC will likely be the first that is accredited through the pilot program; as such, it will likely be the first CAHIIM-accredited certificate in the United States. Consequently, CAHIIM has agreed to waive the up-front costs associated with the accreditation process. Future costs will include yearly reporting fees and possible re-certification in seven to ten years.

The following costs are associated with this accreditation:

Costs for Accreditation	
Fee	Amount
Pre-Application Fee	$0
Candidacy Status Fee	$0
Site Visit Processing Fee	$0
Total for Initial Accreditation	**$0**
Continuing Accreditation Annual Fee	**$500**

Recommendation: Total cost of initial accreditation will cost nothing, with an anticipated annual renewal fee of $500 thereafter. Board staff recommends approval of this request.

February 23, 2022

Daniel Archer, M.S., Ed.D.Vice President,
Academic Affairs
Kansas Board of Regents 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 520
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Dr. Archer,

The University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) requests approval to seek accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Health Information Management Education (CAHIIM) for our **Graduate Certificate program in Health Informatics**. The CAHIIM organization is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) which is a national advocate and institutional voice for self-regulation of academic quality thorough accreditation.

CAHIIM is the only accreditor for health informatics (HI) master's degree programs of study in the United States and has begun to pilot accreditation for HI certificate programs.   We anticipate that the graduate-level HI certificate program at KUMC will be the first accredited through the pilot program. CAHIIM has agreed to waive the upfront costs for the process. Future costs will include yearly reporting fees and potentially re-certification in 7-10 years.

Costs for Health Informatics Accreditation		
Fee	**Amount**	**Due**
Pre-Application Fee	$0	One-time fee due when submitting pre-application for candidacy
Candidacy Status Fee	$0	One-time fee, due 3 months after pre-application, when candidacy is granted, and self-study starts
Site Visit Processing Fee	$0	One-time fee, due 12-18 months after candidacy granted and before site visit
Total for Initial Accreditation	**$0**	
Continuing Accreditation	**$500**	Annually

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Statement of Need
Increasingly, higher levels of education and professionalism are required in health informatics as it is considered indirect patient care. Accreditation assures students and potential employers that a program delivers high quality education, meets competency standards, and provides graduates with appropriate professional training.

There are currently no CAHIIM accredited HI Certificate Programs in the United States. The KUMC Center for Health Informatics marketing strategy is to be the first CAHIIM accredited certificate in the United States. Thank you in advance for consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Klein, Ph.D., F.A.A.A.
Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs
Chancellor's Club Professor

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Act on Request for a New Certificate of Approval for Degree Granting Authority for Visible Music College

Summary

Visible Music College has applied for a Certificate of Approval to operate in Kansas and are requesting degree granting authority. After a thorough review of staff qualifications, record keeping systems, coursework, and supporting materials, the institution demonstrates that it meets and complies with statutorily imposed requirements. Staff recommends the institution be issued a Certificate of Approval.   *March 16, 2022*

Summary of Institution Requirements
The Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act (Act) requires private and out-of-state postsecondary educational institutions to obtain a certificate of approval from the Kansas Board of Regents (Board) to lawfully operate in Kansas. This Act not only applies to institutions with a location in Kansas, but also to institutions that offer or provide online distance education to Kansans who remain in Kansas while receiving that education.

To qualify for a Certificate of Approval, an institution operating in Kansas subject to the Act must meet the standards established by the Act. To determine compliance with statutory standards, Board staff reviews substantial documentation and evidence submitted by the institution. Staff reviews ownership information, recent financial statements, proof of accreditation, enrollment agreement, catalog, copies of advertisements, schedule of tuition and fees, refund policies, qualifications of administrators, and program information including course outlines, clinical or externship requirements, and faculty qualifications. Additionally, institutions submit documentation demonstrating proper facilities (with site reviews when applicable), equipment, materials, and adequate space to meet the needs of the students.

Visible Music College
Founded in Memphis, TN in 2000, Visible Music College's focus is to create artist communities that emphasize global, spiritual, professional, and academic growth. In addition to the College's campus in Memphis, they have campuses in Chicago, IL, Dallas, TX and in Germany. They intend to open another campus in Olathe, KS at a location operated by The Culture House and Störling Conservatory of Dance. They will offer certificate, bachelor, and master level programs in an online and blended learning format in the areas of Dance, Music Business, Music Production, Worship, Modern Music and Leadership.

Visible Music College is accredited by the Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools, an accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Staff Recommendation
Staff recommends issuance of a Certificate of Approval with degree granting authority to Visible Music College.