

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Wednesday, November 16, 2022

The November 16, 2022, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held on the Kansas State University campus, with a virtual option through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger Regent Benson	Regent Mendoza	Regent Lane
Staff:	Daniel Archer Karla Wiscombe John Yeary Julene Miller	Amy Robinson Tara Lebar Gage Rohlf Judd McCormack	Sam Christy-Dangermond Cindy Farrier Marti Leisinger Crystal Puderbaugh
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Brent Thomas, ESU Howard Smith, PSU JoLanna Kord, ESU Linnea Glenmaye, WSU Shirley Lefever, WSU Thomas Nevill, Butler CC Sadie Williams, KU Quinn Leffingwell, Washburn	Andy Howe, K-State Ashlie Jack, WSU Chuck Taber, K-State Jean Redeker, KU Karen Johnson, PSU Robert Klein, KUMC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tosca Harris, Allen CC Parker Vulgamore, K-State	Angela Pool-Funai, FHSU Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jennifer Callis, SATC Laura Stephenson, Washburn Ryan Stanley, FHSU Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Benson moved to approve the November 1, 2022, meeting minutes, and Regent Mendoza seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Crystal Puderbaugh presented a request for a new certificate of approval with degree-granting authority for Aspen University. Aspen University offers certificates and degree programs in education, business, computer science, and health care, and they are seeking approval to offer online programs in Kansas. The university is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission and an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Regent Benson moved to place the new certificate of approval with degree-granting authority for Aspen University onto the Board agenda for final approval, and Regent Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Reoccurring Updates

- Regent Lane provided a Kansas First/Diploma Plus update. The group met recently and has continued working towards strategically creating a plan that advances the concept that all students graduate with a post-secondary credential. Their initial goal is to support current and dual enrollment for under-

resourced students, focusing on supporting 9-24 college hours to take during their junior or senior year. They recommend that the Kansas State Board of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents enter into an agreement that sets a standard tuition rate for this project. They are continuing to focus on who is eligible and are refining their estimate. They currently project approximately 40% of Kansas juniors and seniors may qualify. The overall fiscal request for this will be \$11 million. School districts may be asked to cover the costs of books. The use of Open Education Resources (OER) will be encouraged. The group has identified courses that will be eligible, starting with Systemwide Transfer Courses in the student's field of study. Regent Lane noted that college navigators assigned to each participating institution are key.

- Regent Lane provided an Educator Workforce Task Force update. The Deans of the Schools of Education have been asked to prepare a report to the Board in December that will impact how we prepare educators and ensure that we have quality educators across the state. Committee work addresses several issues, including a systemwide approach to paid applied learning; increasing the number of teachers qualified to teach concurrent courses; addressing shortages in special education, elementary ed., math, science, and counseling; eliminating barriers to licensure; and systemwide transfer of an associate degree for elementary education.
- Regents Kiblinger and Lane provided a Strategic Plan Pillar One Dashboard update. They envision the dashboard having actionable data that will support decision-making processes, guide Regents and institutional leaders in setting strategy, as a basis for performance funding, and assist in CEO evaluation processes. An updated dashboard was presented with 18 foundational metrics focused on Pillar One, which includes new indicators tied to the National Institute for Student Success (NISS) recommendations. The next steps include finalizing definitions for foundational indicators, obtaining institutional feedback on definitions and proposed supporting indicators, working with IR teams to determine new data collections and timeframes, and then the initial launch of the dashboard.
- Daniel Archer provided a Systemwide General Education Implementation update. KBOR has created a webpage at https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/general-education, and has two upcoming webinars to help answer policy implementation questions. Implementation questions have been collected since last June, and a FAQ can be found on this website. Implementation questions asked during the webinars will also be added to this webpage. The next step is to finalize a timeline that includes specific milestones. It was clarified that while discussions occurred early on about writing outcomes for general education, institutions voiced concerns about having statewide outcomes. A consensus was formed that using existing Systemwide Transfer Course outcomes would be more efficient.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for November 29, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Regent Lane moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Benson seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.