

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

The February 15, 2023, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Kiblinger at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held at the Board office with a virtual option through Zoom.

In Attendance:

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| Members: | Regent Kiblinger | Regent Mendoza | Regent Lane |
| Staff: | Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Cindy Farrier | Tara Lebar Charmine Chambers Gage Rohlf | Karla Wiscombe Judd McCormack |
| Others: | Andy Howe, K-State Brent Thomas, ESU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn JoLanna Kord, ESU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Steward Day, KU Susan Castro, WSU Tom Nevill, Butler CC | Angela Pool-Funai, FHSU Chuck Taber, K-State Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Callis, SATC Karen Johnson, PSU Luke Dowell, SCCC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Kim Warren, KU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State | Ashlie Jack, WSU Howard Smith, PSU Jean Redeker, KU Jennifer Roberts, KU Laura Stephenson, Washburn Melinda Roelfs, PSU Shawn Keough, ESU Shirley Lefever, WSU Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC |

Roll call was taken for members and presenters. The Math Pathways update was rescheduled for the February 28th meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Benson moved to approve January 31, 2023, meeting minutes, and Regent Mendoza seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Discussion Agenda

Regent Lane presented the Strategic Plan Pillar One Dashboard Foundational Indicators for final BAASC approval. In June 2020, the Board adopted the [Building a Future](#) strategic plan to help the system better serve Kansas families and businesses and to advance economic prosperity. The dashboard will provide insight into how well the system meets its strategic goals. At this point, the work has centered around Pillar One, which is Families. Areas of focus for this pillar include affordability, access, and success. In creating the foundational metrics for the dashboard, Regents, Board staff, and institutional representatives were given opportunities for discussion and feedback. Regent Lane went over the 17 foundational metrics that will be included in the dashboard and answered questions. With BAASC approval, this item will be up for Board discussion later in the day for final approval. After final approval of the foundational metrics, the next step will be to determine supporting metrics through a similar process.

Regent Mendoza moved to place the Pillar One Dashboard Foundational Metrics on the Board discussion agenda, and Regent Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

KU Request for an Exception to Baccalaureate Degree Policy Definition

Stuart Day, Kim Warren, and Jen Roberts presented the KU request to amend KBOR's [Degree policy](#) definition

of a baccalaureate degree to apply more than 60 hours from a community college toward a KU degree housed at Lawrence or Edwards campuses and do so without a transfer agreement. In 2019, a two-year pilot project between KU and JCCC was implemented, which amended the KBOR policy to allow students to transfer in more than 60 credit hours to specific approved KU Edwards campus programs and have those hours count toward a bachelor's degree via transfer agreements. The pilot was highly successful, resulting in an amendment to the KBOR policy. However, KU believes that requiring a transfer agreement for each individual degree program with each community college places students from community colleges that do not have agreements at a disadvantage. KU brought this request to COCAO for discussion on December 14, 2022, and provosts were provided time to determine if they may also benefit from this change. Each university indicated that they support this change for their institutions as well. It was noted that this would not change the 120 credit hour requirements but would increase the number of hours allowed to transfer.

Regent Kiblinger moved that Board staff draft language that includes all state universities in the policy change, take the draft policy to COCAO for approval, and then to BAASC and the Board for final approval. With a second from Regent Lane, the motion passed unanimously.

Apply Kansas Annual Report

Tara Lebar presented the report. The Apply Kansas program occurs each fall and is a statewide application completion event to increase the number of students who apply to college in their senior year of high school. While the campaign is for every high school senior, it also focuses on supporting students of color, low-income, first-generation, and other students who experience barriers to accessing higher education. This is the third year KBOR is running this program and the fifth year they are funding it. The full report is available at <https://www.kansasregents.org/students/apply-kansas>. Tara highlighted the following data:

- School participation has again increased, up from 159 schools participating to 198, and 126 schools reporting data to 160
- 10,123 high school seniors participated, sending over 14,000 applications out in total, with 8,680 applications going to Kansas public institutions
- 101 of the participating schools have 40% or more economically disadvantaged students
- 54 high schools participated in the first annual All Star High School campaign, and 110 have indicated they are aiming for All Star status in 2023
- Site participation has increased 93%, while student participation and application submissions have increased over 100% in the three years KBOR has run the Apply Kansas campaign

Tara is pleased with the increased engagement with this year's campaign and will continue to look for ways to include more high schools across all areas of the state. She plans to start tracking college-going rates from high school building data and is working to access KSDE data to compare Apply KS schools and All Star schools against the state average.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Regent Benson moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Mendoza seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 11:36 a.m.