

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The June 14, 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:

Members:	Regent Kiblinger Regent Mendoza	Regent Benson	Regent Lane
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Gage Rohlf Judd McCormack Colleen Denney	Daniel Archer Tara Lebar Cindy Farrier Kelly Oliver	Karla Wiscombe Charmine Chambers Crystal Puderbaugh Marti Leisinger
Others:	Angela Pool-Funai, FHSU Ashlie Jack, WSU Diane Murphy, K-State Emily Shipley, KU Howard Smith, PSU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jo Dowling, WSU Jill Wood, WSU Kristine Latta, KU Luke Dowell, SCCC Rebeca Book, PSU Brett Thomas, ESU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Shelly Gehrke, ESU	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Chuck Taber, K-State Gwen Bohling, KU Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jean Dockers, PSU Jen Roberts, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Laura Stephenson, Washburn Marc Malone, Garden City CC Rick Ginsberg, KU Sara Schwerdtfeger, ESU Tara Lindahl, Washburn Heather Morgan, KACCT Don Von Bergen, K-State	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Heather Cook, KU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jean Redeker, KU Jennifer Callis, SATC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Robert Klein, KUMC Sara Smith, Highland CC Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters. It was noted that the item order may change as several presenters are coming from another meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Mendoza moved to approve May 30, 2023, meeting minutes, and Regent Benson seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Consent Agenda

Jill Arensdorf and Brett Whitaker presented for approval an MS in Global Strategic Leadership at FHSU. This program is 36 hours, entirely online, and designed for students who are currently working in non-technical professional roles. It will have two concentration areas, Leadership in Health Administration and Information Technology Policy Administration. This program was discussed at the last BAASC meeting, and questions arose about the number of graduate students. Jill provided additional information on these numbers, which fall within Board-approved minima.

Regent Benson moved to place the FHSU new program proposal as presented under the Board consent agenda.

Following the second of Regent Kiblinger, the motion passed unanimously. This will go to the Board consent agenda later in the day.

Discussion Agenda

- Regent Lane presented the Dual/Concurrent Task Force Recommendations for approval. An [updated document](#) was provided to the Committee and posted on the KBOR webpage for the public. In July 2022, a Dual/Concurrent Task Force was established to accelerate the Kansas talent pipeline, ensure access and affordability of opportunities, and structurally strengthen collaboration between education systems. Members were comprised of representatives from KBOR, KSDE, and Unified School District Superintendents. The task force's vision was a credential, certificate, or degree for every graduate. They created the Diploma Plus Program, which will expand access, address affordability, and accelerate the talent pipeline through dual enrollment and concurrent credit offerings available to high school students. The task force recommends that the Board of Regents and the State Board of Education jointly adopt a statewide policy to establish the Diploma Plus Program to offer at least three dual enrollment courses (or nine credit hours) identified as approved systemwide general education transfer courses in all Kansas public high schools.

Regent Benson moved to place the recommendations as presented on the Board discussion agenda, and Regent Mendoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This will go to the Board for discussion later in the day.

- Paul Adams, College of Education Dean at FHSU, presented the Systemwide Transfer Associate Degree in Elementary Education for approval, found on page 36 of the agenda. A systemwide program transfer approach intends to preserve credits and establish a clear transfer pathway between community colleges and universities. Over the last year, education deans at the six state universities and Washburn University collaborated to draft the first systemwide transfer associate degree with input from the community colleges. Paul provided details on the AA/AS transfer program framework that will transfer to all public universities and will only require 60 additional hours to complete the bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. Regent Lane moved to place the degree as presented on the Board discussion agenda, and Regent Mendoza seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This will go to the Board for discussion later in the day.
- Daniel Archer presented amendments to the KBOR Associate Degree Policy for approval, found on page 16 of the agenda. The amendments will allow state universities to utilize a limited pathway to offer an associate in arts degree in general studies or liberal arts. Daniel noted that a modification would need to be added to adjust language that removes WSU, as they currently offer AA degrees to students not seeking baccalaureate degrees.

Daniel also discussed a renewed commitment to improving reverse transfer and indicated review of the reverse transfer process will start over the upcoming summer.

Regent Benson moved to place the amendments to the Associate Degree Policy on the Board discussion agenda, with the caveat that WSU will be removed before being presented to the Board. With a second from Regent Mendoza, the motion passed unanimously. This will go to the Board for discussion later in the day.

- Daniel Archer presented a new [Program Review Framework](#) for approval, which was provided to the Committee and posted on the KBOR webpage for the public. He noted there are three key elements to this process 1) Academic Program Review for AY25-28, 2) Academic Program Review for AY24, and 3) a proposed cover sheet that details the four components that will complement a program proposal for baccalaureate and master-level programs. The new framework was a collaborative effort between KBOR staff, Regents, and university Provosts. In terms of data elements, there was an effort to integrate the Board's Strategic Plan and Program Review. The information provided includes a timeline and criteria for identifying the programs for review, reviewing the programs on campus, issuing a recommendation, and Board review of the recommendation for a final decision. Jill Arensdorf noted she had concerns that this process may create additional competition, and there is a desire to talk through the process to ensure there is a spirit of collaboration.

Regent Mendoza moved to place the Program Review Framework on the Board discussion agenda, and Regent Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This will go to the Board for discussion later in the day.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a KU request to offer four educational degree programs in Jinhua, Zhejiang Province, China, which is detailed on page 30 of the agenda. KBOR policy on the off-campus delivery of academic courses and programs requires Board approval for out-of-state degree programs. With Board approval, KU will seek approval from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC).

Regent Benson moved to place the request as presented on the Board discussion agenda, and Regent Lane seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This will go to the Board for discussion later in the day.

Other Matters

The Private Post-Secondary Report was postponed until the next BAASC meeting.

Regent Lane and Judd McCormack provided an update on the Strategic Plan Dashboard. In February 2023, the [Building a Future Strategic Plan Portal](#) was created, and Pillar One information was populated. KBOR is in the process of updating its website and is working on an updated version of the portal. There will be options for drilling down at the institutional level, and it will be noted if the data comes from a source outside of KBOR. Judd discussed the available data for the foundational metrics, noting that they are working on supporting metrics. The tentative date for the portal to switch to the new website version is July 1.

Adjournment

The next BAASC meeting is scheduled for September 5th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Regent Mendoza moved to adjourn the meeting, and Regent Lane seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.