

**Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, May 15, 2024**

The May 15, 2024, meeting of the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Regent Lane at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was held in person at the Board office, with a virtual option available.

**In Attendance:**

Members: | Regent Lane      Regent Ice      Regent Johnston      Regent Mendoza

**Approval of Minutes**

Regent Ice moved to approve the April 30, 2024, meeting minutes; Regent Mendoza seconded, and the motion passed.

**Program Review Reports**

Regent Lane began by acknowledging Provost Howard Smith's retirement and thanked him for his contributions and service. She then provided a recap of the program review process, the expectations, and explained that recommendations for next steps will be discussed at the June 4 in person meeting.

Provost Brent Thomas, Emporia State University, introduced Dr. Bekah Selby, who presented a summary of the institution's on-campus academic review process. Provost Thomas then provided a summary of the actions taken in the last two years as a result of the institution's on-campus review process, which included phasing out or merging 20.8% of the programs (including certificates) offered by the university. Provost Thomas provided a summary of the review of the BSE in Business Education and the resulting recommendation to phase out the program. He also provided a summary of the review of the BA in Theatre Arts and the resulting recommended action plan. He also announced David Sharlow would be the new Dean of Visual and Performing Arts and introduced Aubrey Wilson who would be the new Director of Theatre.

Provost Shirley Lefever, Wichita State University, provided a summary of the institution's on-campus academic review process and the results of this process over the last two years which included phasing out six programs and merging two others (including certificates and minors.) Provost Lefever explained the review and resulting merge recommendation for the BA in Women's Studies. Provost Lefever also provided a summary of the reviews and resulting action plans for the remaining programs, which included BA in Philosophy, BA/BS in Geology, BA/BS in Physics, and the BS in Forensic Sciences

Provost Jill Arensdorf, Fort Hays State University, summarized the institution's on-campus academic review process and the resulting discontinuation of three programs over the last two years. She also explained the differences between the institution's on-campus review process and the process used for the AY24 KBOR Program Review. Provost Arensdorf provided a summary of the reviews and resulting action plans for the programs BM (Music Education), BA in Foreign Language (Spanish), BA/BS in Physics, and the BA in Music. Provost Arensdorf then covered the review of the BA in Philosophy, which FHSU proposes merging with other existing BA programs as a concentration.

**Board Consent Agenda Items**

The SARA Report was postponed until the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

The next BAASC meeting will be held in person on June 4, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:02 p.m.