

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 12, 2025

Chair Diana Mendoza called the March 12, 2025, Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Kathy Rupp conference room, located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regent Diana Mendoza, Chair
 Regent Alysia Johnston
 Regent Parasker
 Regent Kathy Wolfe Moore

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Johnston moved that the minutes of the February 26, 2025, meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Parasker, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS

ACT ON KANSAS FREE APPLICATIONS DAY FOR AY 2025-2026

Associate Director of Academic Affairs Mistie Knox provided a reminder of the information and data presented at the February 12 BAASC Meeting, which included aggregate application and yield data from the 2023 Kansas Free Application Days. The data showed a 30 percent yield for applications submitted during the initiative. Provosts appreciated the initiative's spirit but noted it was not cost-neutral and posed administrative challenges, including duplicated applications. They suggested collaborating to streamline the application process and assess costs. Following these discussions, provosts and enrollment managers agreed with Associate Director Knox's recommendation that the Kansas Free Application Days occur on the same dates in 2025, aligning with the recommendations in the February meeting's agenda packet. Regent Parasker moved to approve the Kansas Free Application Days for October 6-8, 2025. Following the second of Regent Johnston, the motion carried unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

NEXT THREE-YEAR CYCLE PERFORMANCE AGREEMENTS

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon shared that the next three-year cycle of performance agreements will commence in the academic year 2027, approximately a year and a half from now. Staff would like everyone to start considering what these performance agreements should entail, including the required metrics, achievements, or milestones. Work on these agreements is anticipated to begin at the start of the new academic year.

REVERSE TRANSFER ANNUAL REPORT

Associate Director Mistie Knox presented a summary of the Reverse Transfer policy and procedures and the 2024 Annual Reverse Transfer Report. In 2024, there were 339 total institution reverse transfer student referrals and 102 reverse transfer associate degrees awarded. Additionally, the use of the National Student Clearinghouse as the free data exchange service for reverse transfer will begin in the fall of 2025.

LAUNCH YEARS INITIATIVE UPDATE

Director of Academic Affairs Sam Christy-Dangermond provided an update on the Dana Center Launch Years Initiative Annual convening, attended by Director of Academic Affairs Jenn Bonds-Raacke and four others. The Kansas education team, comprising members from technical colleges, community colleges, four-year institutions,

and K-12 partners, participated in a convening where they attended sessions on various topics, including reimagining high school math, STEM issues in higher education, state policy scans, and the role of advisors in implementing math pathways.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice President Monhollon shared that he met with the University of Kansas Faculty Senate, where concerns were raised regarding the Systemwide General Education process. Board staff discussed the possibility of reviewing the current processes for potential revisions and will begin gathering information closer to the end of the academic year.

The next BAASC meeting will be held virtually on April 2.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Parasker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Following the second of Regent Johnston, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:46 a.m.