

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
APRIL 30, 2025

Regent Diana Mendoza called the April 30, 2025, Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regent Diana Mendoza
 Regent Alysia Johnston
 Regent Neelima Parasker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Johnston moved that the minutes of the April 16, 2025, meeting be approved. Regent Parasker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD CONSENT ITEMS

MED APPLIED BEHAVIORAL ANALYSIS - WSU

Linnea Glenmaye, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Jennifer Friend, Dean of the College of Applied Studies, and Dr. Angela Beeler, Coordinator for the School of Psychology & Applied Behavioral Analysis, from the Department of Intervention Services and Leadership in Education. Dr. Beeler shared that this degree would be a total of thirty-six credit hours, twenty-one of which are currently being offered. Three new courses will be created without the need for faculty changes. This program will better accommodate students needing a master's degree to sit for their Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) exam. The need for BCBAs has increased both in Kansas and the rest of the nation. Regent Parasker moved to approve the MEd Applied Behavioral Analysis at WSU. Regent Johnston seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

MS IN FORENSIC BIOLOGY - WSU

Linnea Glenmaye, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs, introduced Dr. Brien Bolin, Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, and Dr. Yumi Suzuki, Interim Director for Forensic Biology, Firearms, and Criminal Investigations. Dr. Suzuki shared that the proposed programs in Forensic Biology and Forensic Firearms focus on the applied learning experience in the ATF lab on campus at WSU. These proposals create a talent pipeline to local, state, and federal crime labs. The Forensic Biology program will consist of thirty-four credit hours.

Committee members discussed questions surrounding the employment demands in the state of Kansas, given a similar program had been approved at Fort Hays State University at the undergraduate level.

Regent Parasker moved to approve the MS in Forensic Biology at WSU. Regent Mendoza seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

MS IN FORENSIC FIREARMS - WSU

Dr. Suzuki shared that the Forensic Firearms program will require thirty credit hours and that both traditional and professional students are expected to enroll in the Forensic Biology and Forensic Firearms programs.

Linnea Glenmaye shared that the Forensic Biology and Forensic Firearms programs were created in direct collaboration with the ATF to address the specific training needs of currently employed staff. Dr. Bolin further explained that a survey had been conducted involving over two hundred individuals who have completed the

nationally recognized training in the field of firearms forensics. More than half of these individuals expressed interest in this degree program.

Regent Johnston moved to approve the MS in Forensic Firearms at WSU noting concerns that the information on the demand for the program in Kansas seemed insufficient. Regent Parasker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously with the concerns noted.

BBA IN SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT - PSU

Provost Susan Bon shared that the program is proposed in cooperation with the College of Business, the College of Technology, and the Industrial Distribution program. These programs will share a core of twenty-seven courses, requiring the addition of one new course in business and one in technology. The market shows a thirty-eight percent increase in demand for specialists in the area of supply chain management. Regent Johnston moved to approve the BBA in Supply Chain Management at PSU. Regent Parasker seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

BS IN INDUSTRIAL DISTRIBUTION - PSU

Provost Susan Bon shared that the market shows a nineteen percent increase in specialists in the area of industrial distribution. This program will fulfill the growing need for managers and individuals with a background in technology within the region. Regent Parasker moved to approve the BS in Industrial Distribution at PSU. Regent Johnston seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS

KU, KUMC, & KSU ANNUAL PROGRAM REVIEW

Director for Academic Affairs Sam Christy-Dangermond shared background and history on the program review process. Thirty-one undergraduate programs were reviewed for the 2024 program review cycle. This resulted in nineteen programs being put on action plans, seven were put on action plans with a proviso, three programs were merged with another program, and two were phased out. In June of 2023, the Board approved changes to the KBOR program review process, requiring each state university to review all undergraduate and graduate degree programs on the following schedule:

- Year one (2025): Kansas State University, University of Kansas, and University of Kansas Medical Center
- Year two (2026): Wichita State University
- Year three (2027): Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, and Pittsburg State University
- Year four (2028): BAASC will evaluate the effectiveness of the current framework.

Director Christy-Dangermond also provided a review of the current metrics. KU, KUMC, and KSU will present verbal reports at the next BAASC meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING ANNUAL REPORT

Associate Director for Academic Affairs Mistie Knox presented the Credit for Prior Learning Annual Report. A total of 80,693 credit hours were awarded in 2024, a decrease of 952 credit hours from the previous year. The headcount of students receiving these credits was 8,469, an increase of 212 students from the previous year. The Credit for Prior Learning Task Force has begun discussions to create a process for aligning Credit for Prior Learning credits with Systemwide Transfer courses. More information about this discussion will be available in the fall.

DUAL CREDIT ANNUAL REPORT

Associate Director for Academic Affairs Mistie Knox presented the Dual Credit Annual Report. In 2024, 38,004 high school students participated in dual credit courses, resulting in a total enrollment of 332,615 credit hours.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next BAASC meeting will be held on May 14, 2025, at the KBOR office in Topeka.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Parasker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Regent Mendoza seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 a.m.