

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

The April 17, 2024, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Mercer at 8:58 a.m. The meeting was held in person at Fort Hays State University, with a Zoom option available.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Debbie Mercer, K-State	Howard Smith, PSU	Brent Thomas, ESU
	John Fritch, Washburn	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Shirley Lefever, WSU
	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Robert Klein, KUMC	Rusty Monhollon, KBOR

**Approval of Minutes**

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the March 20, 2024, meeting minutes, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed.

**Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update**

Don Von Bergen, Chair of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents, provided an update. They continue to work on the criteria for the Faculty of the Year Award, with the goal of having one set of criteria that all universities can agree on.

**First Reading**

Barbra Bichelmeyer shared information on Competency-Based Education before presenting the first readings for the MS in Human & Organization Performance Effectiveness and the MSE in Secondary STEM Education at KU. The requests will move forward with second readings at next month's meeting.

**Second Reading**

Shirley Lefever presented the second reading for the Associate of Science at WSU. Howard Smith moved to approve the request, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded. The motion passed.

**Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting will be held virtually on May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Shirley Lefever moved to adjourn the meeting, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded. The motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.