



## **Council of Presidents (COPS)**

Kansas Board of Regents

Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, Kansas,  
66612

2026-02-11 11:00 - 12:00 CST

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Presenters: Interim President Kriley, ESU

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Presenters: Brent Thomas, Ph.D

**A. BS in Financial Forensics & Fraud Investigation, FHSU**

### **IV. Report from Council of Student Affairs Officers**

Presenters: Sheila Markowitz

### **V. Report from Council of Government Relations Officers**

Presenters: Greg Schneider, Ph.D

### **VI. Report from Council for Research and Economic Development (CRED)**

Presenters: Greg Scheider, Ph.D

### **VII. Report from Council of Chief Business Officers**

Presenters: Angela Wolgram

**A. Act on Student Health Insurance Benefits and Premium Rates for Plan Year**

**2026-2027**

### **VIII. Other Matters**

### **IX. Adjournment**

**Council of Presidents Minutes**

At 11:02 a.m. Interim President Kriley called the Council of Presidents meeting to order at the Curtis State Office Building (CSOB), 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, KS 66612.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Taylor Kriley, Emporia State University, Chair Susan Bon, Pittsburg State University Doug Girod, University of Kansas	Tisa Mason, Fort Hays State University Rick Muma, Wichita State University Richard Linton, Kansas State University
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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

President Muma moved that the minutes of the December 17, 2025, meeting be approved. Following the second of President Linton, the motion carried.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS:** Amy Sage Webb-Baza

- Act on Request to Approve BS in Financial Forensics and Fraud Investigation – FHSU (if approved unanimously by COCAO) Chancellor Girod moved that the program be approved. Following a second by President Muma, the motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICERS:** Sheila Markowitz

- Beginning of the Spring 26 term: All the institutions are holding their orientation sessions this week. We are excited about welcoming our students back to campus and starting the Spring 2026 term on Tuesday.
- In preparation of students returning to campus, we are working with our Health Centers to implement pre-emptive measures to mitigate the Flu. We are working to make plans to keep our students healthy.
- Our student government is working on Higher Ed Days. Currently they have identified February 4th as the date, with February 24th as a backup date.
- Our national organization, National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), will be holding their annual meetings in Kansas City, Missouri this year. It will be held March 8-11th. With it being so close, we encourage our institutions to attend.
- On behalf of Interim President, Dr. Kriley, ESU would like to thank Dr. Flanders and all KBOR staff for their generous donation toward our food pantry. They held a competition among their staff and donated 1,250 food items. Our students appreciate your generosity.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS OFFICERS & COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (CRED):** Greg Schneider, Ph.D.

No report

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICERS:** Angela Wolgram

- Remote Employee Report: COBO approved the draft with added context showing remote employees as a percentage of total workforce (IBAR-based). This was submitted to KBOR January 12, 2026, and is an annual report that will be due again January 11, 2027.
- FTE & Vacancies Legislative Request: All institutions use a standard table and narrative showing state funded vs other funded FTE, total FY26 budgeted FTE, net vacancies and percentage comparisons. This was submitted to KBOR January 8, 2026.
- Salary Pay Increase Cost Data: DOA/OPS requested cost impacts of pay increases with a deadline of January 9, 2026. Human Resource offices were contacted for information.
- Legislative Testimony: Last week the three regionals were in front of the Higher Ed Budget Committee. Committees are asking varied questions, with no consistent testimony template and FTE increases are facing scrutiny even when externally funded.
- The Summer Budget Workshop is tentatively scheduled for July 29-31.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.