

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

The February 12, 2025, meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Luke Dowell at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC	Jason Sharp, Labette CC	Monica Lounsbery, WSU
Brent Thomas, ESU	Susan Bon, PSU	Jennifer Seymour, WSU Tech
Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Luke Dowell, Seward CC	John Fritch, Washburn University
Jesse Mendez, KSU	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Rusty Monhollon, KBOR (<i>ex officio</i>)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jill Arensdorf moved that the minutes of the January 15, 2025, meeting be approved. Following the second of Susan Bon, the motion carried unanimously.

SYSTEMWIDE UPDATES

FIRST 15 UPDATE

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon shared that the working group met on January 21 and February 6. Although consideration was given to pilot the program with English Composition I, discussions about funding and other concerns brought the decision to a standstill. The group has requested further data to address the concerns raised at the February meeting before moving forward.

RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORT ON APPLY KANSAS APPLICATION CAMPAIGN, RECEIVE REPORT ON KANSAS FREE APPLICATIONS DAY, AND RECEIVE REPORT ON KANSAS FREE APPLICATIONS DAY FOR 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Associate Director of Academic Affairs Mistie Knox presented the Apply Kansas Application Campaign annual report. She reported that 89% of Kansas school districts participated in Apply Kansas for 2024, with 22,818 applications submitted. She also shared the report on Kansas Free Applications Day, noting that applications submitted during the Apply Free Days increased by 76% from 2023 to 2024, totaling 17,471 applications submitted to public institutions. A proposal to continue Apply Free Days for the 2025 academic year will be presented to BAASC and then to the Board.

OTHER MATTERS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES

Vice President Monhollon shared that about two-thirds of registrants attended the Complete College America (CCA) Alliance Launch event held on February 11 at Washburn University. There was great feedback about the presentation and the group discussions.

Director of Academic Affairs Sam Christy-Dangermond shared updates on the professional development sessions. The final session for math faculty was held on January 24. Brandon Protas from Complete College America (CCA) presented on assessing student success in corequisite supports for math and English courses. The most recent session for English faculty was held on January 31. Kathy McCoskey of Butler CC, Dr. Melanie Burdick of Washburn University, and Dr. Casey Reid, formerly with KU, presented on reading supports for English, scaffolding, and integrating reading and the reading cycle into the teaching of writing. The next English faculty professional development session is scheduled for February 28.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next SCOCAO meeting is scheduled for March 12.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.