

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS  
SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS**

**VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, May 14, 2025  
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) will meet virtually via Zoom. An in-person option will be available at the Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, Kansas, 66612.

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| <b>I.</b>       | <b>Call to Order</b>                              | Mickey McCloud    |
|                 | A. Roll Call and Introductions                    |                   |
|                 | B. Approve Minutes from April 16, 2025            | p. 3              |
| <br><b>II.</b>  | <br><b>Systemwide Updates</b>                     |                   |
|                 | A. First 15                                       | Rusty Monhollon   |
| <br><b>III.</b> | <br><b>Other Matters</b>                          |                   |
|                 | A. Next Cycle Performance Agreement Discussion    | Jenn Bonds-Raacke |
| <br><b>IV.</b>  | <br><b>Announcements</b>                          |                   |
|                 | A. 2025 KCOG Preliminary Courses Due May 12, 2025 |                   |
|                 | B. Next SCOCAO Meeting – June 11, 2025            |                   |
| <br><b>V.</b>   | <br><b>Adjournment</b>                            |                   |

## SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO), established in 2002, is composed of the six chief academic officers of the state universities, four chief academic officers selected by the nineteen community colleges, one chief academic officer selected by the six technical colleges, and the chief academic officer of Washburn University. The Board's Vice-President for Academic Affairs serves as an ex officio member. The Committee meets in person on the morning of the first day of the monthly Board meeting. Membership includes:

Brandon Galm	Cloud County CC
Mickey McCloud, Co-Chair	JCCC
Brent Thomas	ESU
Jill Arensdorf	FHSU
Jesse Mendez	KSU
Barbara Bichelmeyer	KU
Jason Sharp	Labette CC
Susan Bon, Co-Chair	PSU
Luke Dowell	Seward CCC
John Fritch	Washburn
Monica Lounsbery	WSU
Jennifer Seymour	WSU Tech
Rusty Monhollon	KBOR

### System Council of Chief Academic Officers AY 2025 Meeting Schedule

<b><i>SCOCAO Academic Year 2024- 2025 Meeting Dates</i></b>		
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Location (virtual or in-person)</b>	<b>Institutional Materials Due</b>
September 18, 2024	Virtual	August 28, 2024
November 20, 2024	Kansas State University	October 30, 2024
December 18, 2024	Virtual	November 25, 2024
January 15, 2025	Virtual	December 24, 2024
February 12, 2025	Virtual	January 22, 2025
March 12, 2025	Virtual	February 19, 2025
April 16, 2025	Pittsburg State University	March 26, 2025
May 14, 2025	Virtual	April 23, 2025
June 11, 2025	Virtual	May 21, 2025

SCOCAO meets at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

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MINUTES  
APRIL 16, 2025**

The April 16, 2025, meeting of System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by co-chair Mickey McCloud at 8:32 a.m. The meeting was held in the Meadowlark room on the Pittsburg State University Campus, Overman Student Center 302 E Cleveland Ave, Pittsburg, KS 66762, with a virtual option available.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Luke Dowell moved that the minutes of the March 12, 2025, meeting be approved. Jason Sharp seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**SYSTEMWIDE UPDATES**

**FIRST 15**

Vice President of Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon provided a brief update on the First 15 initiative. During the recent legislative session, there was some conversation about modifying the formula that provides funds to both high schools and concurrent enrollment providers for students taking concurrent enrollment courses. Although no action was taken to modify the formula, it will likely be a topic of discussion during the 2026 legislative session. The Regents' goal has been that some concurrent enrollment courses, which we refer to as the First 15, could be offered at no cost to the student by using existing funds in the system for concurrent enrollment students. Should the legislature modify that formula next year, however, there is potential that both colleges and high schools will not receive the full reimbursement for concurrent enrollment students. The Kansas Board of Regents remains committed to expanding early college learning opportunities to more Kansas high school students. However, because of the uncertainty surrounding the funding formula, it may be wise to discuss an interim step in providing affordable concurrent enrollment courses to students, perhaps not at no cost to the student.

Vice President Monhollon proposes that the First 15 Workgroup seek to develop a framework in which First 15 courses can be offered at low cost to students. "Low cost" means less than the full cost of tuition, fees, and books that institutions normally charge for a typical concurrent enrollment course. The timeline for development and implementation will be adjusted, so recommendations for the Board will be made by the end of the summer. As part of this effort, KBOR will publish the rates each concurrent enrollment provider charges for tuition, fees, and books on its website. Making this information easily available will give students and districts a clear picture of the cost of taking a concurrent enrollment course. Vice President Monhollon plans to reconvene the workgroup in the next couple of weeks.

Council members discussed questions surrounding how the lowering of costs would be executed, the tentative estimates of the projected costs published, and clarity on service area and enrollment options shared with the public. Vice President Monhollon stated that KBOR's goal is to work with the institutions by reconvening the workgroup to identify ways in which costs for a low-cost option could be met within

system resources. Institutions would be able to review published cost information prior to publication to ensure the data is as fair, accurate, and objective as possible.

#### TRANSFER AND ARTICULATION COUNCIL UPDATE

Jennifer Seymour provided a TAAC update. The council met on April 9 to finalize course selections for the 2025 KCOG Conference. Twenty-one review courses and seven new courses were approved for inclusion. The new courses are Data Structures, Introduction to Digital Design, Ceramics I, World Literature II, and Aural Skills I & II. KBOR staff will be sending information to the CAO's on identifying preliminary courses that align with these new additions.

#### KANSAS MICRO-INTERNSHIPS (KMI) PROGRAM AND PARKER DEWEY+ ONLINE PORTAL UPDATE

Tim Peterson provided an update on the Kansas Micro-Internships (KMI) Program. Kansas Employers and Entrepreneurs are the target audience of the current campaign in which information on joining the KMI program and expanding the internship opportunities for Kansas students is widely being shared. As of March 31, there are 3,263 Kansas students registered for the KMI program and only 388 Kansas Organizations & Entrepreneurs. Handouts and banners will be shared with institutions to be shared with local businesses and other Kansas organizations.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next SCOCOA meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2025.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Brent Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned. Susan Bon seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.