

System Council of Presidents Minutes

At 10:33 a.m. President Amber Knoettgen called the System Council of Presidents meeting to order at the Curtis State Office Building (CSOB), 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, KS 66612.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County, Chair Susan Bon, Pittsburg State University Doug Girod, University of Kansas Greg Nichols, Salina Tech	Tisa Mason, Fort Hays State University Rick Muma, Wichita State University Richard Linton, Kansas State University Taylor Kriley, Emporia State University
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Nichols moved that the minutes of the September 17, 2025, meeting be approved. Following the second of Chancellor Girod, the motion carried.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS: Mickey McCloud, Johnson County Community College Executive Vice President and Provost.

- There are some changes in the minutes from the last meeting to reflect the sentiment that the work on the reduced credit baccalaureate degree needed to be done well and in the best interest to everyone.
 - There was some discussion on the need to reduce the number of required credit hours from 45 to be in line with the reduced degree requirements.
 - Discussion centered on industry demand – whether they would notice a reduced credit hour degree, and the value of the first 30 credit hours of a degree program – a broader conversation needed.
- Moving forward with the next set of system-wide transfer courses, now at 120 courses.
- There is a meeting on Friday to discuss the reduced baccalaureate degree. President Flanders encouraged to look at industry demand and the robust process in place to either use or emulate in some way.

OTHER MATTERS

- **Legislative and budget update:** Kelly Oliver
 - Legislative session opened on Monday. The House and Senate have both introduced their budget bills, they will come together to reconcile and finalize. It was noted that there are no enhancements and carryforward balances in State General Funds are not included.
 - Legislature is proposing to remove the carryforward balances and not allow spending on those accounts. This would affect scholarship awarding.
 - The Budget committee wants to be finished by mid-February.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.