

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, November 15, 2023**

The November 15, 2023, System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mickey McCloud at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held at Emporia State University with a virtual option through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members: Mickey McCloud, JCCC	Chuck Taber, K-State	Tom Nevill, Butler CC
Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Howard Smith, PSU	Luke Dowell, Seward County CC
Brent Thomas, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC
Shirley Lefever, WSU	Scott Lucas, WSU Tech	Karla Wiscombe, KBOR

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the September 20, 2023, meeting minutes, and Tom Nevill seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

**2023 Transfer and Articulation (TAAC) Quality Assurance Report**

Casey Fraites-Chapes presented a summary of the report, which can be found on the [TAAC Council webpage](#).

**Open Education Resources (OER) Annual Report**

Tara Lebar and Barry Bailey presented a summary of the report, which can be found on the [OER Across Institutions webpage](#).

**Systemwide Updates**

- Jane Holwerda provided the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Report. The Council reviewed the work done at the 2023 Kansas Core Outcomes Groups (KCOG) Conference and approved four new courses for inclusion in systemwide transfer courses. The Council will review the 30 review courses at its next meeting.
- Karla Wiscombe summarized the 2023 KCOG Conference with over 600 registrants. Seward County Community College will host the next two KCOG Conferences: October 11, 2024, and October 10, 2025. These dates were chosen to avoid conflict with the Michael Tilford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism. The next step is for universities that do not offer the four new courses to submit clarification on why they do not offer the course.
- Karla Wiscombe provided a systemwide elementary education transfer associate degree update. Karla noted that fifteen institutions have committed to offering the program.
- Karla Wiscombe and Sam Christy-Dangermond provided a systemwide general education update. Master course lists have been submitted, and 26 institutions have been approved and notified. Karla and Sam are working on exception and deviation requests. Dr. Flanders makes the final decisions on these requests. KBOR staff met with registrars to review process questions, and a January meeting with this group will be scheduled.

- Karla Wiscombe provided an update on math pathways. Several members of this working group are attending a Dana Center math pathways convening to help with the initial launch years. Math course placement nominations have been provided, and a meeting is scheduled. Next will be getting nominations for the English course placement group. Sam noted that if anyone would like additional information on degree maps, they can email her at [schristy@ksbor.org](mailto:schristy@ksbor.org).
- Tara Lebar provided an Apply Kansas and Apply Kansas Free Days update. There were 220 high schools hosting events this year. This total is up 10% from last year, with 47 sites new to the campaign. The first Apply Kansas free days happened November 7-9<sup>th</sup>, and early reports indicate public institutions processed thousands of applications during this window. Data will be provided at an upcoming meeting. For more information on Apply Kansas, you can visit <https://www.kansasregents.org/students/apply-kansas>.

### **Other Matters**

Karla Wiscombe reminded institutions that there are new program requests and material due dates on page two of each agenda. Due to staffing shortages, she noted the importance of adhering to these deadlines moving forward.

### **Adjournment**

Tom Nevill moved to adjourn the meeting, and Brent Thomas seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m.