

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

The December 13, 2023, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Chuck Taber at 8:54 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom with an in-person option at the KBOR offices.

In Attendance:

Members:	Chuck Taber, K-State	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Robert Klein, KUMC
	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Howard Smith, PSU	Laura Stephenson, Washburn
	Brent Thomas, ESU	Shirley Lefever, WSU	Karla Wiscombe, KBOR

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the November 15, 2023, meeting minutes, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update

Elodie Jones, FHSU Faculty Senate President, provided the update. The Council is working on determining criteria for the Faculty of the Year Award to be presented to KBOR in February.

First Readings

Shirley Lefever and Larisa Genin presented the first reading for a BBA in Hospitality at WSU. Students pursuing a business degree expressed interest in having more specialized industry knowledge as they were competing for jobs in the hospitality sector. K-State submitted concerns about the program and WSU responded. Those communications will be included in the materials for the second reading.

Second Reading

Howard Smith provided an overview of the Master of Social Work at PSU proposal. Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the program, and Barbara Bichelmeyer seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This program will go to COPS at their meeting later in the day and, if approved, will be up for approval at the next BAASC meeting.

Other Matters

Provosts discussed Artificial Intelligence (AI). Faculty groups are forming at universities to look into this topic further. Provosts discussed the possibility of getting a systemwide group together in the spring to have productive conversations surrounding AI and, more specifically, how to leverage this newer technology for the better.

Shirley Lefever noted that WSU is looking to develop an Associate of Science for students pursuing bachelor's degrees in STEM fields at WSU.

Adjournment

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.