

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES
Wednesday, February 14, 2024**

The February 14, 2024, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Debbie Mercer at 9:15 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom with an in-person option at the KBOR offices.

In Attendance:

Members:	Debbie Mercer, 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

Approval of Minutes

Brent Thomas moved to approve the January 17, 2024, meeting minutes, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update

Don Von Bergen, Chair of Council of Faculty Senate Presidents, provided an update. They have a final draft of criteria for the Faculty of the Year Award and will present nominees to KBOR very soon, with a goal for Board review at the August retreat. The team of Faculty Senate Presidents plans to have a luncheon in May welcoming next year's President-elect.

Other Requests

Debbie Mercer presented the request by KSU to change the name of BS in Agricultural Communications & Journalism to BS in Agriculture & Natural Resources Communications. Brent Thomas moved to approve, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed.

Howard Smith presented requests by PSU to change the names of BS in Social Work to Bachelor of Social Work (BSW); BBA in Computer Information Systems to BBA in Data Science & Information Systems; and MS in Teaching to MS in Curriculum & Instruction. Jill Arensdorf moved to approve, and Brent Thomas seconded. The motion passed.

Other Matters

Karla Wiscombe provided an update on Supportive Metrics. The expectation is that at some point, the universities will report to BAASC on the support metrics or the plan to use the metrics in decision making.

Debbie Mercer provided date reminders as provided on the agenda. Karla Wiscombe added that in recognition of Higher Ed Day, today, some may plan to go to the Legislature.

Robert Klein announced that KUMC has a New Dean of School of Nursing, Dr. Jean Giddens.

Howard Smith made clarification for a program PSU plans to phase out. Though a few courses that were in the program will comprise an emphasis in another program, this is not technically a merger of two programs. Karla Wiscombe and Sam Christy-Dangermond discussed the differences between mergers and true program discontinuance, while maintaining a small piece within another program, and how it is reported on the Program Review Reports.

Howard Smith discussed that their business technology group is working on a supply chain management program.

Adjournment

Shirley Lefever moved to adjourn the meeting, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed.