

Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chair Alysia Johnston at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, February 11, 2026. The meeting was held at the Board office, Curtis State Office Building, 1000 SW Jackson, Ste. 520, Topeka, Kansas. Proper notice was given according to the law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regent Alysia Johnston, Chair
 Regent Pamela Ammar
 Regent Diana Mendoza

Introductions

Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bonds-Raacke introduced Dr. W. Trey Hill as the new Director for Academic Affairs. Dr. Hill earned his Ph.D. from Kansas State University. He has previously served as a faculty member and department chair at Fort Hays State University as well as Vice Provost and Dean for Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology.

Approval of minutes

Regent Ammar moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026 meeting. Regent Mendoza seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Other Matters

AY 2026 Performance Report & Rubric

Director For Academic Affairs Sam Christy-Dangermond reviewed the AY 2026 Performance Report template, highlighting the five key components: Math Pathways, Corequisite Math support, Corequisite English support, Systemwide placement measures for Math Pathways and English Comp. I, and degree maps. Director Christy-Dangermond reviewed the information requested on the template and explained the evaluation rubric, which awards full, half, or no points based on the completeness of the information provided by institutions..

Regent Ammar asked if the report was new, or if it was replacing a different report. Director Christy-Dangermond clarified that institutions are asked to provide a report every year, but the report aligns with the Board-approved Performance Agreement, and reflects full implementation of the new Math and English initiatives for AY 2027. If an institution receives full points, they are recommended for 100% of any new funding from the legislature.

Regent Mendoza asked if there was a guide to indicate the components required to be listed on the course schedule. Director Christy-Dangermond responded that all requirements for the report are listed in the rubric, but there is no requirement specifying which components must be included in each institution's course schedule. If any information is missing, Director Christy-Dangermond will work with the institution directly to give them every opportunity to include any missing information from the report.

Regent Ammar asked if the provosts had provided input on the rubric. Director Christy-Dangermond responded that the rubrics were designed based on their input from the first year of the three-year agreement and was presented to provosts at the SCOCAO meeting earlier that day. Provosts Barbara Bichelmeyer (University of Kansas,) Jill Arensdorf (Fort Hays State University,) Susan Bon (Pittsburg State University,) and Jesse Mendez (Kansas State University) expressed their support for the rubric as presented.

Regent Mendoza moved to approve the rubric. Regent Ammar seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously.

Academic Affairs Updates

Vice President for Academic Affairs Jennifer Bonds-Raacke highlighted the work of the SGA leaders at Higher Education Day on February 4 and their efforts to align priorities across campuses and to ensure their advocacy was connected to KBOR's broader priorities including financial aid for all students in Kansas. Prior to Higher Education Day, SGA leaders received advocacy training from their institutions and from graduate students at Fort Hays State University.

Next, Vice President Bonds-Raacke shared that Academic Affairs staff at KBOR is working with the Data, Research, and Planning team as well as university CAOs to build a data collection system in alignment with the recently approved workload, tenure, and post-tenure policies.

Vice President Bonds-Raacke also noted that we are concluding the third and final year of the current performance agreement cycle. In the coming months, BAASC will need to discuss a bridge agreement for AY 2027, which would allow the incoming Board president the opportunity to help shape the next three-year cycle.

Lastly, Vice President Bonds-Raacke shared that Kansas has been selected to participate in SHEEO's Holistic Advising for Student Success initiative. This work will help to strengthen advising, align efforts with state priorities, and build cross-sector collaboration.

Adjournment

Chair Johnston adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.