

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2025

Chair Diana Mendoza called the January 15, 2025, Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held in the Kathy Rupp conference room, located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka, KS 66612.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regent Diana Mendoza, Chair
 Regent Alysia Johnston
 Regent Neelima Parasker

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice President of Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon introduced the new provost for Wichita State University, Monica Lounsbery, to the committee. She started earlier this month, replacing Shirley Lefever, who retired last month.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Johnston moved that the minutes of the December 18, 2024, meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Parasker, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS

NEW PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR MS IN MEDICAL DOSIMETRY

Dr. Mark Kohls, chair of the Allied Health Department at Washburn University, shared a summary of the program proposal aimed at enabling graduates to obtain licensure in medical dosimetry. Medical dosimetrists are radiation oncology team members who design radiation treatment plans for cancer patients. This would be a Master of Science program due to the mathematics and physics involved in calculating radiation treatments. Beth O'Neill, filling in for Provost John Fritch, mentioned that this program addresses a national shortage in medical dosimetry. Currently, no medical dosimetry program is offered in Kansas or the surrounding states. Dr. Kohls added that the typical pathway for this degree is through becoming a radiation therapist, a program already offered by Washburn's Allied Health Department. Regent Parasker moved to approve the program proposal for placement onto the next Board Discussion Agenda. Following the second of Regent Johnston, the motion carried unanimously.

CHANGES TO KU QUALIFIED ADMISSIONS

Provost Barbara Bichelmeyer presented the University of Kansas' request for changes to the KU qualified admissions criteria. They are proposing a February 1 application deadline for guaranteed admissions and revisions to the two options for guaranteed admissions. The first request is to change the criterion of "21+ ACT and a minimum 2.0 high school GPA" to "24+ ACT and a minimum 2.5 high school GPA." The second request is to change the criterion of "minimum of 3.25 high school GPA regardless of test score" to "minimum of 3.0 high school GPA regardless of test score." (This option is only for students who attended accredited high schools.) Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Nick Stevens explained that these are just two pathways for guaranteed admissions. The university will continue to use a holistic review process for other admissions, considering the entirety of a student's academic outcomes and extracurricular and co-curricular activities. Regent Mendoza moved to approve the request, and following the second by Regent Parasker, the motion carried unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

AY 2025 PERFORMANCE REPORT & RUBRIC

Director of Academic Affairs Sam Christy-Dangermond shared the AY 2025 Performance Report template and the rubric draft, which was approved by BAASC last year as the scoring component for the performance report. Director Christy-Dangermond reviewed each component of the performance report and explained the points for each. She clarified the requirement for the academic degree maps to utilize the Systemwide General Education coding linked on the template document will be in place this year. Regent Parasker moved to table this item until the next meeting to allow adequate time to discuss. Following the second by Regent Johnston, the motion carried unanimously.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES

Vice President of Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon shared that the First 15 workgroup has had its first meeting. Their next meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, and February 6. Updates on their progress will be provided in February. A new page will be live on the website later this week with various materials related to the First 15 under Academic Affairs, then Dual Credit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next BAASC meeting will be held virtually on January 29, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Parasker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Following the second of Regent Johnston, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.