

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2025

Chair Diana Mendoza called the January 29, 2025, Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regent Diana Mendoza, Chair
 Regent Neelima Parasker

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon acknowledged Dr. Karla Wiscombe's retirement and thanked her for her service and leadership. Vice President Monhollon also announced that Dr. Jenn Bonds-Raacke will take her place as Director of Academic Affairs.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Mendoza moved that the minutes of the January 15, 2025, meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Parasker, the motion carried unanimously.

OTHER MATTERS

APPROVE AY 2025 PERFORMANCE REPORT RUBRIC

Director of Academic Affairs Sam Christy-Dangermond shared a summary of the AY 2025 Performance Report Rubric. The performance report consists of five components, each worth 20 points, totaling 100 possible points. These components include Math Pathways, corequisite support for the three gateway math courses, corequisite support for English Composition I, systemwide English and math course placement measures, and degree maps. Regent Mendoza moved to approve the academic year 2025 performance report rubric. Following the second of Regent Parasker, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS ARTICULATED TO THE SYSTEMWIDE TRANSFER ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Director of Academic Affairs Karla Wiscombe shared a summary of all Board goals surrounding the topic of Systemwide Transfer Associate Degrees. The first goal, set for 2022-2023, was to identify at least sixty hours using the systemwide general education, pre-major, and early major courses that complete the requirements for the transfer associate degree at community colleges and transfer and apply toward satisfying baccalaureate degree course requirements at the six state universities. The next goal for 2023-2024 was to develop a statewide transfer associate degree in nursing to meet workforce demands in the state and facilitate on-time graduation for students. Finally, the goal for 2024-2025 is to improve the systemwide transfer of associate degrees by ensuring courses transfer as degree requirements. This brings us to the request for formal approval for the baccalaureate degrees, which include programs for Elementary Education, Business Administration Management and Operations, Computer Science, Pre-Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Pre-Social Work. Regent Mendoza moved to approve these programs. Following the second of Regent Parasker, the motion carried unanimously.

REDUCED CREDIT BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon mentioned the interest in reduced-credit bachelor's degrees. For the Board to take action, state statute and policy changes would be necessary. BAASC has been assigned to gather more information and better understand these programs. To that end, Vice President Monhollon introduced Stephanie Kramer, Director of Accreditation Systems, and Zach Waymer, Government Affairs Officer with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). They provided a presentation on the reduced-credit hour bachelor's

degree, covering an overview, background information, the application and review process, and available resources.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next BAASC meeting will be held in Topeka at the KBOR office on February 12.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Parasker moved that the meeting be adjourned. Following the second of Regent Johnston, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:58 a.m.