

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
BOARD ACADEMIC AFFAIRS STANDING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
FEBRUARY 12, 2025**

Chair Diana Mendoza called the February 12, 2025, Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Regent Diana Mendoza, Chair
 Regent Alysia Johnston
 Regent Kathy Wolfe Moore

INTRODUCTIONS

Regent Mendoza introduced and welcomed Regent Wolfe Moore to the committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Johnston moved that the minutes of the January 29, 2025, meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Mendoza, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD CONSENT ITEMS

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon shared that the issue paper that went to the Board for the Program Review Metrics had an edit that inadvertently omitted a crucial phrase that was included in the issue paper approved by BAASC on November 6. Vice President Monhollon requested the committee confirm their intent and approval to include the phrase in the clarification to be presented to the Board in March. This clarification will change the phrase “Excluding from the five-year post-baccalaureate wage metric students who immediately pursue graduate studies upon completion of a bachelor’s degree” to “Students who pursue graduate study immediately can be included in the Talent Pipeline Metric. Additionally, these students should not be included in the wage metric five years post-baccalaureate.” Regent Johnston moved to approve this clarification. Following the second of Regent Mendoza, the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS

RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORT ON APPLY KANSAS APPLICATION CAMPAIGN, RECEIVE REPORT ON KANSAS FREE APPLICATIONS DAY, AND ACT ON KANSAS FREE APPLICATION DAY FOR 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

Associate Director of Academic Affairs Mistie Knox presented the Apply Kansas Application Campaign annual report. She reported that 89% of Kansas school districts participated in Apply Kansas for 2024, with 22,818 applications submitted. She also shared the report on Kansas Free Applications Day, noting that applications submitted during the Apply Free Days increased by 76% from 2023 to 2024, totaling 17,471 applications. Associate Director Knox proposed continuing Apply Free Days for the 2025 academic year. While this initiative is generally supported, there was a consensus to gather more data on the institutional costs for Apply Free Days. Regent Johnston made a motion to approve continuing to pilot the program with input from the provosts and increased data as it is received. Regent Mendoza moved to table this decision until the next meeting and requested the provosts gather information related to this initiative from their institutions. Regent Johnston rescinded her previous motion and seconded Regent Mendoza’s motion. The motion carried unanimously. Associate Director Knox will share the recommendation to table the decision until March with the Board.

OTHER MATTERS

FIRST 15 UPDATE

Vice President for Academic Affairs Rusty Monhollon shared that the working group met on January 21 and February 6. Although there was hope to pilot the program with English Composition I, discussions about funding, need, coverage, and other concerns brought the decision to a standstill. The group has requested further data to address the concerns raised at the February meeting before moving forward. Once the requested data is gathered, another meeting will be scheduled.

REDUCED CREDIT BACHELOR'S DEGREE

Vice President Monhollon requested this item be tabled until the next meeting due to the time constraints of this meeting.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATES

Vice President Monhollon shared that the Complete College America (CCA) Alliance Launch event held on February 11 at Washburn University had about 115 attendees. There was great feedback about the group discussions held at the event, and Regent Mendoza and a few provosts expressed excitement about beginning work with CCA in the future.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next BAASC meeting will be held virtually on February 26.

ADJOURNMENT

Regent Johnston moved that the meeting be adjourned. Following the second of Regent Mendoza, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.