

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2020**

The June 17, 2020 meeting of the Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair David Cordle at 8:44 a.m. The meeting was originally scheduled to be held in Topeka. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, this meeting was held through Zoom and live streamed for the public.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	David Cordle, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Charles Taber, K-State
	Robert Klein, KUMC	Rick Muma, WSU	JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn
	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Howard Smith, PSU	Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Sam Christy-Dangermond	Amy Robinson	Travis White
	Karla Wiscombe	Erin Wolfram	
Others:	Brad Bennett, Colby CC	Jean Redeker, KU	Brian Niehoff, K-State
	Erin Shaw, Highland CC	Corey Isbell, NCKTC	Jerry Pope, KCKCC
	Alysia Starkey, K-State	Craig Harms, K-State	Graham Leach Krouse, K-State
	Linnea GlenMaye, WSU	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC	Pedro Leite, Cloud County CC
	Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC	Stanton Gartin, Salina Tech	Steve Loewen, Flint Hills Tech
	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC	Alek Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC
	Stuart Day, KU	Kim Morse, Washburn	Ryan Diehl, Hutchinson CC
	Mindy Markham, KU	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC	Joe McCann, Seward County CC
	Jason Sharp, Labette CC		

Chair David Cordle welcomed everyone.

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard Smith moved to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2020 special meeting, and Rick Muma seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussion, the motion passed.

Barbara Bichelmeyer moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 regular meeting, and Juli Mazachek seconded the motion. With no corrections or discussion, the motion passed.

**1<sup>st</sup> Readings**

- K-State is requesting a Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Integrated Computer Science in the College of Arts and Sciences. This is a cross-college collaboration for students who want to attend a computer skills-based program which connects to various areas of interest with a focus in arts and sciences. Chuck Taber provided a brief overview of the program. No questions were presented by the Committee.
- K-State is requesting a Bachelor of Science in Public Health in the College of Health and Human Sciences/Kinesiology. This is an interdisciplinary program designed to address the growing need for public health workers. Chuck Taber provided an overview of the program. No questions were presented by the Committee.
- KU is requesting a Bachelor of Health Sciences in the School of Professional Studies at the Edwards Campus. Barbara Bichelmeyer introduced Stuart Day, the inaugural Dean. Stuart provided a brief

overview of the new program. This is an online completion degree and collaborated between KUMC and JCCC.

Juli Mazachek noted that Washburn University has a new Bachelor of Health Sciences degree online and she believes there is demand for these programs. She noted Washburn also has an articulation agreement with JCCC and hopes they can work together with KU. Rick Muma noted WSU offers a Health Science degree and asked for more information on how they are offering related courses online in terms of labs. Stuart stated he could provide further information on how they are accomplishing this.

No action is required for first readings. These three programs will be presented for a vote at the next COCAO meeting.

### **Other Requests**

- K-State is requesting a name change of the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology to Fisheries, Wildlife, Conservation, and Environmental Biology. Chuck Taber and Brian Niehoff were available for questions.

Jill Arensdorf motioned to approve the name change, and Rick Muma seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

- K-State is requesting approval to change the name of their School of Integrated Studies to the Department of Integrated Studies at their Polytechnic campus. They are also requesting to create a new Department of Aviation. Alysia Starkey gave a brief overview of the two requests. The Polytechnic campus currently operates under the School of Integrated Studies, which was created by combining a number of departments. These requests essentially separate the school into two academic departments. No questions were presented by the Committee.

Barbara Bichelmeyer motioned to approve the two requests, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. The motion passed by roll call vote.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer provided an overview of KU's requests to change three programs from a Master of Arts to a Master of Science. These changes better reflect degree requirements, which have significant research components, communicate these requirements, and better align with similar degree programs at other institutions. Barbara noted the department is not changing the name of the degrees but is seeking a change in the type of degree.

KU is requesting approval to change their Master of Arts in Microbiology to Master of Science in Microbiology.

KU is requesting approval to change their Master of Arts in Biochemistry & Biophysics to a Master of Science in Biochemistry & Biophysics.

KU is requesting approval to change their Master of Arts in Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology to a Master of Science in Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology.

Rick Muma motioned to approve the three requests, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no questions or further discussion, the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

### **Council of Faculty Senate Presidents Update**

Aleksander Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU, is the new Faculty Senate President. Alek is the Director of the School of Music and has been with WSU for 10 years. Alek will provide an update at the next COCAO meeting. He noted

we are at the most trying time in the last 100 years and believes the faculty presidents and elected faculty representatives will be key to working together to change, adapt, and initiate as we all move forward.

#### **Other Matters/New Business**

- Barbara Bichelmeyer noted as KU moves forward with their plans for fall semester, they have created 10 design teams. These teams will address pandemic related issues with keeping in mind the goals of the new Strategic Plan. One of the new teams is called "Jayhawk Cloud" and builds on the Microsoft platform to create a cloud presence for all KU events, activities, groups, and offices. This will be key for those that cannot come back to campus to engage in campus life.

#### **Adjournment**

David noted the University Press of Kansas Board of Trustees will meet after adjournment of BAASC.

Committee members expressed appreciation for David's work as Chair and thanked him for his leadership.

Rick Muma moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:19 a.m.