

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS  
COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS**

**MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, November 16, 2022  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

The Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) will meet on the campus of Kansas State University in the Purple Pride Conference Room, 100 Alumni Center, 1720 Anderson Avenue, Manhattan, KS 66506. To the extent possible, a virtual option will be provided to accommodate those who prefer not to attend in person. Meeting information will be sent to participants via email, or you may contact [arobinson@ksbor.org](mailto:arobinson@ksbor.org).

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| <b>I. Call to Order</b>   | Barbara Bichelmeyer, Chair |      |
| A. Roll Call & Introductions  |                            |      |
| B. Approve Minutes from October 19, 2022  |                            | p. 3 |
| <br>  |                            |      |
| <b>II. Council of Faculty Senate Presidents Update</b>  | Nate Brunsell, KU          |      |
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| <b>III. Other Requests</b>  |                            |      |
| A. Request for Approval to Change Name of AAS in Architectural Manufacturing, Management, & Technology to AAS in Wood Product Manufacturing – PSU               | Howard Smith               | p. 5 |
| B. Request for Approval to Change Name of BST in Architectural Manufacturing, Management, & Technology to BST in Wood Product Manufacturing – PSU               | Howard Smith               | p. 5 |
| C. Request for Approval to Merge the BA/BS in History with the BA/BS in Political Science, Resulting in a BS in History and Government – ESU                    | Brent Thomas               | p. 6 |
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| <b>IV. Other Matters</b>  |                            |      |
| A. Discuss Opportunities (new degree programs, partnerships, strategic initiatives, etc.) that Universities are Considering or Planning to Pursue in the Future | COCAO Members              |      |
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| <b>V. Next COCAO Meeting – December 14, 2022</b>  |                            |      |
| A. New Program Approvals  |                            |      |
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| <b>VI. Adjournment</b>  |                            |      |

## COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS

The Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO), established in 1969, is composed of the academic vice presidents of the state universities. The Board's Vice President for Academic Affairs serves as an ex officio member, and the member from the same institution as the chairperson of the Council of Presidents serves as chairperson of the Council of Chief Academic Officers. The chief academic officers of the University of Kansas Medical Center and Washburn University are authorized to participate as non-voting members when agenda items affecting those institutions are to be considered. The Council of Chief Academic Officers meets monthly and reports to the Council of Presidents. The Council of Chief Academic Officers works with the Board Academic Affairs Committee through the Vice President for Academic Affairs. Membership includes:

Barbara Bichelmeyer, Chair	KU	Howard Smith	PSU
R. Brent Thomas (Interim)	ESU	Laura Stephenson (Interim)	Washburn
Jill Arensdorf	FHSU	Shirley Lefever	WSU
Charles Taber	K-State	Daniel Archer	KBOR
Robert Klein	KUMC		

### Council of Chief Academic Officers AY 2023 Meeting Schedule

<i><b>COCAO Academic Year 2022- 2023 Meeting Dates</b></i>				
<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Location (virtual or in-person)</b>	<b>Lunch Rotation</b>	<b>Institution Materials Due</b>	<b>New Program Requests Due</b>
September 14, 2022	Virtual	n/a	August 25, 2022	July 20, 2022
October 19, 2022 *Meeting at 8:30 a.m.	Virtual	n/a	September 27, 2022	August 24, 2022
November 16, 2022	Kansas State University	K-State	October 27, 2022	September 21, 2022
December 14, 2022	Virtual	n/a	November 23, 2022	October 19, 2022
January 18, 2023	Virtual	n/a	December 29, 2022	November 23, 2022
February 15, 2023	Virtual	n/a	January 26, 2023	December 21, 2022
March 22, 2023	Virtual	n/a	February 23, 2023	January 18, 2023
April 19, 2023	Pittsburg State University	TBD	March 30, 2023	February 22, 2023
May 17, 2023	Virtual	n/a	April 27, 2023	March 22, 2023
June 14, 2023	Virtual	n/a	May 25, 2023	April 19, 2023

\*COCAO meets at 9:00 a.m. or upon adjournment of SCOCAO unless otherwise noted.

**Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, October 19, 2022**

The October 19, 2022, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Bichelmeyer at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Chuck Taber, K-State R. Brent Thomas, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Howard Smith, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU	Mike Werle, KUMC Laura Stephenson, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Marti Leisinger	Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier	Tara Lebar John Yeary
Others:	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Tosca Harris, Allen CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC JoLanna Kord, ESU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State	Don Saucier, K-State Heather Morgan, KACCT Jennifer Ball, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Nate Brunsell, KU Stuart Day, KU Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Hammad Hussain, KU Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Jennifer Roberts, KU Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Ryan Stanley, FHSU Susan Castro, WSU Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

**Approval of Minutes**

Howard Smith moved to approve September 14, 2022, meeting minutes, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

**Other Matters**

Regent Lane and Regent Kiblinger have noted they will reach out to university Provosts to get feedback on their work with the Strategic Plan Pillar 1 Dashboard instead of a presentation at this time.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Readings**

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the BAS in Applied Cybersecurity at KU, and Howard Smith seconded. With no comments or questions, the motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote.

**Other Requests**

- Barbara Bichelmeyer and Stuart Day presented a request for approval of a Minor in Health Policy and Management at KU. The new minor is largely to give the BS in Health Sciences degree completers more experience with the management side of health care.

Shirley Lefever moved to approve, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. The new minor will go to Dr. Flanders for final approval.

- Jill Arensdorf presented a request for approval for a substantial reorganization at FHSU. The College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences at FHSU is undergoing a reorganization as outlined in the materials provided. This will take eleven individual departments and merge them into five new units, ending up with three departments and two schools within the college. The changes are due to declining

enrollment over the last 6 years and will create potential synergy, collaboration opportunities, and greater efficiency. No programs or staff will be eliminated.

Howard Smith moved to approve, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously through a roll call vote. The reorganization request will go to COPS in November and, if approved, will go to the Board for approval in December.

#### **Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update**

Nate Brunsell, KU's faculty senate president and CoFSP Chair, provided the update. The Council applauded the efforts of FHSU in trying to maintain faculty and staff in its reorganization. They have also discussed looking at restructuring the CoFSP one-year terms to ensure presidents-elect are more involved, which will create greater continuity of knowledge from year to year.

#### **Adjournment**

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled for November 16, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. on the Kansas State University campus. Chair Bichelmeyer encouraged in-person participation.

Brent Thomas moved to adjourn the meeting, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.



## Pittsburg State University

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

October 17, 2022

Dr. Daniel Archer  
Vice President for Academic Affairs Kansas Board of Regents  
1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520  
Topeka, KS 66612-1368

Dear Dr. Archer:

I am writing to request approval for changing the name of the following degree programs.

- Bachelor of Science, and Associate of Applied Science with a major in Architectural Manufacturing, Management and Technology. (CIP 15.0612)

This name change will allow prospective students to identify their career goals with the program by correctly identifying what students do. The name change has received the appropriate internal approvals to change the degree name. I support our faculty's request for the name change. Thus, we are formally requesting approval to change the name of the degree to

- BST and AAS with a major of Wood Product Manufacturing (CIP 15.0612)

These program changes have been fully legislated and approved at PSU. Please let me know if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Howard W. Smith".

Howard W. Smith, Ph.D.  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

# EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

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November 2, 2022  
Daniel Archer  
Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Kansas Board of Regents  
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Dear Vice President Archer,

Emporia State University requests to merge two undergraduate majors within the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences: the BA/BS Political Science and the BA/BS History. The merger of the Political Science and History majors into a single unified major has been approved through our internal curricular review processes. We respectfully request to merge these two programs into a single undergraduate program "BS History and Government". This merger does not require any additional curricular changes, as the new major makes use of coursework that is already offered at ESU, and the new major will be closely aligned with the requirements of our BSE Social Sciences major.

The recent workforce management decision announced by Emporia State at the September KBOR meeting and the suspension of majors like the B.A./B.S. in History and the B.A./B.S. in Political Science have allowed for the opportunity to merge the two programs into a new undergraduate program, the B.S. in History and Government. Before the decisions which led to the workforce management plan and the suspension of programs at ESU, the faculty of history and political science had begun to discuss the merger of the two programs due to declining enrollments in both the separate History and Political Science majors. With the suspension of the separate programs in Political Science and History, the faculty remaining are focused and excited about teaching a new undergraduate major.

There is one other History and Government program in the state of Kansas, at Friends University in Wichita and only a few exist at the undergraduate level in universities around the country. One of the most successful undergraduate programs in History and Government is at Ashland University in Ohio, which has over 100 majors and financial support for Ashbrook scholars due to its affiliation with the John Ashbrook Center at Ashland University. We believe the two areas of study work in conjunction to educate students for graduate school, law school, government service and business and industry. We also want to create demand for internships in government, at the legislative and federal level, for students. One of the faculty in the program also serves as Government Relations officer for ESU and he hopes to have interns one day from the program to learn about the legislature and how it functions.

The merger also will support the biggest major in our department, the B.S.E. in Social Sciences Education. The continued instruction and content knowledge for teachers is the key to the focus on a B.S. which will not only help majors in the program but also serve the content knowledge of future teachers in Kansas.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



R. Brent Thomas  
Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs



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