

**Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The March 22, 2023, Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCAO) meeting was called to order by Chair Barbara Bichelmeyer at 9:08 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Brent Thomas, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Howard Smith, PSU Shirley Lefever, WSU	Robert Klein, KUMC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Amy Robinson Sam Christy-Dangermond Tara Lebar	Karla Wiscombe Cindy Farrier	Judd McCormack Marti Leisinger
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jerry Pope, KCKCC JoLanna Kord, ESU Melanie Wallace, Allen CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Shawn Keough, ESU Ed Bashaw, ESU	Andy Howe, ESU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jean Redeker, KU Jess Fortner, Hutchinson CC Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Nate Brunsell, KU Susan Castro, WSU Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Callis, SATC Joan Brewer, ESU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Scott Lucas, WSU Tech Tara Lindahl, Washburn Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve February 15, 2023, meeting minutes, and Howard Smith seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Council of Faculty Senate Presidents (CoFSP) Update

Nate Brunsell, KU's faculty senate president and CoFSP Chair, provided the update. The Council is awaiting discussions surrounding rpk recommendations. He thanked those who have shown support in working with local governance on this topic.

Other Requests

- Brent Thomas and Ed Bashaw presented a request to merge the BSB in Information Systems and the BSB in Business Data Analytics into a BSB in Information Systems and Analytics at ESU. Merging these two majors will create greater efficiencies and effectiveness, allowing students to choose specialized concentrations in Information Systems, Business Data Analytics, and Cybersecurity.

Brent Thomas and Joan Brewer presented a request to merge the BSE in Health Education and the BSE in Physical Education into a BSE in Health and Physical Education at ESU. Merging these two majors will create greater efficiencies and better position teacher candidates to meet district and workforce needs.

Shirley Lefever moved to approve the two requests from ESU as presented, and Howard Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Both requests will go to Dr. Blake Flanders for final

approval.

- Barbara Bichelmeyer presented a request to approve a Minor in Global Health and Medical Humanities at KU. This minor is designed for undergraduate students interested in obtaining a holistic, interdisciplinary approach to studying health and illness.

Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the new minor as presented, and Shirley Lefever seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This request will go to Dr. Blake Flanders for final approval.

- Daniel Archer presented proposed revisions to the baccalaureate degree policy definition. The revisions include 1) removing the requirement that a transfer agreement must be in place for a baccalaureate program at a university to accept more than 60 hours from a two-year college and 2) aligning the baccalaureate degree definition to not exceed 120 credit hours with any exceptions requiring approval from BAASC. The proposed amendment to align policy with practice is detailed in [Chapter III.A.9.b.ii.\(2\)\(a\)](#).

Howard Smith moved to approve the proposed revisions as presented, and Jill Arensdorf seconded. The motion passed unanimously. This request will be presented for approval to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) on April 4, 2023. If approved by BAASC, final approval will go to the Board.

Other Matters

Jill Arensdorf noted that FHSU would be presenting two proposals for approval soon: BAS in Applied Leadership and an MS in Global Strategic Leadership.

Jean Redeker noted that KU would be presenting a BS in Cybersecurity Engineering soon.

Adjournment

The next COCAO meeting is scheduled for April 19th, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. on the Pittsburg State University campus.

Howard Smith moved to adjourn the meeting, and Brent Thomas seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.