

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS  
COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS  
MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2024**

The September 18, 2024, meeting of Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Chair Susan Bon at 9:07 a.m. The meeting was held virtually through Zoom with an in-person option held in suite 530 located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, KS 66612.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jesse Mendez, KSU	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	John Fritch, Washburn
Brent Thomas, ESU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Shirley Lefever, WSU
Robert Klein, KUMC	Susan Bon, PSU	

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Jesse Mendez moved that the minutes of the June 18, 2024, meeting be approved. Following the second of Jill Arensdorf, the motion carried.

**COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS UPDATE**

Norman Philipp provided an update for the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents. They have been working with two institutions that do not yet have criteria approved for nominees for the Faculty of the Year Awards, hoping to get their criteria aligned and approved this year. Nominees from four institutions will be presented during the Board meeting on Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SECOND READING****BS IN CYBER SYSTEMS DESIGN & DYNAMICS – KSU**

Jesse Mendez & Michael Oetken presented the second reading for the BS in Cyber Systems Design & Dynamics at Kansas State University. Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the request. Following the second of Barbara Bichelmeyer, the motion passed unanimously.

**OTHER MATTERS****REQUEST APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF BST ENVIROMENTAL & SAFETY MANAGEMENT TO BST SAFETY MANAGEMENT – PSU**

Shirley Lefever moved to approve the request. Following the second of Jill Arensdorf, the motion carried.

**CHANGES TO QUALIFIED ADMISSIONS – KU**

Barbara Bichelmeyer & Nick Stevens presented the requested changes to qualified admissions. Jill Arensdorf moved to approve the request. Following the second of Jesse Mendez, the motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Susan Bon provided a reminder that the next COCAO meeting will be held virtually November 20<sup>th</sup> along with a campus visit hosted by Kansas State University.

Jill Arensdorf requested that the agenda item regarding future programs, which was used in previous meetings, be included in future agendas. She also proposed initiating a discussion about AI on the campuses. The council agreed to add this topic to the list of future discussion items and consider coordinating separate meetings with faculty experienced in this area. Norman Philipp noted that he would add this topic to the agenda for the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jesse Mendez moved that the meeting be adjourned. Following the second of Barbara Bichelmeyer, the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:25 a.m.