

System Council of Chief Academic Officers

MINUTES

Wednesday September 20, 2017

The September 20, 2017, meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Co-Chair Todd Carter at 8:15 a.m. The meeting was held in Suite 530 located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Topeka, KS.

In Attendance:

Co-Chairs: Todd Carter, Seward County CC April Mason, KSU

Staff: Jean Redeker Scott Smathers Jacqueline Johnson
Karla Wiscombe Max Fridell Cynthia Farrier
Tim Peterson

Others:

Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC	Brad Bennett, Colby CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC
Michael Fitzpatrick, Pratt CC	Rick Muma, WSU	Carolyn Shaw, WSU
Amy Hite, PSU	Lynette Olson, PSU	Gurbhushan Singh, JCCC
Ryan Ruda, Garden City CC	Erin Shaw, Highland CC	Elaine Simmons, Barton CC
David Cordle, ESU	Brian Lindshield, KSU	Lori Winningham, Butler CC
Ruth Dyer, KSU	Harold Arnett, Cowley CC	Alysia Johnston, Fort Scott CC
Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC	Dawn Deeter, KSU	Mark Haub, KSU
Rob Catlett, ESU	Robert Klein, KUMC	Tony Vizzini, WSU
Jeff Briggs, FHSU	Jon Marshall, Allen CC	Neeli Bendapudi, KU
Stuart Day, KU	Steve Loewen, FHTC	JuliAnn Mazacheck, Washburn

ANNOUNCEMENT

Co-Chair Todd Carter welcomed everyone and started introductions around the table.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Neeli Bendapudi moved that the minutes of the June 14, 2017, meeting be approved. Following the second of April Mason, the motion carried.

UPDATES

Karla Wiscombe updated SCOCAO on the Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC).

- The Kansas Core Outcome Group (KCOG) conference will be held on October 13th at Washburn University. Faculty members attending the conference should register by October 6th
- KCOG is working on 4 new courses and reviewing 16 courses for common core outcomes
- Some of the groups will be reviewing outcomes electronically
- TAAC new co-chairs are Lisa Beck, KU and Christina Long, Hutchinson CC

Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) update was given by Karla Wiscombe. The CPL Taskforce membership was distributed. They will be meeting on September 29th to review CPL guidelines and other topics. CLEP scores for the state of Kansas is down overall; however, the data for CLEP scores for the Board of the Regents institutions is trending up. The College Board CLEP July 2016-June 2017 Summary Report pages 4-7 was distributed.

Modern States, the New York-based charitable organization, has funded production of noncredit online courses to prepare students for CLEP exams. Once a student completes the coursework and practice questions, he/she can request a CLEP voucher to take the exam. More information is available at <https://modernstates.org/>.

Out of Service Area Requests for the two-year colleges will now be reviewed by the Workforce Development, and universities will remain with the Academic Affairs department.

Kansas Center for Career and Technical Education (KCCTE) with Pittsburg State University is starting a Statewide Mentoring Initiative. For further information, contact Kevin Elliott at 620-235-4294 or kselliott@pittstate.edu.

OTHER MATTERS

CLEP & AP Policy Implementation

For the community and technical colleges, a majority of institutions are supporting the recommendations. There are three institutions that are working through the approval process.

Board Goals: CEP Taskforce and Apply Kansas Initiative

Concurrent Enrollment Taskforce, comprised of KSDE and KBOR members, met September 19th for the first time. The theme heard from the attending institutions is of the difficulty finding HLC qualified instructors and funding of Concurrent Enrollment Programs. The next meeting is scheduled for October 25th when the CEP perspective from the high schools will be presented.

The goal of the chair of the Senate Education Committee is for every high school student to have access to five general education with concurrent enrollment programs. Anticipate a pilot program before full implementation.

The Apply Kansas Initiative is focused on getting low-income and first-generation students to apply for college. April Cozine, Wichita State University, has been leading this initiative. Volunteers are working with high school counselors and students to complete college applications during the school day. The Board is looking for ways to support the Apply Kansas Initiative.

Discuss Potential Initiative for Community Colleges to Submit Justification for Associate Degrees Exceeding 60 Credit Hours

The Board decided to implement a process to evaluate which baccalaureate degree programs should exceed 120 credit hours. KBOR staff was asked to review the associate degree program systemwide. The Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS) and Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree programs were evaluated. All 19 community colleges offer AA, AS, and AGS degree programs, and with one exception, all such degrees exceed 60 credit hours. The Board is seeking input as they discuss the feasibility of limiting associate degree programs.

KCIA will discuss this topic at their meeting on September 21st and Todd Carter will provide an update at the November SCOCAO meeting.

Open Discussion

- All SCOCAO meetings will be held in Suite 530.
- The Placement Assessment Guidelines are on the Board agenda for approval.
- ACCUPLACER is retiring in January 2019 and being replaced by Next Generation ACCUPLACER. The Placement Assessment committee is meeting to review the Next Generation scores and their first meeting is October 11th.

ADJOURNMENT

The Co-Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:40 a.m.