

# SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS

## AGENDA

**September 20, 2017**  
**8:15 am – 9:00 am**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers will meet in Suite 530 located in the Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Topeka, Kansas, 66612.

- I. Call To Order** Todd Carter, Co-Chair
- A. *Approve Minutes*  
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- II. Update**
- A. *Transfer and Articulation Council* Karla Wiscombe
- B. *Credit for Prior Learning* Karla Wiscombe
- III. Other Matters**
- A. *CLEP & AP Policy Implementation* Todd Carter
- B. *Board Goals: CEP Taskforce and Apply Kansas Initiative* Jean Redeker *p. 3*
- C. *Discuss Potential Initiative for Community Colleges to Submit Justification for Associate Degrees Exceeding 60 Credit Hours* Jean Redeker *p. 4*
- IV. Adjournment**

### System Council of Chief Academic Officers Meeting Schedule

MEETING DATES	Location	AGENDA MATERIALS DUE
September 20, 2017	Topeka	September 5, 2017
November 15, 2017	Wichita State University	October 30, 2017
December 20, 2017	Topeka	December 4, 2017
January 17, 2018	Topeka	January 2, 2018
February 14, 2018	Topeka	January 29, 2018
March 14, 2018	Pittsburg State University	February 26, 2018
May 16, 2018	University of Kansas Medical Center	April 30, 2018
June 20, 2018	Topeka	June 4, 2018

**Kansas Board of Regents  
System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017  
MINUTES**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers met in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room of the Kansas Board of Regents at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

**In Attendance:**

Co-Chairs: Neeli Bendapudi, KU

Staff: Jean Redeker  
Jacqueline Johnson

Karla Wiscombe  
Max Fridell

Cindy Farrier  
Kathleen Mercer

Others: Lynette Olson, PSU  
Shelly Gehrke, ESU  
Michael McCloud, JCCC  
Gurbhushan Singh, JCCC  
Brad Bennett, Colby CC  
Lori Winningham, Butler CC  
Stuart Day, KU  
Sheryl Lidzy, ESU  
Harold Arnett, Cowley CC  
Steve Loewen, FHTC  
Amalia Monroe-Gulick, KU

Jon Marshall, Allen CC  
April Mason, KSU  
Brian Lindshield, KSU  
Kim Krull, Butler CC  
Rick Muma, WSU  
Tiffany Bohm, KCKCC  
Michael Fitzpatrick, Pratt CC  
Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC  
Laura Meeks, Fort Scott CC  
Rick Moehring, JCCC  
Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC

Jeff Briggs, FHSU  
Tony Vizzini, WSU  
Brenda Chatfield, NWKTC  
Todd Carter, Seward County CC  
Ruth Dyer, KSU  
Erin Shaw, Highland CC  
Janice Jewett, PSU  
Alysia Johnston, Fort Scott CC  
Sarah Phillips, Manhattan Tech  
Brenda Edleston, Cloud County CC  
Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC

Neeli Bendapudi called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Approve May 17, 2017 Minutes**

Tony Vizzini moved to approve the May 17, 2017 minutes. Lynette Olson seconded, and the motion carried.

**Updates**

Jon Marshall provided updates from the Transfer and Articulation Committee (TAAC). Save the Date Flyer for the Kansas Core Outcome Group (KCOG) meeting was distributed to SCOCAO attendees. The KCOG meeting will be held October 13, 2017 at Washburn University. Core outcomes for 15 systemwide transfer courses will be reviewed and core outcomes will be established for four new courses. The Quality Assurance subcommittee is preparing the annual TAAC report, while the Core Outcome subcommittee is reviewing and updating TAAC Operating Procedures.

Jon Marshall updated the Council on the Kansas Council of Instructional Administrators' Spring Meeting. The latest professional development retreat was held in Wichita and Credit for Prior Learning was one of the topics discussed. The following individuals have agreed to serve on SCOCAO for 2017-18:

Todd Carter, Seward County CC, Co-Chair  
Jon Marshal, Allen CC  
Brad Bennett, Colby CC  
Michael Fitzpatrick, Pratt CC  
Brenda Chatfield, NWKTC

Credit for Prior Learning update was presented by Karla Wiscombe. The handout containing the CPL Data for pilot year AY16 and the CLEP and AP Systemwide Cut Scores summary information was distributed. The summary of the top 6 methods of assessment was discussed. SCOCAO reviewed the approved CLEP and AP Cut Scores. Each institution is encouraged to update their website as CLEP and AP have updated their state website.

**Other Matters**

Program Articulation Agreements information was presented by Karla Wiscombe. The Articulation Agreement summary sheet was distributed and discussed. The summary sheet is based upon information provided by the institutions. There being no other business, Shelly Gehrke moved to adjourn. Brenda Chatfield seconded, and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

## **DRAFT BOARD GOALS 2017-2018**

1. To increase opportunities for high school students, the Board will form a Concurrent Enrollment Program Taskforce to identify opportunities to expand concurrent enrollment in the state. The final report will be delivered to the Legislature at the beginning of the 2018 session.
2. The Board will study ways to simplify the undergraduate admission application process with a specific focus on Qualified Admissions precollege curriculum course requirements.
3. The Board will support the expansion of the *Apply Kansas: College Application Month* campaign to additional high schools to provide more students, including low-income and first-generation students, with the opportunity to apply to college.
4. The Board will designate the Council of Business Officers to collaborate on new approaches to gain greater administrative efficiency.
5. The Board will hire a new president at Fort Hays State University.

**Discussion Potential Initiative for Community Colleges to Submit  
Justification for Associate Degrees (AA, AS, and AGS) Exceeding 60  
Credit Hours**

**Jean Redeker  
VP, Academic Affairs**

**Background**

At its May 2017 meeting, the Board reviewed its policy on credit hour requirements for baccalaureate degree programs to determine if it met best practices for on-time completion and found 33% of system baccalaureate programs require 120 credit hours; 50% require 124 credit hours; and 17% exceed 124 credit hours. The Board decided to implement a process to evaluate which programs should exceed 120 credit hours. COCAO will discuss that process today.

In preparation for the Board's retreat, staff were also asked about the potential to implement a similar initiative systemwide for associate degree programs. While most Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees are greater than 60 credit hours, staff excluded them for analysis because the length of these degrees are often tied to external accreditation or other special requirements. Staff instead focused on the Associate of Arts (AA), Associate of Science (AS) and Associate of General Studies (AGS) degree programs

All 19 community colleges each offer AA, AS and AGS degree programs, and with one exception, all such degrees exceed 60 credit hours. Most of these degrees require either 62 or 64 credit hours. This aligns with a study by Complete College America<sup>1</sup> that found the median credit hour requirements for liberal arts and sciences degrees to be 61–63 credit hours. The study, however, also noted community colleges in states such as California, Colorado, Oklahoma, and Tennessee require just 60 credit hours for many associate degrees.

At the retreat, the Board discussed the feasibility of limiting associate degree programs (AA, AS, and AGS) to 60 credit hours, with a process for exceptions to ensure the institution is meeting student and employer demand. Community and technical college representatives attended the retreat and provided feedback to the Board. At the retreat, staff also noted that any policy change should consider there are 26 AA, AS, and AGS degree programs at the university level – 22 of which are offered by Washburn University.

The Board continues to discuss this potential initiative, and seeks input from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers and the System Council of Presidents.

**Definitions (based on the Board's Policy Manual)**

Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS): Transfer-oriented degrees requiring a minimum of 60 credit hours, 30 of which must be in general education.

Associate of General Studies (AGS): Neither a transfer or technical degree. The degree requires a minimum of 60 credit hours, (not less than 24 hours must be in general education and not less than 36 hours in a program of study).

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<sup>1</sup> Johnson, N., Reidy, L., Droll, M., and LeMon, R.E. (2012). Program Requirements for Associate's and Bachelor's Degrees: A National Survey. Retrieved from Complete College America Website: <http://www.completecollege.org/docs/Program%20Requirements%20-%20A%20National%20Survey.pdf>