

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

**VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA  
Wednesday, September 15, 2021  
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) will meet virtually by Zoom. Questions can be emailed to [arobinson@ksbor.org](mailto:arobinson@ksbor.org). SCOCAO is co-chaired by Mickey McCloud, JCCC, and Jill Arensdorf, FHSU.

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| <b>I. Call to Order</b><br>A. Roll Call and Introductions<br>B. Approval of Minutes from June 16, 2021   | Mickey McCloud, Co-Chair                               | p. 3 |
| <b>II. Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update</b><br>A. 2021 KCOG Conference Update   | Tiffany Bohm<br>Linnea GlenMaye                        |      |
| <b>III. Other Matters</b><br>A. Confirm Meeting Schedule<br>B. Apply Kansas Update<br>C. Performance Report Update   | SCOCAO Members<br>Tara Lebar<br>Sam Christy-Dangermond | p. 5 |
| <b>IV. Next SCOCAO Meeting – November 17, 2021</b><br>A. Updated Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Guidelines<br>B. 2022 OER Summit Information and OER Update<br>C. TAAC Quality Assurance Report |  |      |
| <b>V. Adjournment</b>  |  |      |

Date Reminders:

- October 8, 2021: 2021 KCOG Conference (Virtual)
- October 18, 2021: 2021 Michael Tilford Conference on Diversity and Multiculturalism (Virtual)
- October: Apply Kansas College Application Month

## System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO)

The System Council of Chief Academic Officers, established in 2002, is composed of the six chief academic officers of the state universities, four chief academic officers selected by the nineteen community colleges, one chief academic officer selected by the six technical colleges, and the chief academic officer of Washburn University. The Board’s Vice-President for Academic Affairs serves as an ex officio member. The Committee meets the morning of the first day of the monthly Board meeting. Membership includes:

Mickey McCloud, Co-Chair	JCCC
Jill Arensdorf, Co-Chair	FHSU
Aron Potter	Coffeyville CC
Michelle Schoon	Cowley CC
George Arasimowicz, Co-Chair	ESU
Jerry Pope	KCKCC
Charles Taber	K-State
Barbara Bichelmeyer	KU
Corey Isbell	NCK Tech
Howard Smith	PSU
JuliAnn Mazachek	Washburn
Shirley Lefever	WSU
Daniel Archer	KBOR

### System Council of Chief Academic Officers

#### AY 2022 Meeting Schedule

<b><i>Tentative SCOCAO Academic Year 2021- 2022 Meeting Dates</i></b>		
Meeting Dates	Location	Institution Materials Due
September 15, 2021	Virtual Meeting	August 25, 2021
*No meeting in October*		
November 17, 2021	TBD	October 27, 2021
December 15, 2021	TBD	November 24, 2021
January 19, 2022	TBD	December 29, 2021
February 16, 2022	TBD	January 26, 2022
March 16, 2022	TBD	February 23, 2022
April 20, 2022	TBD	March 30, 2022
May 18, 2022	TBD	April 27, 2022
June 15, 2022	TBD	May 25, 2022

\*SCOCAO meets at 8:30 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 16, 2021**

The June 16, 2021 meeting of the System Council of Chief Academic Officers was called to order by Co-Chair Erin Shaw at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was initially scheduled to be held in Topeka. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it was held through Zoom.

**In Attendance:**

Members:	Shirley Lefever, WSU Chuck Taber, K-State Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU	Erin Shaw, Highland CC George Arasimowicz, ESU Howard Smith, PSU Jerry Pope, KCKCC	Corey Isbell, NCK Tech Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Karla Wiscombe Tara Lebar Marti Leisinger	Amy Robinson Cindy Farrier	Sam Christy-Dangermond April Henry
Others:	Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC Cindy Hoss, Hutchinson CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Jason Sharp, Labette CC Kim Morse, Washburn Luke Dowell, Seward CC Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC	Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn, WSU Clay Stoldt, WSU Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Redeker, KU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Mickey McCloud, JCCC Mindy Markham, K-State Rich Bomgardner, WSU	Brian Lindshield, KSDE Davood Askari, WSU Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Marc Malone, Garden City CC Mike Strohschein, Washburn Tech Robert Klein, KUMC

Co-Chair Erin Shaw welcomed everyone. Roll call was taken for members and presenters. Erin introduced the new officers for AY 22, her replacement for Highland CC, and the new Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at ESU:

- Highland CC has reorganized. Sharon Kibbe will become Dean of Instruction and replace Erin Shaw as Highland's Chief Academic Officer contact. Lucas Hunziger will become Dean of Technical Education and take over all of the technical sides of HCC, including the TEA.
- George Arasimowicz has replaced David Cordle as ESU's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.
- Mickey McCloud will be chair of KCIA and therefore, co-chair of SCOCAO next year.
- Michelle Schoon will be vice-chair of KCIA and replace Sarah Robb at SCOCAO next year.
- Aron Potter will replace Lori Winningham on SCOCAO next year.

**Approval of Minutes**

JuliAnn Mazachek moved to approve the May 19, 2021 meeting minutes, and Chuck Taber seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

**Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update**

Linnea GlenMaye stated TAAC last met on June 9, where its two standing subcommittees presented reports. The Quality Assurance subcommittee presented its review of the 2020 Quality Assurance Report and discussed clarifications and additions for the 2021 Quality Assurance Report to be presented at the upcoming fall KCOG Conference. The Core Outcomes Subcommittee presented recommendations for revisions to the TAAC

Operating Procedures, and the full council will continue this work over the next month. Revisions will include clarifying procedures and adding new language providing procedure details for the new Transfer Kansas portal. The 2021 TAAC Communication Plan will be finalized very soon and includes information and resources for institutional marketing and messaging of seamless course transfer.

The CAOs entered their course information for the six new courses to be reviewed at the 2021 KCOG Conference, and TAAC may be seeking clarification from institutions that did not enter courses for inclusion in this process. TAAC clarified the three components of the process for creating Kansas Regents Shared Numbers (KRSN) in the Transfer Kansas portal:

1. The first step begins in May when CAOs submit course information for the upcoming KCOG in preliminary KRSN articulation.
2. The second step occurs in January after the KCOG and Board approval of the new SWT courses, CAOs certify the course information.
3. The third step occurs around March or April when the new courses are added to the Transfer Kansas portal and become effective the following summer.

### **Open Educational Resources (OER) Update**

Tara Lebar provided an OER update, including information from the Open Education Initiatives in Kansas Higher Education executive summary and report found at [https://www.kansasregents.org/academic\\_affairs/open-educational-resources/oer-across-institutions](https://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/open-educational-resources/oer-across-institutions). Dr. Brian Lindshield, OER Steering Committee Chair, was also available for questions. Tara provided an overview of why OER is an important initiative for students, and shared information about the OER Steering Committee and their activities this past year. The report summarized survey responses aimed to capture baseline data on OER initiatives in use across the KBOR system with the intention to use and measure impact in years to come. Participation in the survey was optional, and Tara noted 28 institutions responded (with KUMC counting in addition to KU). The survey results will help inform approaches, activities, and strategies as we seek to continue to support the growth and development of OER throughout the system. The council presented no questions.

### **Discuss AY 22 Meeting Modality**

The committee discussed what modality they would prefer to conduct our scheduled meetings for the upcoming academic year. It was noted KBOR would continue to provide a virtual option for Provosts to answer questions at Board meetings if needed. Members stated they have appreciated the virtual option but would also like an in-person option for those who may be asked to speak at the Board meeting and also to have social interactions. Members noted virtual meetings also create savings, and some prefer this modality. Members agreed a hybrid option would be best explored for future meetings.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15, 2021, at 8:30 a.m.

### **Adjournment**

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting, and Corey Isbell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

**Summary**

*In conjunction with the American College Application Campaign, Apply Kansas seeks to increase the number of students who apply to college early in their senior year, with a focus on students from low-income families, first-generation students, and students who may not otherwise apply to college. During Apply Kansas events, students receive application assistance at their high school during the school day with the goal of each participating student submitting at least one college application. Apply Kansas events are coordinated by each participating high school and utilize trained volunteers and school staff to offer support. Registrations are still coming in for the Apply Kansas campaign coming this October. The goals this year include increasing the number of Apply Kansas sites by 20%, specifically inviting high schools with low FAFSA completion rates, and creating a recognition program for schools that host a series of three specific college preparation events during the 2021-2022 academic year.*

*September 15, 2021*

**Background**

Launched in 2015, Apply Kansas was coordinated by the Kansas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (KACRAO) and started with one pilot high school. As the program expanded, Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) partnered with KACRAO to fund the Apply Kansas Program in 2018. The program grew to 100 schools after two years when KACRAO and KBOR sought approval for Apply Kansas to be funded and staffed within KBOR Academic Affairs department beginning in 2020. October 2021 will mark KBOR's second full cycle programming Apply Kansas with hopes of reaching approximately 180 high school sites. Since beginning in 2015, the Apply Kansas initiative has encouraged more than 20,700 Kansas seniors to submit over 26,600 applications to postsecondary institutions.

**October 2021, Apply Kansas Month**

Registrations are still coming in for schools to join the Apply Kansas campaign and to date we are nearing 150 high schools. Most of the high schools across Kansas already help their seniors make post-secondary plans through the Individual Plan of Study and state-wide counseling curriculums, and therefore every school has complete freedom to create their application event in the way that meets their school community's needs. The Apply Kansas program provides resources for a school to build a brand-new program from scratch or allows schools with a well-established protocol to continue to build and grow on their traditions.

Apply Kansas is for all students and only has 3 requirements:

1. Open programming to all seniors, but make sure to reach out and create specific contact and support for first-generation, low-income, students of color and other seniors who may not otherwise apply to college.
2. Collect summary data from students participating in Apply Kansas-for annual reporting.
3. Celebrate all completed applications & post-secondary paths. From a job application to university application and everything in between, Apply Kansas seeks to encourage students to find their best path after high school graduation and celebrate their choice.

Throughout the month of October, KBOR system institutions will volunteer their time and donate giveaway items at Apply Kansas events across the state. For students who require financial assistance, sites are able to use the universal Apply Kansas Fee Waiver that will waive application fees for our 6 public universities. Washburn University & the Kansas independent colleges and universities have agreed to waive their application fees for the month of October to encourage applications and support the Apply Kansas initiative. Earlier this summer, invitations were extended to seventy-six high schools with FAFSA completion rates below 50% who did not participate in Apply Kansas last year as a way to target schools and students who may need additional resources and support with post-secondary planning. Overall, Apply Kansas is on track to reach more schools, more seniors and submit more applications than ever before.