System Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

The March 22, 2023, System Council of Chief Academic Officers (SCOCAO) meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Mickey McCloud at 8:30 a.m. The meeting was held through Zoom.

In Attendance:

Members:
Mickey McCloud, JCCC	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC
Tanya Gonzalez, K-State	Howard Smith, PSU	Jill Arensdorf, FHSU
Brent Thomas, ESU	Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC	Michelle Schoon, Cowley CC
Shirley Lefever, WSU	Scott Lucas, WSU Tech	Jennifer Ball, Washburn
Daniel Archer, KBOR		

Staff:
Amy Robinson	Karla Wiscombe	Judd McCormack
Sam Christy-Dangermond	Cindy Farrier	Marti Leisinger
Charmine Chambers		

Others:
Adam Borth, Fort Scott CC	Andy Howe, ESU	Ed Bashaw, ESU
Elaine Simmons, Barton CC	Janice Stover, Cowley CC	Jason Sharp, Labette CC
Jean Redeker, KU	Jennifer Callis, SATC	Jerry Pope, KCKCC
Jess Fortner, Hutchinson CC	JoLanna Kord, ESU	Kim Zant, Cloud County CC
Linnea GlenMaye, WSU	Luke Dowell, SCCC	Melanie Wallace, Allen CC
Monette DePew, Pratt CC	Nate Brunsell, KU	Robert Klein, KUMC
Susan Castro, WSU	Shawn Keough, ESU	Tara Lindahl, Washburn
Tom Nevill, Butler CC	Tanya Gonzalez, K-State	

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Aron Potter moved to approve February 15, 2023, meeting minutes, and Michelle Schoon seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update

Jane Holwerda presented the TAAC update. TAAC met last on March 8th, where they approved SWT courses not previously offered by institutions and discussed clarifications. The Council also continued discussions on potential new courses for inclusion in the 2023 Kansas Core Outcomes Groups (KCOG) conference scheduled for October 6, 2023.

As a topic outside the TAAC Update, Jane asked for clarity on behalf of Dodge City CC on which math courses were appropriate for future work with Math Pathways and Systemwide Gen Ed Package courses.

Mickey McCloud moved that SCOCAO recommends realigning appropriate math pathway courses across the state to remove College Algebra pre-requisites as appropriate. Michelle Schoon offered a friendly amendment to change "remove" to "revisit" and seconded the motion. The amended motion passed unanimously.

Karla noted the Transfer Council voted to include three new courses at the 2023 KCOG: Business Communications, Technology for Teachers, and Health and PE for Elementary Classrooms. There could possibly be more new courses, and there will be over 28 courses up for the five-year review of outcomes.

Other Matters

- Luke Dowell presented the Seward County Community College (SCCC) Cost Model presentation. This fall, SCCC is rolling out a program for concurrent enrollment called "Saints Ahead Scholarship." This program will provide tuition and student fees to Seward County students and charge $50 per course for out-of-county students in the SCCC service area. Students in this program will be required to maintain a 2.5 GPA, and most will be able to earn 15-24 credit hours with no debt. A high percentage of the SCCC budget (37%) comes from local taxes, and SCCC already provides a tuition waiver for qualified county residents.

- Tara Lebar presented an Open Educational Resources (OER) update. On behalf of the OER Steering Committee, she encouraged attending the OER Showcase at the capitol on March 23rd. Tara provided the new list of OER discipline liaisons and reviewed the scheduled OER faculty workshops and discipline roundtables in 2023. The OER Steering Committee is also conducting its third annual survey to gather information on OER implementation. Tara will email the survey information and requests that each institution submit its data by May 5, 2023.

- Daniel Archer provided information on an upcoming Math Pathways Survey. The survey will identify critical math skills in the various majors, and the target audience is a department head or Chair. Daniel asks that the CAOs assist with disseminating the email to ensure it reaches each department with majors that do not consistently require calculus. He noted that this excludes majors like engineering, architecture, math, and others. Daniel will send the email later in the day and asks that it be completed by April 12th.

Adjournment

The next SCOCAO meeting is scheduled for April 19, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. on the campus of Pittsburg State University.

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