

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

The June 14, 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 virtually through Zoom with an in-person option at the KBOR offices.

In Attendance:

Members:	Mickey McCloud, JCCC Chuck Taber, K-State Brent Thomas, ESU Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Daniel Archer, KBOR	Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Howard Smith, PSU Sarah Robb, Neosho County CC Jane Holwerda, Dodge City CC	Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Laura Stephenson, Washburn Scott Lucas, WSU Tech
Staff:	Amy Robinson Tara Lebar	Karla Wiscombe Charmine Chambers	Sam Christy-Dangermond Cindy Farrier
Others:	Angela Pool-Funai, FHSU Cherry Steffen, Washburn Dan Moser, K-State Heather Morgan, KACCT Jean Dockers, PSU Jennifer Callis, SATC Jo Wick, KU Kelli Feldman, KU Matthew Mayo, KUMC Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sara Schwedtfeger, ESU Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Tiffany Evans, Colby CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Paul Adams, FHSU	Arvin Cruz, FHSU Bruce Moses, Allen CC Diane Murphy, K-State Jaben Parnell, PSU Jean Redeker, KU Jen Roberts, KU JoLanna Kord, ESU Marc Malone, Garden City CC Melanie Wallace, Allen CC Mary Carol Pomatto, PSU Scott Lucas, WSU Tech Tara Lindahl, Washburn Tom Nevill, Butler CC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State Jolynn Dowling, WSU	Becky Stuteville, K-State Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Jill Wood, WSU Karen Johnson, PSU Kim Zant, Cloud County CC Mike Werle, KUMC Robert Klein, KUMC Steven Skinner, WSU Taylor Crawshaw, Independence CC Tonya Ricklefs, Washburn Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Scott Lucas moved to approve May 17, 2023, meeting minutes, and Aron Potter seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update

Jane Holwerda presented the TAAC update. The Council met on June 7th, where they reviewed co-chairs and membership for 23-24. The tentative plan is for Casey Fraites-Chapes and Tiffany Bohm to remain TAAC's co-chairs. Casey will continue to chair the Quality Assurance subcommittee, and Tiffany will continue to chair the Core Outcomes subcommittee. Members broke into the two subcommittees to update the TAAC procedures and review the Quality Assurance Report. TAAC looks forward to the virtual 2023 KCOG Conference to be held on October 6, 2023, hosted by Kansas City Kansas Community College.

Other Matters

Paul Adams, College of Education Dean at FHSU, discussed the Systemwide Transfer Associate Degree in

Elementary Education. A systemwide program transfer approach intends to preserve credits and establish a clear transfer pathway between community colleges and universities. Over the last year, education deans at the six state universities and Washburn University collaborated in drafting the first systemwide transfer associate degree with input from the community colleges. Paul provided details on the AA/AS transfer program framework that will transfer to all public universities and will only require 60 additional hours to complete the bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. This item will be presented for approval to BAASC and the Board later in the day.

Tara Lebar presented on a potential Kansas Free Application Week. This initiative was initially discussed in BAASC, where Regents suggested SCOCAO discuss the fiscal impact. Due to receiving feedback, Tara changed the proposal from one week to three days. KBOR staff recommends creating Kansas Free Application Days from October 17-19th, where Kansas residents, regardless of age or income, could apply to any baccalaureate, associate, or certificate program at all public Kansas universities, community colleges, and potentially technical colleges for free. This state-wide initiative should increase application submissions in all sectors while reminding our Kansas residents that higher education is affordable and attainable. Data from a similar program in Colorado shows that the most significant increase in application submissions will be seen from students of color, first-generation, and transfer students.

Adjournment

The next SCOCAO meeting is scheduled virtually for September 20, 2023, at 8:30 a.m.

Jill Arensdorf moved to adjourn the meeting, and Sara Robb seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m.