

**System Council of Chief Academic Officers
MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

The September 20, 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 Barbara Bichelmeyer, KU Brent Thomas, ESU Shirley Lefever, WSU	Chuck Taber, K-State Howard Smith, PSU Jill Arensdorf, FHSU Corey Isbell, NCKTC	Tom Nevill, Butler CC Luke Dowell, Seward County CC Laura Stephenson, Washburn Daniel Archer, KBOR
Staff:	Amy Robinson Tara Lebar Marti Leisinger	Karla Wiscombe Judd McCormack Elizabeth Ogundiran	Sam Christy-Dangermond Cindy Farrier Colleen Denney
Others:	Ashlie Jack, WSU Aron Potter, Coffeyville CC J. David Macey, FHSU Jean Redeker, KU Kara Wheeler, Allen CC Lisa Kirmer, FHTC Robert Klein, KUMC Sonia Gugnani, FSCC Tara Lindahl, Washburn Gurb Singh, JCCC Tanya Gonzalez, K-State	Arvin Cruz, FHSU Elaine Simmons, Barton CC Janice Stover, Cowley CC Jennifer Ball, Washburn Linnea GlenMaye, WSU Monette DePew, Pratt CC Sara Schwedtfeger, ESU Stuart Day, KU Tiffany Evans, Colby CC Tricia Paramore, Hutchinson CC Jolynn Dowling, WSU Marc Malone, Garden City CC	Bekah Selby-Leach, ESU Grady Dixon, FHSU Jason Sharp, Labette CC Jerry Pope, KCKCC Lisa Blair, NWKTC Rachel Bates, Cowley CC Sharon Kibbe, Highland CC Tamara Lynn, FHSU Tonya Ricklefs, Washburn Vince Bowman, Independence CC Amber Knoettgen, Cloud County CC Brandon Galm, Cloud County CC

Roll call was taken for members and presenters.

Approval of Minutes

Tom Nevill moved to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes, and Jill Arensdorf seconded the motion. With no corrections, the motion passed.

Transfer and Articulation Council (TAAC) Update

Karla Wiscombe presented the TAAC update. The Council met on September 13th to finalize details for the 2023 Kansas Core Outcomes Groups (KCOG) Conference. This year's conference is slightly different due to the number of courses and faculty representatives. There will be 30 review courses and four new courses, so there is an AM and PM session. This format will likely be used moving forward. The TAAC liaisons are working to identify co-chairs for each course, and as of September 12th, there were over 500 registrants. Information can be found on the [KCOG Conference website](#). TAAC is looking for hosts for the 2024 and 2025 KCOG Conference, and Karla noted that WSU will continue to assist through its conference center. Karla also welcomed the newest TAAC members: Tom Nevill (Butler Community College), Beth O'Neil (Washburn University), Alyssa Deneke (NCKTC), and Monette DePew (Pratt Community College).

Other Matters

- The Council discussed and confirmed their yearly schedule. There will be no meeting in October, as the

Board will do a campus-only visit at KU. The November meeting will be at ESU, and the April meeting will be at FHSU; both will be in-person meetings with a virtual option. The December meeting will be virtual only due to limited meeting space. All other meeting dates will be virtual with an in-person option at the Topeka KBOR office.

- Daniel Archer and Karla Wiscombe provided a timeline for the Systemwide Elementary Education Transfer associate degree. Program requirements can be found on page five of the agenda, and an email was sent to Chief Academic Officers on August 16, 2023, with further guidance, the timeline, and steps for implementation. Community colleges that wish to offer the Systemwide Elementary Education (PK-6) transfer associate degree will express commitment by November 1, 2023, and include a degree check sheet. Board staff will review the degree check sheet for alignment by November 15, 2023. Community Colleges that align will offer a new program using the CIP Code 13.1202 by January 15, 2024. Full implementation is anticipated in Fall 2024. Karla clarified that a lab will not be required with the second science course, but it is recommended. They have also added “literature” to the left column in Bucket #6. An updated document was emailed to the Chief Academic Officers and will be resent.
- Mickey McCloud provided a KCIA update. They met for their annual summer retreat on June 8th and 9th, where they finalized membership and discussed directions for the upcoming year. KCIA previously offered a scholarship for faculty and staff looking at leadership or research opportunities, and they will again offer this in the upcoming year. KCIA scholarship information will be sent out once the details are finalized. The Council will also spend time looking at reverse transfer, HLC faculty qualifications, and performance agreement changes this year.
- Reminders for upcoming conferences and due dates will continue to be provided throughout the year. In addition to those listed at the bottom of page one of the agenda, it was noted by College Board that Pre-Calculus will be in high schools this year, and scores will be sent in July 2024.

Adjournment

The next SCOCAO meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2023, at 8:30 a.m. on the Emporia State University campus. A virtual option will be provided.

Tom Nevill moved to adjourn the meeting, and Luke Dowell seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.