



System Council of Presidents (SCOPS)

Kansas Board of Regents

Curtis State Office Building at 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, Kansas,
66612

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System Council of Presidents Meeting Minutes

At 10:32 a.m. Interim President Taylor Kriley called the System Council of Presidents February 11, 2026, meeting to order at the Curtis State Office Building (CSOB), 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 530, Topeka, KS 66612.

MEMBERS	Doug Girod, University of Kansas	Rick Muma, Wichita State University
PRESENT:	JuliAnn Mazachek, Washburn University	Rich Linton, Kansas State University
	Greg Nichols, Salina Tech	Taylor Kriley, Emporia State University
	Tisa Mason, Fort Hays State University	Thomas Newsom, Pittsburg State University

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

President Newsom moved that the minutes of the January 14, 2026, meeting be approved. Following the second of President Muma, the motion carried.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS: Mickey McCloud, Executive Vice President/Provost Johnson County Community College

- TAAC update – Deadline for new systemwide transfer courses due March 1.
 - Subcommittee met on February 4th to look at systemwide associates degree framework.
- Report on Kansas Free Application Days – 2025 report is available.
 - Academic year 2027 is the last for the pilot program so working on how to institutionalize for the future.
 - Working on more engagement from Kansas high schools
 - This has been successful so far and we look forward to that continuing
- Academic Year Performance Report conversation around changing the agreement and having a bridge agreement for a year before jumping into a new one.
- Spring Break dates were discussed since the 2029, 2030, and 2031 calendars are being worked. These dates are to align with K-12 dates.
 - March 11-17, 2029
 - March 17-23, 2030
 - March 16-22, 2031

OTHER MATTERS

- There was a presentation on ReUp – engaging students with some college credits but no degree and the opportunity to work with community and technical colleges. K-State has a 3-year agreement in place.
 - There was a request for systemwide legislative financial support for the institutions that are currently not funded, so looking at the institutional level now.
- Legislative Update: Kelly Oliver
 - Update on bills currently in session.
 - HB 2428 – DEI-CRT bill scheduled for discussion and action to come today
 - HB 2487 – our requested bill that amends the Kansas Education Opportunity Scholarship Program, recommended to be passed by House
 - HB 2523 – Affiliations bill had a hearing earlier this week and is scheduled to be worked by the House Higher Education Budget committee this afternoon
 - HB 2746 - regarding tenure – no hearing scheduled.
 - Provided a budget handout that was current as of the meeting time.

- Compares the Board's request, Governor's budget, the legislative special committee on budget's position, and the House and Senate positions.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 by Chancellor Girod, seconded by President Newsom.