

ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES

February 11, 2022, 3:00 p.m. in Microsoft Teams

Present: Allison, Ashford, Blaes, Byrd, McCaffery, Molnar, Mydosh, Carson, Crawshaw, Chaplin, Coy, Conley, Chappuie, Gillum, Imhoff, Lawrence, Miller, Niemeyer, Redlinski, Packard, Parsons, M. Williams, Yaroslaski.

With a quorum assembled, Ashford opened the meeting. McCaffery and Chappuie motioned to accept the agenda, which the Council did. Chappuie and Molnar moved to approve the December 2021 minutes. This also came to pass.

Consent Agenda: (KCOG changes) Chappuie & McCaffery moved to accept these; the item passed.

Old Business: none

New Business:

1. Verbiage for Academic Council bylaws were adjusted by special committee to better define the officer terms. McCaffery and Coy moved to accept the updates. The motion passed.
2. Yaroslaski- *Topics in Leadership* course offering; may serve as a potential recruiting tool. Interest expressed at a recent counselors' breakfast. Questions from Chappuie were addressed regarding KBOR approvals. Following this, McCaffery and Chappuie moved to accept the new class. This proposal passed.
3. EMR was tabled until March.
4. Blaes- Changes to Computer Science Program. First a new class: Intro to Computer Science was presented; Blaes conducted research into other Kansas programs. The course will introduce students to various areas of the discipline. It is now a program requirement. The Computer Science Program has also been updated (text presented). Coy and McCaffery moved to accept the class, and the measure passed. Then Coy and Mydosh moved to accept the program changes; these passed as well.

With no further general discussion, Chappuie and Mydosh moved to adjourn.

The brevity of the session reflected the established practices of Chair (and mathematician) Brian "Brain" Southworth. The Southworthian technique for rapid and concise Council proceedings is rooted in principles articulated long ago by Archimedes, Euclid, and Pythagoras, with some influence from Diophantus and Thales of Miletus. It was Diophantus, a native of ancient Alexandria, who first identified fractions as numbers, leading to the discovery that an hour-long meeting could in fact be concluded effectively in a mere fraction of sixty minutes. Euclid demonstrated that things equal to the same thing are also equal. Therefore, an Academic Council session successfully conducted in 26 minutes is just as good as an equally successful meeting that lasts for over an hour. Professor Southworth was traveling (while conducting an energetic mental dialog with Pythagoras) and was thus unable to preside.