

# Faculty Senate Meeting

## Agenda

- Approval of Nov 25, 2024 Minutes (1 min)
- Informal Statements (5 min)
- President's Report (10 min) – Mathew Muether
- Old Business
  - Discussion of Inclement Weather Policy Update (20 min)
- New Business
  - Welcome – Senior Executive Vice President and Provost Monica Lounsbery
  - Blueprint for Literacy – Kim Wilson
  - Update of KBOR Faculty Award Eligibility to include NTT
- As May Arise (10 min)
- Adjourn (Next meeting, January 27 at 3:30 pm in HH 211)



WICHITA STATE  
UNIVERSITY

Monday, Jan 13th, 2025 - 3:30 pm

# President's Report

# KBOR Report (Dec 18<sup>th</sup>)

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## KBOR Meeting

- Proposed Change to Academic Calendar
  - The University of Kansas (KU) requests to move its start date for Fall 2025 from August 25 to August 18. This change would not affect the number of instructional days, as the request also moves the last class date up one week, from December 11 to December 4. This modification will support three goals: 1) better align 15-day intersession instructional periods; 2) allow more time for faculty to report grades before recessing for winter break; and 3) allow for a full two weeks of classes before the Labor Day holiday. Further, KU states that this change should alleviate overlap between students moving in and the first home football game.

Fall Semester 2025	Fall 2025 Approved	Fall 2025 Proposal
First Day of Classes	8/25/2025	8/18/2025
Last Day of Classes	12/11/2025	12/4/2025
Stop Day	12/12/2025	12/5/2025
First Day of Finals	12/15/2025	12/8/2025
Last Day of Finals	12/19/2025	12/12/2025

- Received Blueprint for Literacy Plan on the Establishment of Centers of Excellence in Reading (more in main agenda)

# KBOR Report – Cont

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- Act of Proposed Changes to the AY 2025 – AY 2028 Program Review Metrics
  - In the wake of the AY 2024, and in response to concerns raised by university provosts, the Board's Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) agreed to review the metrics used for program review. At its November meeting, BAASC approved several refinements of program review metrics.
    - Exempting interdisciplinary programs without a formal departmental or administrative structure from minimum requirements for the number of majors and graduates.
    - Reducing from 20 to 12 students the minimum enrollment for master's programs, and allowing programs that offer both master's and doctoral degrees to be reviewed as a single program.
    - Establishing institution-specific thresholds based on Carnegie classifications to account for differences in size and mission.
    - Excluding from the five-year post-baccalaureate wage metric students who immediately pursue graduate studies upon completion of a bachelor's degree.
- \$501,958 proposed distribution to Wichita State FY 2025 Appropriation for IT Infrastructure and Cybersecurity
- \$6.4M Allocation to WSU from Educational Building Fund for Rehabilitation and Repair Projects Recommended
- \$3.3M allocation to WSU from Kansas Campus Restoration Act Fund For Mission Critical Buildings and Infrastructure Only

# KBOR Report – Cont

- From BAASC

## “FIRST 15” INITIATIVE

The Board has made expanding dual/concurrent enrollment a top priority, and the "First 15" will help achieve that goal. The "First 15" are five early college courses offered to high school students at no cost to them.

KBOR has established a “First 15” workgroup to make recommendations to the Board President and CEO. The participants include:

Rusty Monhollon	Vice President for Academic Affairs	Kansas Board of Regents
Eric Reid	Superintendent	USD 383
Roger Stumpf	Superintendent	USD 306
Amber Knoettgen	President	Cloud County Community College
Ryan Ruda	President	Garden City Community College
Sarah Robb	Vice President of Student Learning	Neosho County Community College
Kim Dhority	Dean of Academic Affairs	Flint Hills Technical College
Corey Isbell	Vice President of Student & Instructional Services	Fort Hays Tech North Central
Tara Lindahl	Director of Pre-College Pathways	Kansas State University
Brien Bolin	Senior Associate Dean, Fairmont College of Liberal Arts and Science	Wichita State University

“First 15” Working Group Timeline	
Task	Target Completion Date
Identify courses that make up the “First 15”	December
Develop funding/fiscal model	January
Develop a standardized dual/concurrent enrollment framework	January
Review student enrollment requirements.	February
Ensure every high school has access to a provider.	February
Review and revise Dual/Concurrent Enrollment policy	March
Assess the costs and benefits of NACEP accreditation	April
Report recommendations to KBOR President and CEO	May

# KBOR Report – Cont

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- From COFSP
  - Worked on Proposal to expand KBOR faculty Awards to NTT (More later in the agenda)
  - Worked on potential policy to allow system-wide tuition assistance for faculty.

# Old Business

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- 5.17 / Inclement Weather Policy Update



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