**WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY**

**New Academic and Institutional Partnerships**

**Task Force**

**March 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Task Force Charge:

Evaluate requests for WSU to add new partnerships for academic and/or research programs, including programs located in Chihuahua, Mexico and a possible dental school to serve south-central and rural populations in Kansas.

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| **Co-chairs:** |  | **Attended** |
| Rick Muma | Provost – WSU | Yes |
| Sheree Utash | President – WSU Tech | Yes |
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| **Members:** |  |  |
| Dennis Livesay | Academic Affairs | Yes |
| Larisa Genin | Academic Affairs | Yes |
| Laura Manning | Academic Affairs | Yes |
| Ashlie Jack | Applied Studies | Yes |
| Robyn Bongartz | Finance and Administration | Yes |
| Isabel Medina Keiser | Student Affairs | Yes |
| Debra Franklin | Research - Innovation | Yes |
| Keith Pickus | WSU Foundation | Yes |
| Anna Clark | Office of the President | Yes |
| Korey Torgerson | Athletics | Yes |
| Scott Lucas | WSU Tech | Yes |
| Amy Easum | Strategic Communications | Yes |
| Misha Jacob-Warren | General Counsel | Yes |
| Riccardo Harris | Diversity | Yes |
| Nick Solomey | Faculty Senate | Yes |
| Ikram Ahmed | Faculty Senate | Yes |
| Matt Houston | USS Senate | Yes |
| Gabriel Fonseca | UP Senate | Yes |
| Will Fulls | UP Senate | Yes |
| Vanessa Teran | Student | Yes |
| Vanessa Cowdin | Student | Yes |
| Kelly Harrison | Outside Representative | Yes |

**Welcome**

Dr. Golden welcomed the group and encouraged them to continue to work on these partnerships even with the pandemic.

**Updates**

Minutes from last meeting can be found at <https://www.wichita.edu/administration/president/task_forces/new_academic_institutional_partnerships/index.php>

Mexico Location

* Following the workshop attended by WSU and Chihuahua stakeholders, Rick had two Zoom calls with the Chihuahua stakeholders (minutes of that meeting to come)
* Developed a timeline to determine feasibility – identified three programs for consideration (AAS in aviation maintenance, AAS in aircraft manufacturing, and BS in product design and manufacturing engineering)
* Started discussions regarding the cost of building a campus in Mexico

Dental School

* Rick participated in a conference call with Sharon Gordon, DDS, PhD, MPH (Dean, UConn). She is willing to consult with us on this project.
* Rick encouraged the committee to read an article written by Dr. Gordon, *Influences of Community-Based Dental Education ono Practice Choice: Preliminary Data from East Carolina University*. (See attached)
* Had to reschedule Rick’s call with Greg Chadwick, DDS, MS (Dean, ECU) to April 20 due to COVID-19
* Visits to dental schools will have to be scheduled later in the year due to COVID-19
* Have a business plan from Kansas Health Science Center – Wichita that involves renting space. The committee reviewed and discussed the proposed cost spreadsheet prepared by Rick and Sudha Tokala of the KHSC. (See attached)
* KBOR Oral health task force 2012 – this report contains KBOR’s recommendation from prior discussions about a dental school. The intent was to provide dentist in rural areas – to focus on rural dentistry. Keith Pickus raised concerns with this report, as it is outdated. Further, at the time it was prepared, it was determined that it was too costly to build a dental school and therefore it was decided to proceed with what is now the AEGD. (See attached)
* It is at least a three-year process from accreditation of a school to its actual opening so we would be looking at 2023.
* The dental school would likely be separate from the College of Health Professions.

Health Science Facility (with KU)

* Rick had general conversation with Jay Golden and Emily Patterson to begin the conversation to develop a program statement
* The goal is for KU & WSU to come together to develop a space for their medical school and our health science programs.
* Awaiting meeting with WSU and KU

The order of priority/probability for these partnerships:

* Mexico campus
* Dental School
* Heath Science Facility

The committee will meet again on May 4, 1:30 p.m.