

Updates from Executive Council

On the frozen Kansas prairie, nature joins the rest of us for the movement towards Spring. Similarly, the KACRAO Executive Council waits to see how the seeds planted in previous actions bear fruit for all members in 2025. As they reconvene on February 25th, the current Executive Council seeks to enhance engagement, connectedness, and organizational transparency; while staying current with developments and opportunities in higher education.

Here are some things we can look forward to as a result:

The Executive Council is launching what Brandi Brenner, President, referred to as “Leadership Ladder or Leadership Learning” sessions. In March and April, these virtual meetings are meant to share information about KACRAO service opportunities and insight into the leadership structure. If you want to know how to get more involved in the organization, or if you think serving in a leadership position is your calling, you won’t want to miss these sessions.

What’s more, Brenner said the Council intends to host a virtual meeting in late summer to preview the KACRAO Annual Conference, held in Lawrence this year. This inaugural meeting is designed to set expectations and generate excitement for the Annual Conference, which is the one time a year when we all get together in person.

In another strategic move to be transparent and foster engagement, the Admissions and Registrar Advocates-At-Large are preparing to host bi-monthly or quarterly virtual meetings for their respective colleagues. These meetings are designed to foster conversations about KACRAO actions and industry developments, answer questions, and provide network opportunities.

For those of you who just want to digest data and information but don’t have the flexibility to attend virtual events, you can still catch up on what’s happening at KACRAO on the website. There you can see the KACRAO Strategic Plan, review meeting minutes, and examine the budget to see how KACRAO is using its funds to make the organization better and provide great opportunities to the membership.

With all these developments, it sounds like 2025 is shaping up to be a productive year for KACRAO—one that will foster growth, connection, and engagement among its members.

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