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## BOARD RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S BUDGET ALLOTMENTS

### *This Year's Budget Cuts Now Total \$100 million*

(TOPEKA) – Today Regent Jill Docking of Wichita, Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement regarding the Governor's budget allotments which will reduce higher education funding by another 2% or \$15 million (bringing the total Fiscal Year 2010 reduction to 12% or \$100 million):

“Trying to balance the state's budget in such a difficult economic environment is certainly no easy task, and I certainly don't envy the position the Governor is in. Today's allotments represent an additional 2% or \$15 million cut to the state's higher education system, bringing this year's total cut to 12% or \$100 million.”

“Higher education leaders across the state have been anticipating these additional cuts, have been diligently planning for them, and are prepared to implement what will certainly be painful adjustments on their campuses. In addition, many of the tuition proposals the Board approved last week anticipated these additional cuts.”

“Unfortunately, this year's cuts have undone several years of budgetary progress by essentially taking higher education back to 2006 funding levels. On campuses across the state, class offerings have been reduced, employees have been laid off, and students are generally receiving fewer services as a result of this year's budget cuts. However, like every other state governmental entity, we're prepared to do our part and know that we'll ultimately get through this. I'm hopeful that state lawmakers will do everything they can to repair the state's higher education system once the economy improves.”

The following table outlines the amount of State General Fund (SGF) support for the state's higher education system (7 public universities, 19 community colleges, and 6 technical colleges):

HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM SUPPORT (SGF)	
FY 2006:	\$747 million (actual expenditures)
FY 2007:	\$785 million (actual expenditures)
FY 2008:	\$829 million (actual expenditures)
FY 2009:	\$853 million (original appropriation)
FY 2009 (rescission):	\$817 million (4.25% or \$36 million reduction from FY 2009 original)
FY 2010:	\$790 million (7% or \$63 million reduction from FY 2009 original)
FY 2010 (omnibus):	\$768 million (10% or \$85 million reduction from FY 2009 original)
FY 2010 (allotment):	\$753 million (12% or \$100 million reduction from FY 2009 original)

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***About the Kansas Board of Regents:***

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (seven public universities, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, and career and technical education programs. The Board also authorizes private proprietary schools and out-of-state institutions to operate in Kansas, and administers the Kan-ed network, a statewide network that provides broadband Internet access and distance learning capabilities for schools, hospitals, and libraries.

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