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## BOARD SELECTS NEW UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CHANCELLOR

### *Dr. Bernadette Gray-Little to be KU's 17<sup>th</sup> Chancellor*

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents announced that Dr. Bernadette Gray-Little will be the University of Kansas' (KU) new chancellor. The Board voted to approve Dr. Gray-Little's appointment then officially introduced the new chancellor during a special meeting at the Board of Regents' office in Topeka. Dr. Gray-Little will begin her chancellorship on August 15.

"The Board is proud to announce that Dr. Gray-Little will be the next chancellor of the University of Kansas," said Regent Donna Shank of Liberal, Chair of the Board of Regents. "She rose to the top of an exceptionally talented and competitive pool of applicants. Dr. Gray-Little's outstanding record of academic excellence and impressive administrative leadership throughout her notable career, along with her inspiring enthusiasm and character, make it clear that she is ideally-suited to propel KU to even loftier heights."

Dr. Gray-Little is currently the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC), a position she has held since 2006. She is a former-Dean of UNC's College of Arts and Sciences, and a former-Executive Associate Provost at UNC. Dr. Gray-Little earned a Ph.D. and a M.S. from St. Louis University and an A.B. from Marywood College (Pennsylvania). Her resume and photograph can be found on the KU Chancellor Search page on the Board's website at the following link: <http://www.kansasregents.org/kusearch.html>.

Dr. Gray-Little will be formally introduced to the KU campus and the Lawrence community at an event tomorrow at 1:00 P.M. on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of the Kansas Union. Additional details will be posted on KU's website at the following link: <http://www.ku.edu>. The campus and community are invited and are encouraged to attend.

"I certainly want to thank Drue Jennings, the Chancellor Search Committee Chair, and the members of the committee for their time, hard-work, and dedication to the search process. They have served KU and this Board very well," added Shank. "I also want to thank Mr. Bill Funk of R. William Funk and Associates for the assistance he provided throughout the process. This is an exciting time at KU, and I'm confident that Dr. Gray-Little's leadership abilities will serve the university, the Lawrence community, the state of Kansas, and the region well for many years to come."

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