

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

March 23, 2016

The March 23, 2016, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Shane Bangerter at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Beller Conference Center on the University of Kansas Medical Center Campus, 3901 Rainbow Boulevard, Kansas City, Kansas. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shane Bangerter, Chair
Zoe Newton, Vice Chair
Joe Bain
Ann Brandau-Murguia
Bill Feuerborn
Dennis Mullin
Dave Murfin
Daniel Thomas
Helen Van Etten

WELCOME

Chair Bangerter thanked the University of Kansas Medical Center for hosting the Board meeting this month. Regent Murguia welcomed everyone to Kansas City and congratulated Kansas City Kansas Community College's women's basketball team for winning the NJCAA Division II National Basketball Championship.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Newton moved that the minutes of the February 17, 2016 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Van Etten, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Martin and President Rittle announced a partnership between Fort Hays State University and Cowley Community College. The program, Tiger 2 Tiger Pathway, will provide a seamless pathway for students graduating from Cowley to transfer to Fort Hays State University to continue their education.

Chancellor Gray-Little introduced the University of Kansas Medical Center's new Dean of the School of Nursing, Sally Maliski, and the new Dean of the School of Health Professions, Abiodun Akinwuntan. She also introduced Jessica van Loben Sels, a University of Kansas student, who was awarded a National Institutes of Health Oxford-Cambridge Scholarship.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Bangerter thanked the institutions and Board staff for all their work during the legislative session.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Flanders reported that Governor Brownback, the Kansas Commissioner of Education Randy Watson, and he co-signed a letter to the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) regarding the implementation of HLC's policy on credentialing of faculty delivering concurrent credit courses, which requires faculty members to hold a master's degree or higher in the discipline they teach. President Flanders stated that currently there are faculty members who deliver concurrent credit courses who only have a baccalaureate degree. The institutions are working on pathways to ensure proper credentialing of faculty, which will take time. He stated HLC responded to the letter and will allow flexibility on implementation as faculty members pursue proper credentialing.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Inbody presented the System Council of Presidents' report. The Council received a report from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers regarding their discussions on CLEP scores, service areas, and concurrent enrollment. The System Council of Presidents discussed developing a systemwide emergency preparedness plan. This plan would provide details of how institutions in Kansas can help each other during an emergency.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Martin presented the Council of Presidents' report. The Council received reports from the Council of Chief Academic Officers, the Council of Government Relations Officers, the Council of Student Affairs Officers, the Regents Information Technology Committee, and the University Support Staff Council. Additionally, the Council of Presidents approved the University of Kansas' Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in Law and Society and Kansas State University's Professional Science Master in Applied Science and Technology. These programs will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. The Council also discussed the proposed amendments to the New Academic Units and Academic Programs policy and the proposed policy to create a Title IX Coordinators workgroup.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Lorie Cook Benjamin presented the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents' report. The Council worked with the System Council of Chief Academic Officers to develop a five-step process to determine consistent cut scores for AP and CLEP exams. Additionally, the Faculty discussed the progress on the campus level concealed carry policies and received an update on course transfer and articulation.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Regent Van Etten reported the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee met by conference call to review Kansas State University's Master of Arts in Teaching and Hutchinson Community College's Cosmetology program. Both programs are on the Board's agenda for consideration.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Feuerborn presented the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee report. The Committee discussed the credit ratings of the state universities and reviewed the mandatory cost

increases for next year. The Committee also started discussing approaches for developing the Board's FY 2018-2019 unified budget request. Regent Feuerborn noted the Committee, on a recorded vote, recommended advancing to the Governance Committee the proposed policy changes regarding the University Support Staff leave.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Feuerborn moved, with the second of Regent Thomas, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Academic Affairs

MASTER OF ARTS IN TEACHING – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to offer a Master of Arts in Teaching. In the implementation year, the College of Education will fund the program. As it grows, the revenues generated by the program will support it.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAM OFFERED BY HUTCHINSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Hutchinson Community College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (64 credit hours) and a Technical Certificate C (45 credit hours) in Cosmetology (12.0401). The program will be funded with the College's general fund, student tuition, and revenue from the full service salon.

Fiscal Affairs & Audit

RAZE A BARN, BUILDING #958, AT THE SOUTH EAST RESEARCH CENTER MOUND VALLEY LOCATION IN MOUND VALLEY, KS – KSU

Kansas State University received authorization to raze a barn, Building #958, at the South East Research Center Mound Valley location, 13072 Elk Road, Mound Valley, Kansas. The cost to raze the barn is approximately \$5,000, which will be funded from South East Research Center restricted fees.

Other Matters

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT CHANGES AND PREMIUM RATES FOR PLAN YEAR 2016-2017

The Student Health Insurance plan modifications and premium rates for Plan Year 2016-2017 were approved. The plan design modification is necessary because of the Affordable Care Act's metallic banding requirements to determine actuarial value. The annual student only premium will be decreased by \$15 due to the positive historical experience of the plan.

UPDATED RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE MANAGEMENT CONTROL OVER SECURITY OF CERTAIN CLASSIFIED INFORMATION OF THE KU SECURE RESEARCH FACILITY TO A SECURITY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – KU

An updated Resolution related to the University of Kansas' Secure Research Facility was adopted. The Resolution was updated to add Interim Provost Sara Rosen and Facility Security Officer Carl Taylor to the University Security Executive Committee.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Presentations

UPDATE ON THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS MEDICAL CENTER'S STRATEGIC PLAN

Dr. Doug Girod, Executive Vice Chancellor at the University of Kansas Medical Center, gave an update on the Medical Center's strategic plan. The KU Medical Center consists of the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing, the School of Health Professions, and their research enterprise. The current strategic plan for the Medical Center was adopted in 2011 and runs through 2016. The goal of the plan is to "provide leadership to shape the future of health and health care." Dr. Girod highlighted some of the Medical Center's accomplishments including: National Cancer Institute designation, Alzheimer's Disease Center designation, expanding the School of Medicine in Wichita to a four-year campus and opening Salina's four-year campus, and finalizing the Clinical Integration with the University of Kansas Hospital. Additionally, he reviewed the Medical Center's enrollment and funding challenges and discussed the planning process for the Medical Center's campus master plan and new strategic plan.

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DEMONSTRATION OF THE NEW DEGREESTATS WEBSITE

President Flanders introduced the new Kansas DegreeStats website, stating it was created by the Kansas Board of Regents in response to interest by the Kansas Legislature wanting to have a tool that provides students comprehensive cost and earning data for each undergraduate degree program offered at a public university in Kansas. The tool reports on program costs, sources of investment, and wage information for a program's graduates both upon entry into the Kansas workforce and after five years of employment. The website tool also assists in calculating total potential loan debt and degree investment. President Flanders noted the tool is not an actual cost calculator because it does not project the future cost of a program, rather the tool displays historical data from actual graduates. Breeze Richardson, Director of Communications, demonstrated how users will navigate the web-based tool.

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BREAK

The Chairman called for a break at 2:50 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM THE KU ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS – KU

Greg Hoffman, Director of Facilities, introduced the University of Kansas' request to authorize the transfer of property from the KU Endowment Association to the University. The property includes the drive access road to the parking lots at the Edwards Campus in Johnson County. Regent Murguia moved to approve, and Regent Mullin seconded. The motion carried. The following land will be transferred.

Tract "A" of REGENTS VILLAGE, a subdivision in the City of Overland Park,
Johnson County, Kansas

AMENDMENT TO FY 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE PITTMAN BUILDING WALK-IN FREEZER RENOVATION – KSU

Director Hoffman presented Kansas State University's request to amend its FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan to include the Pittman Building walk-in freezer renovation. Due to the age of the freezer, renovations are necessary to replace inefficient equipment, roofing and insulation and to upgrade life safety features. The estimated cost of the renovation is \$2 million, which will be funded with Housing and Dining Services auxiliary funds. Regent Murguia moved to approve adding the renovation to the FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan and the program statement for the project. Regent Newton seconded, and the motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO FY 2016 REHABILITATION AND REPAIR LIST TO INCLUDE REMODELING AREAS OF BRAMLAGE COLISEUM – KSU

Director Hoffman introduced Kansas State University's request to amend its FY 2016 Rehabilitation and Repair list to include remodeling interior areas of Bramlage Coliseum. The estimated cost of the project is approximately \$850,000, which will be funded with Kansas State University Athletics funds. Regent Murguia moved to approve. Following the second of Regent Thomas, the motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO FY 2016 REHABILITATION AND REPAIR LIST TO INCLUDE RENOVATION OF THE OUTREACH CENTER ON THE KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY POLYTECHNIC CAMPUS – KSU

Kansas State University's request to amend its FY 2016 Rehabilitation and Repair list to include renovation of the Outreach Center on the Kansas State University Polytechnic campus was presented by Director Hoffman. The project will cost approximately \$750,000 and will be funded with Kansas State Polytechnic departmental restricted fees. Regent Murguia moved to approve, and Regent Murfin seconded. The motion carried.

Other Matters

HIGHLIGHTS ON SYSTEM ENROLLMENTS

Cindy Farrier, Director of Data, Research and Planning, presented the report on system enrollments for academic year 2015. In 2015, the enrollment headcount for the public higher education sector was 250,000 students. Director Farrier reviewed the systemwide enrollment by residency, ethnicity, age, and gender. She also reviewed the enrollment trends for the system.

Overall in the last five years, the state universities have seen moderate to slow growth, the technical colleges have seen aggressive growth, and the community colleges have seen a slight decline. Director Farrier noted the Governor's Excel in Career Technical Education Initiative (SB 155), which began in 2012, could explain some of the increased enrollment for the technical colleges. Additionally, she stated the decreased enrollment for the community colleges could be related to the fact that as the economy improves, individuals are choosing to work rather than seek further education.

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UPDATE ON THE WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY/WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE MERGER PROPOSAL

President Bardo and President Utash presented an update on the Wichita State University (WSU) and Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) proposed merger. The proposed merger would create a new school of technology and applied sciences within WSU. The goal of the merger is to establish a new model for higher education, serve as an economic driver for the greater public good, and create a better trained workforce. Presidents Bardo and Utash noted that in order for the merger to work, both the open admission policy and current funding streams for the technical programs must be maintained. The next steps with moving forward with the merger include legislative approval, Higher Learning Commission approval, and the Board's approval on the final plan.

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GRANTING OF HONORARY DEGREE – KSU

Provost Mason nominated Dr. Guy Palmer to receive an Honorary Doctorate from Kansas State University at its Spring 2016 commencement. Regent Mullin moved to approve, and Regent Thomas seconded. The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Elaine Frisbie, Vice President of Finance and Administration, presented the legislative update. A majority of the Board's non-budgetary legislative items are included in the House and Senate Education Conference Committee report, and should be worked once the legislators return for veto session. Vice President Frisbie also discussed the budget and noted the state universities, to date, have lost \$25 million in State General Fund this year. She also noted the Legislature has not discussed the Board's plan to implement the cost model for tiered technical courses.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bangerter adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Shane Bangerter, Chair