

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

June 17-18, 2020

The June 17, 2020 meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Shane Bangerter at 1:30 p.m. This was a quasi-virtual meeting, and proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Shane Bangerter, Chair
- Bill Feuerborn, Vice Chair
- Ann Brandau-Murguia
- Cheryl Harrison-Lee
- Mark Hutton
- Shelly Kiblinger
- Jon Rolph
- Allen Schmidt
- Helen Van Etten

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Bangerter welcomed everyone and noted this meeting is being livestreamed. He explained that the meeting is being conducted in a quasi-virtual format, with members of the Board, a few Board staff, the university CEOs and President Trzaska attending in person. Other college CEOs, Board staff and university staff are participating remotely, and the public is accessing the meeting via live broadcast on YouTube. Because of the state and local health orders and use of this format, the Board is following the Attorney General's regulation and best practices for conducting quasi-virtual meetings. He asked all participants to place their microphones on mute when they are not speaking to allow listeners and observers to hear the meeting unimpeded. Chair Bangerter stated that participants should ask to be recognized if they have a question or comment and when recognized, the participant should state their name and title so he or she can be identified by the audience. Chair Bangerter noted for each action item a roll call vote would be taken to be clear how each Regent has voted. However, a roll call vote will not be taken for the approval of the minutes and no motion is needed to adjourn the meeting. He noted there will be no public comments during this meeting and explained the process for the executive sessions, which are scheduled at the end of today and the end of tomorrow.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Hutton moved that the minutes of the May 20-21, 2020 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Harrison-Lee, the motion carried.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Bangerter announced that this is his last meeting as Chair. He spoke about the current environment of the nation and the movement surrounding social injustice. He stated he along with the other Regents and university leaders want to be a part of the discussion surrounding these

issues. He noted that the higher education system needs to continue to work on ways to improve access for students. He also encouraged everyone to respect and listen to other people's opinions.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Flanders announced that Johnson County Community College's President, Joe Sopcich, has retired, and he thanked President Sopcich for his years of service. President Flanders then reported that the state university CEOs are working on plans to reopen the universities for the fall semester. At this time, all the state universities are planning to begin the semester with face-to-face instruction and then some are planning a transition to online instruction after the Thanksgiving holiday. President Flanders noted that the state universities are also looking at options surrounding testing for COVID-19 and whether or how to implement contact tracing on the campuses. He thanked the University of Kansas Health System for assisting in this process.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Garrett presented the Council of Presidents report. The Council received reports from the Council of Chief Academic Officers, Council of Business Officers, the Council of Student Affairs Officers, the Title IX Workgroup, Council of Government Relations, and the Council of Chief Diversity Officers. The Academic Officers reviewed several programs and approved multiple program name changes, which were submitted by Kansas State University and the University of Kansas. Per Board policy, these program name changes will be forwarded to the Board President and CEO for final approval. The Business Officers received an update on the space utilization study, and it was noted that the study will have a portion that addresses social distancing concerns related to COVID-19. The Business Officers are also seeking guidance from the Kansas Department of Administration on how health insurance premiums should be handled when an employee is furloughed. The Student Affairs Officers discussed the mental health issues surrounding COVID-19 and noted that students may feel anxious as they return to campus. The Title IX Coordinators are busy reviewing the new Title IX regulations that go into effect on August 14. It was noted that institutions must be in compliance by the deadline to continue receiving federal funding. The Government Relations Officers provided a legislative update and announced that Fort Hays State University's Director of Government Relations, Debra Prideaux, is retiring. The Diversity Officers discussed the current national climate in regard to race relations and reviewed their recommendation to have an individual at the Board Office work with the campuses on diversity and inclusion issues. President Garrett noted that the university CEOs would like to discuss the Diversity Officers' recommendation at the Board's retreat. Additionally, the Council of Presidents was informed that the Health Care Commission voted to reduce the number of HealthQuest credits required for eligible members to receive the premium incentive discount. The credit requirement was reduced from 40 to 20, and HSA/HRA dollars awarded for each HealthQuest credit completed has been increased from \$10 to \$20 per credit, up to the maximum of \$500 per participant.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Aleks Sternfeld-Dunn presented the Faculty Senate Presidents report. He stated the faculty want to work with the administrations at the universities on the budgeting and funding challenges. The faculty also want to be part of the process as the universities discuss diversity and inclusion.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Schmidt presented the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee report. The Committee approved a request to revise the performance funding guidelines, which will provide more flexibility to the institutions as they deal with COVID-19 issues. Board staff presented a report on concurrent enrollment partnerships (CEP), which are college courses taught in the high schools by high school teachers. Regent Schmidt noted in 2018 over 18,000 high school students took a CEP course; however, that number dropped to approximately 16,000 students in 2019. Board staff is currently reviewing the data to determine the reasons for the decrease in enrollment. It was noted that one of the most significant challenges associated with CEP is ensuring that high school faculty possess the academic qualifications to teach the college course. The next step for Board staff is to research how other states are incentivizing high school faculty to meet these qualifications. The Committee then received a report on credit for prior learning (CPL), which is college credit awarded for equivalent knowledge and skills gained outside the traditional postsecondary classroom environment. Regent Schmidt noted that expanding CPL is a great opportunity to help military personnel and veterans move forward with their education. Additionally, the Committee approved the timeline and framework to review low-enrollment programs under the Board's strategic program alignment process. Regent Schmidt then thanked Vice President Archer and his staff for supporting the Committee this year.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Hutton reported that the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee reviewed the fiscal items on the Board's agenda. The majority of the Committee's time was spent on the state university tuition and fee proposals. Regent Hutton reported that Kansas State University will face challenges with keeping tuition flat this coming year and with the projected decline in enrollment. KSU will make budget reductions including reducing personnel but will still fulfill their instruction, land grant and research missions. The University of Kansas also proposes flat tuition and fees for next year and will need to make necessary budget reductions in order to plan for potential enrollment declines and increased expenses. Fort Hays State University is proposing an increase in tuition as they have elasticity in their pricing model, still being below their peers and the market, to mitigate anticipated reductions in state funding. Pittsburg State University and Emporia State University are proposing increases in tuition and fees and will need to shuffle costs next year. Wichita State University proposed an increase in tuition but no increase in fees. Regent Hutton also noted that the universities have had to allocate additional fees and funding towards mental health in order to assist with students and their needs. After reviewing the proposals, the Committee recommended the approval of the tuition and fee proposals as submitted. Additionally, the Committee reviewed the request to temporarily suspend a discrete portion of the auxiliary enterprise policy, and recommended approval of the temporary suspension as long as the universities notify the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee if they plan to utilize funds to subsidize any auxiliary enterprise.

COORDINATING COUNCIL

Regent Kiblinger reported that the Coordinating Council met on May 28, 2020. The Council discussed several items including aligning the K-12 and postsecondary spring break calendars, creating a resource page that displays all online postsecondary courses including Excel in CTE

courses that are available to high school students, and developing advisory connections between K-12 counselors and postsecondary academic advisors. Regent Kiblinger stated the next step for the spring break proposal is for each system to work with their institutions. She noted there will be institutions that will not be able to align their calendar, but the hope of the Council is to align as many as possible because it will benefit Kansas families, students, and businesses. Regent Kiblinger reported that the Council liked the idea of building a resource page that displays all online postsecondary courses that are available to high school students and noted the next step is for staff is to develop a proposal on what it would cost to build and maintain a site with this information. The Council also endorsed moving forward with the advisory connections initiative. A working group consisting of K-12 high school counselors and academic and career advisors will be formed to develop recommendations on this initiative.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Academic Affairs

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Geographic Information Science and Technology. This program will total 120 semester credit hours. The estimated cost of the program for the first three years is as follows: year one - \$77,390, year two - \$138,419, and year three - \$200,023. New graduate teaching assistant positions are included in years two and three, which is the reason for the cost increase. The primary source of funding for the program will be student tuition and fees.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE IN SPORTS NUTRITION – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science degree in Sports Nutrition. This program will total 120 semester credit hours. The estimated cost of the program for the first three years is as follows: year one - \$170,399, year two - \$170,399, and year three - \$171,124. The primary source of funding for the program will be student tuition and fees.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GENETIC COUNSELING – KUMC

The University of Kansas Medical Center received approval to offer a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling. The estimated cost of the program for the first three years is as follows: year one - \$330,436, year two - \$266,986, and year three - \$289,929. The primary source of funding for the program will be student tuition and fees.

NEW CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL AND DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

National University received a Certificate of Approval to operate in Kansas and is authorized to grant degrees. The University will offer online classes in healthcare,

business, education, fine arts, engineering, law, criminal justice, and homeland security.

Fiscal Affairs & Audit

SELL REAL PROPERTY – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to finalize the sale of the old gym building and 5.04 acres of land on the Polytechnic campus, 3142 Scanlan Avenue, Salina, Kansas. Proceeds from the sale will be apportioned in accordance with K.S.A. 75-6609, which will result in Kansas State University retaining 20% of the proceeds and 80% will be credited to the KPERS unfunded actuarial pension liability.

The legal description of the property is:

Lot Eleven (11), less West 100' feet, Block Twelve (12), Schilling Subdivision No. 5, to the City of Salina, Saline County, Kansas.

Formerly a tract of land in Block Two (2) Schilling Subdivision Lying in the Northeast Quarter (NE/4) of Section Three (3), Township Fifteen (15) South, Range Three (3) West of the Sixth (6th) P.M. as shown in Deed recorded November 18, 1966, in Book 268, pages 476 through 503 and legal found on page 485.

AMENDMENT TO THE FY 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND APPROVE PROGRAM STATEMENT FOR THE MARCUS WELCOME CENTER ADDITION – WSU

Wichita State University received approval to amend its FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan to include the Marcus Welcome Center addition project. The new addition will house the Career Development Center and the Applied and Experiential Learning Department. The project includes renovating 5,500 square feet and adding 8,000 gross square feet. The cost of the project is estimated at \$3.4 million, which will be financed with private gifts. The cost of future maintenance and operations will be funded by the University. The program statement for this project was also approved.

AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, REPRESENTING FACULTY – FHSU

The amendments to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Fort Hays State University and the Fort Hays State University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors was approved and the Board Chair was authorized to sign the MOA. The amendments to the MOA include changes to address salary terms. Due to the economic impact of the novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, the amendments provide that FHSU will not fund salary or merit increases and it will pause implementation of its market adjustment

plan. FHSU will fund promotion stipends for promotions awarded in fiscal year 2020.

Retirement Plan

APPOINTMENT TO THE RETIREMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

Debbie Amershek, Pittsburg State University's Assistant Director of Human Resource Services, is appointed to serve a three-year term on the Retirement Plan Committee. Her term begins on July 1, 2020.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE-TO-BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM TRANSFER PLAN

Daniel Archer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported that the Kansas public higher education system currently has 100 courses that transfer among the 32 institutions. The next step in the process is to develop strategies that advance associate-to-baccalaureate degree program transfer. He stated that many states have developed common general education packages. These packages guarantee that a transferable associate degree automatically satisfies the receiving university's general education requirements. This model benefits the students by shortening their path to completion, which reduces the cost of the degree, and it benefits the institutions because they have the opportunity to attract more students. Dr. Archer stated to move this initiative forward it will be critical to develop a policy that addresses both general education requirements and how such requirements will apply within an associate-to-baccalaureate transfer framework. Therefore, it is recommended that a working group develop a proposed policy that 1) defines a common general education package for transferable associate degrees; and 2) guarantees that a transferable associate degree is used to satisfy the general education at the receiving baccalaureate-degree granting university. After the proposed working group establishes a common general education package, it is recommended that the proposed working group 1) develop a conceptual framework for a systemwide associate-to-baccalaureate transfer initiative; 2) identify the potential programs for a systemwide associate-to-baccalaureate transfer initiative; and 3) establish a proposed timeline for creating and implementing systemwide associate-to-baccalaureate transfer programs.

Vice President Archer stated another component of this process is to continue to examine associate and baccalaureate degree credit limits. In March 2019, the Board amended its baccalaureate degree policy to allow the University of Kansas Edwards Campus (KUEC) to apply more than 60 hours from Johnson County Community College (JCCC) toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree. On May 20, 2020, KUEC and JCCC presented the early results of the pilot to the Board of Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC). In Fall 2019, 43 students participated in this program and an additional 106 began participating in the pilot in Spring 2020. Of the 43 students who began participating in Fall 2019, 86 percent were retained in the Spring 2020 semester. Vice President Archer stated it is important to continue to collect data to analyze and assess the effectiveness of this pilot and recommended that KUEC and JCCC continue reporting outcomes to BAASC before any large-scale baccalaureate degree policy changes are considered.

Regent Schmidt thanked Vice President Archer for the information and advocated for the development of a virtual student advising system. He believes a virtual system will help students and advisors track credit hours and help identify courses that are eligible for transfer. Regent Van Etten noted this is an important next step in the transfer process. Regent Bangerter stated that the system transfer process has taken a long time to develop and that program transfer is the obvious next step. He believes the presented recommendations on how to move forward will benefit both the students and the institutions. Regent Bangerter also stated that he believes the Board should move forward with amending the policy on baccalaureate degree credit limits to allow the other universities the ability to apply more than 60 hours toward the completion of a baccalaureate degree.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

UPDATE ON FACULTY DEVELOPMENT BOARD THEME: RESEARCH UNIVERSITIES

Vice President Archer reported that in 2017 the Board had a faculty development initiative to explore faculty expectations and reward structures at the six state universities. From this review, the Board adopted research metrics that are used to track research outcomes produced by tenured and tenure-track faculty at Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University. Dr. Archer shared the data collected between FY 2016 and FY 2018 in the following categories: federal research expenditures, non-federal research expenditures, university specific metrics, and other research metrics.

(Data and PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

STRATEGIC PROGRAM ALIGNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS – KSU, ESU, & FHSU

At the January 2020 meeting, the Board approved the following programs at Kansas State University, Emporia State University, and Fort Hays State University to move through the strategic program review process: 1) Bachelor of Science in Computer Science – KSU, 2) Master of Science in Software Engineering – KSU, 3) Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling – ESU, 4) Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology – ESU, 5) Associate in Applied Science in Technology and Leadership – FHSU, 6) Bachelor of Science in Technology and Leadership – FHSU, and 7) Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Engineering – FHSU. The campus level reviews are completed and Provosts Taber, Cordle, and Arensdorf presented their universities' recommendations for each program.

Provost Taber stated that Kansas State University recommends combining the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science with the new Bachelor of Science degree in Integrated Computer Science. The B.S. in Computer Science has high enrollment, but since it is located under the College of Engineering, it is not accessible to those students who are only seeking computer coding skills. Provost Taber stated that the Master of Science in Software Engineering has declining enrollment and has not met the minimum standards of KBOR for the past four years. The University recommends discontinuing the program.

Provost Cordle reported that Emporia State University recommends discontinuing its Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling degree. The program has had decreasing enrollment over the past several years and the accreditation body is increasing the required credit hours, which

means the cost to deliver the program would significantly increase. The University also recommends discontinuing its Master of Science in Industrial/Organizational Psychology degree. This program has had decreasing enrollment over the past several years. Provost Cordle did request that the program be designated as “on hold” in the KBOR Program Inventory in order to facilitate its possible reinstitution in the future as an online program with an applied emphasis.

Provost Arensdorf stated that Fort Hays State University recommends continuing both its Associate in Applied Science in Technology and Leadership and its Bachelor of Science in Technology Leadership. The current enrollments indicate that both the AAS and BS programs are growing (24 students in AAS and 30 in BS) and have online enrollment potential for new populations of students. FHSU will focus recruitment and marketing efforts on these unique pathway programs utilizing an AAS degree and military credits. The University also recommends discontinuing its Bachelor of Science in Information Systems Engineering because it currently has no enrollment.

Regent Schmidt moved to approve the recommendations presented by each university. Regent Harrison-Lee seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried.

LOW-ENROLLMENT UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS UNDER STRATEGIC PROGRAM ALIGNMENT

Vice President Archer reported that in February and April 2020, the Board reviewed low-enrollment program data. Since then the Board’s Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) determined that low-enrollment undergraduate programs should be reviewed under the Board’s strategic program alignment process. Vice President Archer stated the review will primarily be based on assessing three core areas: essentiality, productivity, and cost effectiveness. The universities will be required to provide data on specific review criteria, which are outlined in the attached document. Vice President Archer stated that BAASC is also recommending that each university present its low-enrollment strategic program alignment findings and recommendations to the Board in the middle of FY 2021 (November 2020, December 2020, and January 2021). If a university wishes to extend its review beyond this period due to the challenges involving COVID-19, it may request an extension from the Board of Academic Affairs Standing Committee. If approved, the university will present a minimum of 50 percent of its low-enrollment programs to the Board in the middle of FY 2021 and any remaining such programs will be presented to the Board at the end of FY 2021 (May and June 2021).

Regent Hutton noted that many of the courses listed are categorized as “supports general education” and was wondering how those programs are going to be analyzed to determine if they are critical. Dr. Archer stated the degree in which a course supports other programs will vary but the productivity measurement in the review will capture data on the level of support. President Flanders stated some difficult decisions will need to be made concerning what courses are needed at each university, and he encouraged the Board to look critically at the programs when the review data is provided. Regent Hutton concurred that these are going to be difficult decisions and noted that with the limited resources available to the universities, it is not sustainable to continue offering

programs that are not meeting minimum thresholds. Regent Murguia expressed her concern that there does not seem to be any urgency when it comes to closing courses. President Scott stated a deep analysis using multiple metrics is needed before determining whether a course should be eliminated because a course may support other vital programs. The Regents then discussed outcome-based budgeting and KSU's new budget model, which puts greater accountability on the college deans of each college within the university. The Board members expressed support with moving forward with the strategic program review as outlined.

(Review Criteria filed with Official Minutes)

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEE PROPOSALS FOR FY 2021

The state university CEOs presented their tuition and fee proposals for FY 2021. The University of Kansas and Kansas State University are proposing no increase in tuition and fees for all students. It was noted that KSU included a tuition waiver in its proposal for students from Missouri who enter its Master of Industrial Design program. This program will be incorporated into the Kansas and Missouri reciprocal agreement when it is re-negotiated. The other four universities are proposing slight increases. The Board discussed Pittsburg State University's request to expand its Gorilla Advantage program, which allows students from specific geographic locations to receive tuition rates equivalent to rates for Kansas students. Regent Hutton stated that the tuition waiver programs at the universities continue to change and expand as the universities try to increase out-of-state enrollments. He would like the Board, at the retreat, to discuss whether there should be more consistency on out-of-state tuition waivers for the state universities. He expressed his concern that as these rates change and expand, it may be difficult for each student to determine what rate he or she falls under.

The Board also discussed Emporia State University's market-based tuition rates for degree-seeking students request, which would allow the University to offer a lower tuition rate for a specific program based on market demand. It was noted if the market deemed that a program tuition rate should be higher than the University's base tuition rate, which the Board sets, ESU would seek approval from the Board. Regent Hutton stated he is not opposed to the idea of allowing universities to decrease tuition for specific programs but believes the Board should review and discuss the idea further. He also thinks that if the Board allows ESU to set market-based rates the other universities should have the same opportunity. President Flanders stated that in the past the Board has approved market-based tuition rates for specific programs but noted this request is different because it would allow ESU to set tuition below the Board approved rate for any program if a market study deemed it appropriate. Regent Hutton asked to receive information on the market-based tuition that the Board has approved in the past. Vice President Frisbie stated that the other universities are interested in having the same flexibility that is outlined in ESU's proposal. Regent Feuerborn and President Flanders noted if the universities are allowed to reduce tuition on specific programs, there should be a Board directive in the motion that non-resident rates cannot be lower than the resident rate. Regent Harrison-Lee stated she recommends granting all the universities the option to set lower market-based rates for FY 2021 and then next year, after data has been gathered, the Board can determine if it wants to extend the approval.

Following discussion, Regent Feuerborn moved to table the action on the university tuition and fee proposals until Thursday so that a clear motion can be drafted. Regent Schmidt seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried.

AMEND AGENDA

Regent Feuerborn moved to amend the agenda to place the Update on the Engineering Initiative on Thursday's agenda. Regent Harrison-Lee seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried. Regent Schmidt voted against the motion.

BREAK

Chair Bangerter called for a break at 4:57 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF PART OF THE BOARD POLICY ON AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES

Vice President Frisbie stated that section "b" of the Board's Auxiliary Enterprises policy says: "State funds shall not be used to subsidize the operation of any organization operated as an auxiliary enterprise unless specified by bond covenants or by Board action." The universities are requesting to suspend this portion of the policy on a temporary basis to grant them more flexibility as they respond to the impact that COVID-19 has had on their campus operations. She noted that the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee reviewed this request and recommended having the universities notify the Committee if they plan to utilize funds to subsidize any auxiliary enterprise. If approved, this suspension will begin on July 1, 2020 and end on June 30, 2021. Regent Feuerborn moved to approve the temporary suspension along with the requirement that the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee be notified if funds are going to be used. Regent Hutton seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried.

BOARD POLICY AMENDMENT ON EXTERNAL MANAGEMENT REVIEWS

Vice President Frisbie presented proposed amendments to the Board's Financial Review policy. Under the current policy, external management reviews are conducted at the state universities every five years and upon the departure of a university CEO. Vice President Frisbie noted over the last several years no material findings have been identified during these audits. To be more efficient and to reduce cost, the recommendation is to have these audits conducted once every eight years at the universities and to have the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee determine the length of the review. Audits will still be conducted when there is a change at the University CEO position. Regent Murguia moved to adopt the policy amendments. Regent Rolph seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried. The following amendments were approved:

D FISCAL MANAGEMENT AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (see Chapter III., Section B. for additional fiscal management policies applicable to state universities)

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6. FINANCIAL REPORTING

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c Non-Public Funds Management Review

- i Each state university chief executive officer shall maintain on file at the university a current list and description of the non-public, unrestricted funds under his or her direction or that of direct subordinates.
- ii Each state university chief executive officer shall maintain and provide to the Board annually a list of all affiliated corporations (controlled and non-controlled) and a description of their respective governing boards and management structure.
- iii Each state university shall annually review the roles of direct subordinates in or with such affiliated corporations for the purpose of identifying potential conflicts of interest. If appropriate and to the extent it is within the chief executive officer's control, the university chief executive officer shall initiate a plan to either eliminate or manage any identified actual or potential conflicts of interest and shall file the plan with the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Board of Regents.
- iv The President and Chief Executive Officer of the Board shall annually review the roles of the state university chief executive officers in or with all affiliated corporations for the purpose of identifying potential conflicts of interest. If appropriate, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Board shall initiate a plan to either eliminate or manage any actual or potential conflicts of interest and shall submit such plans to the Board Chair and Vice-chair for approval.
- v The Board may initiate external management reviews of the use and expenditure of non-public, unrestricted funds held by the university or an affiliated corporation of the university and under the direction of each state university chief executive officer and each state university chief executive officer's direct subordinates at any time, but such reviews shall be conducted no less than once every 5 ~~8~~ years beginning fiscal year 2013~~2021~~. For the once every ~~five~~ eight years audit, the period under review may be limited to the immediately preceding fiscal year, as determined by the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee. Additionally, such reviews shall be conducted when there is a change in the chief executive officer. All such reviews shall be contracted by the Board and financed by ~~a transfer of funds to the Board from~~ the state university under review. The university shall request its university non-controlled affiliated corporations having non-public, unrestricted funds that are under the direction of the university chief executive officer or the chief

executive officer's direct subordinates to cooperate in the conduct of such reviews.

BOND RESOLUTION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF NEW SCHOOL OF BUSINESS BUILDING AND PURCHASE OF ON-CAMPUS HOUSING – WSU

General Counsel Julene Miller introduced Wichita State University's request for a bond resolution in an amount not to exceed \$74 million plus costs and reserves. The bonds will be used to finance (1) a portion of the costs of the construction and equipping of a new school of business building on the innovation campus of the University to be known as Woolsey Hall and the purchase of the student housing units commonly known as The Flats and the Suites on the campus of the University, (2) refunding previously issued bonds and (3) paying certain costs of issuance of the Bonds. The bonds will be secured with a pledge of generally available unencumbered funds of the University, excluding Restricted Revenues as defined in the KDFA 2020P Bond Resolution, but the debt service will be paid with a combination of housing revenues and general revenues. Regent Bangerter asked if private donations are being used to help fund these projects. It was noted that approximately \$30.5 million of private gifts have been pledged for the construction of the business building and that no private gifts will be used to purchase the Flats and the Suites. Following discussion, Regent Murguia moved to approve the Resolution and to authorize the Board Chair, the University President and the Board President and CEO to execute all the necessary documents. Regent Schmidt seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried.

(Resolution filed with Official Minutes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:15 p.m., Regent Feuerborn moved, followed by the second of Regent Harrison-Lee, to recess into executive session for 60 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The subject of this executive session was a regular university CEO evaluation and the purpose was to protect the privacy of the individual Board employee involved. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Flanders, and Chancellor Girod. After a roll call vote, the motion carried. At 6:15 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

RECESS

Chair Bangerter adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

RECONVENE

Chair Bangerter reconvened the meeting on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 8:32 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Shane Bangerter, Chair
Bill Feuerborn, Vice Chair
Ann Brandau-Murguia
Cheryl Harrison-Lee
Mark Hutton
Shelly Kiblinger

Jon Rolph
Allen Schmidt
Helen Van Etten

REPORTS

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS AND REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Ken Trzaska presented the System Council of Presidents and community college reports. The Council is in agreement with the changes to the Performance Agreement Funding Guidelines and the proposed Associate-to-Baccalaureate Program Transfer Plan that was on the Board's agenda yesterday. The Council also discussed campus reopening plans for the fall semester. President Trzaska then reported that the CEOs of the community colleges met earlier in the month to discuss the takeaways of how the colleges responded to the COVID-19 pandemic and what lessons were learned. He highlighted the following takeaways: 1) it was important to identify student needs earlier and understand that student success is the number one priority of the campuses, 2) campus administration and faculty needed to be flexible and patient as the campuses transitioned from in-person to online classes, and 3) faculty and staff were able to embrace the changes and moved quickly, which resulted in smooth transitions.

President Trzaska announced that this will be his last report and that he is leaving Seward County Community College for a new position. Starting in September, he will be the President of Lewis and Clark Community College in Godfrey, Illinois. Regent Bangerter thanked President Trzaska for his service to the College and to the state.

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

President Genandt presented the report for the technical colleges. The technical colleges brought some students back to campus on May 14. These students are in programs that require hands-on training and by being on campus they were able to finish the course work for the semester. The colleges were able to accomplish this by working with their local health departments and establishing protocols and guidelines to address COVID-19 issues. This summer the technical colleges are working on their reopening strategies, which may include adjusting their fall academic calendars.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Technical Education Authority

NEW PROGRAMS FOR COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGES

Butler Community College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (63 credit hours) in Construction Technology (46.0415). The estimated cost of the program is \$99,258. The College will use reallocated funds and general fund reserves to finance the program.

Dodge City Community College received approval to offer a technical certificate B (30 credit hours) in Electrical Technology (46.0302) and a technical certificate B (44 credit hours) and an Associate of Applied Science degree (60 credit hours) in Climate and Energy Control Technology (47.0201). The estimated cost of the Electrical Technology program is \$225,000, which will be financed with the College's general and reserve funds. The estimated cost of the Climate and Energy Control Technology program is \$452,000. The College will use general and reserve funds to support this program.

Neosho County Community College received approval to offer a technical certificate A (16 credit hours) in Aerostructures (47.0607) and a technical certificate C (45 credit hours) in Industrial Maintenance Technology (47.0303). The estimated cost of the Aerostructures program is \$10,000, which will be financed with student tuition and fees along with state aid and the local mill levy. The estimated cost of the Industrial Maintenance Technology program is \$21,582. This program will be financed with the Mid-American Manufacturing Technology Center grant fund and the reallocation of funds.

Pratt Community College received approval to offer a technical certificate A (19 credit hours), technical certificate (37 credit hours), and an Associate of Applied Science degree (60 credit hours) in Welding (48.0508). The estimated cost of the program is \$143,500. Institutional and Capital Outlay funds will be used to support the program.

Seward County Community College received approval to offer a technical certificate B (32 credit hours) and an Associate of Applied Science degree (60 credit hours) in Grain Elevator Operations (01.0204). The estimated cost of the program is \$2,000, which will be funded with institutional funds.

Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology received approval to offer a technical certificate C (47 credit hours) and an Associate of Applied Science degree (65 credit hours) in Cloud Computing (11.0801) and three technical certificate C's (48-50 credit hours) and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Hospitality and Events Management (12.0504). The estimated cost of the Cloud Computing program is \$111,500, which will be financed from revenue generated from existing IT courses and programs. The estimated cost of the Hospitality and Events Management program is \$81,800. The program will be funded from the College's New Program Development fund.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEE PROPOSALS FOR FY 2021

Regent Rolph move that the Board of Regents approve the tuition and fee proposals for FY 2021, as presented by the universities. This motion includes: approval of the expansion of Pittsburg

State's Gorilla Advantage to Texas and Tennessee with no end date; the K-State request for Master of Industrial Design students from Missouri is moved for approval at the resident rate until such time as the reciprocal agreement with Missouri is re-negotiated; and Emporia State's request to offer market-based instruction to degree-seeking students for FY 2021. Regent Rolph also included as part of his motion that the tuition amounts presented are the maximum amounts that the universities may charge, and if a state university decides that a particular rate should be lower, the lower rate may be implemented without returning to the Board for additional approval during FY 2021. The lower rate shall, however, be reported to the Board Office before it is implemented, and in no case may a non-resident student be charged a rate lower than a resident student. Regent Hutton seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangarter. The motion carried.

(Tuition and Fee Proposals filed with Official Minutes)

Other Matters

UPDATE ON THE UNIVERSITY ENGINEERING INITIATIVE ACT

Scott Smathers, Vice President for Workforce Development, gave a progress report on the Engineering Initiative. The Act codifying the initiative was designed to expand the state's professional engineer education programs at Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University. The Legislature appropriated \$3.5 million per year (beginning in FY 2011) to each of the three universities. The Act also requires the universities to match the funding 1:1 from non-state sources. The goal of the initiative is to increase the number of engineering graduates to 1,367 per year by 2021. The following is the breakdown of engineering graduates by institution for academic year 2018-2019: Kansas State University – 690, University of Kansas – 464, and Wichita State University – 342. Vice President Smathers noted that the universities have exceeded the target goal by 129 graduates.

Vice President Smathers stated that the initiative is successful, but the focus now is on how many graduates are entering the Kansas workforce. The Kansas labor market data shows that only 642 (42.91%) Kansas engineering graduates from the 2019 class stayed in Kansas, which includes the Kansas City metro region. To understand why engineering students are leaving, the Board office and the universities asked graduating seniors to take a survey. Vice President Smathers broke down the survey results and noted the following takeaways: 1) a high percentage of students who participated in an internship were offered a position after graduation with that company; 2) 31 percent of graduating students had not yet decided if they were going to leave the state for a job; and 3) the top priority for most graduates was to find employment. Vice President Smathers stated that the survey also showed that graduates when looking for a job value the following factors: 1) the type of work associated with the employer; 2) total salary and benefits, 3) quality of life; and 4) cost of living. It was noted that overall career aspirations are also an important factor in a student's decision. Vice President Smathers stated that many engineering graduates who leave the state go to neighboring states for employment: Colorado, Missouri and Texas. He then reviewed wage and cost of living data for Kansas and these states, which showed that Kansas lags behind the others on base salaries and on earnings, even when cost of living is adjusted.

Moving forward, Vice President Smathers stated there needs to be a focused effort on retaining engineering graduates. This can be accomplished by increasing internship opportunities, expanding student experiences, and communicating with local business and industry leaders regarding salary gaps. Vice President Smathers did note that the engineering initiative has benefited the students, local businesses, and the state. However, unless Legislative action is taken, the initiative will sunset in 2021.

Regent Schmidt asked that this presentation and the survey results be sent to the Kansas Chamber. Regent Hutton stated that some local companies hire engineering graduates and then transfer them to branch offices in other states, which could account for some of the leakage. He also noted that many companies may be recruiting engineers back to the state after they have been in the workforce for several years. Vice President Smathers stated right now there is no way to collect that data but a national workforce database that collects employment information has been developed and may help answer that question in the future, if the data is allowed to be examined for that purpose (it is not allowed at this time). The Board then discussed the importance of internships and partnering with local businesses. It will also be important to use the data to show how this initiative has benefited local business and the state. The Board will continue its discussion of the Engineering Initiative at its August retreat.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 9:39 a.m. and resumed the meeting at 9:51 a.m.

Strategic Plan

NEW BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN

President Flanders presented an overview of the Board draft strategic plan. He noted over the last two years Board staff has gathered feedback from Kansans, representatives from the different sectors of higher education, the System Council of Presidents, the Governance Committee, and the Board. Based on the feedback, three messaging pillars were identified: 1) Kansas families, 2) Kansas businesses, and 3) Kansas economic prosperity.

President Flanders reviewed the structure of the plan, which contains areas of focus, dashboard metrics (lagging indicators), progress metrics (leading indicators), and promising practices. He reported that the areas of focus under the Family and Business Pillars were developed based on feedback received from Kansans who participated in the focus group meetings, which were held around the state over the spring and summer of 2018. Below each area of focus, dashboard level metrics were chosen as the main indicators in success. However, President Flanders noted movement on these indicators will often lag for several years which is why progress metrics were also built into the plan. These metrics will show results more quickly and over time should help move the dashboard metrics. Promising practices were added to the new strategic plan to promote purposeful systemwide strategies tied to the metrics. He also noted that as the plan ages, there will be opportunities to adjust the promising practices to meet the needs of the system and state.

President Flanders reported the third pillar, Economic Prosperity, was added to demonstrate how the higher education system supports economic growth in Kansas. This pillar will emphasize intentional economic development activities on the part of institutions. Under this pillar, each university will set goals and track the number of family sustaining jobs created and capital investment generated. President Flanders noted the jobs captured under this pillar must be new jobs that are generated as a result of intentional development and corporate partnership efforts on the part of state universities. These jobs must also meet a minimum annual wage standard of 250 percent of the federal poverty level and be located in Kansas to guarantee that the state is deriving benefit from the jobs. In addition to the dashboard metrics, universities will track existing business expansion, business attraction, business formation and entrepreneurial endeavors, along with any jobs or investment associated with those projects.

Regent Harrison-Lee stated she likes that the plan includes economic development and that it shows how the universities directly contribute to economic growth. She noted that the state is developing an economic development plan titled, *Framework for Growth*. Regent Harrison-Lee stressed the importance of aligning the higher education efforts with the state's economic development plan. This alignment could result in additional resources for these university efforts. She noted that when companies relocate, they look at a state's workforce and how it aligns with its higher education system. Regents Van Etten and Hutton concurred that the third pillar will be important to the state. Regent Schmidt noted that the whole plan is the correct vision for the state, and he likes the idea that the plan can be adjusted as the environment in higher education changes. Regent Kiblinger stated that this plan will drive the Board's work and will resonate well with Kansans and Legislators. She also noted that the Board should discuss at the retreat strategies for introducing this plan to the different constituents around the state. Following discussion, Regent Schmidt moved to adopt the new strategic plan titled: *Building a Future - Higher Education's Commitment to Kansas Families, Businesses and the Economy*. Regent Kiblinger seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangarter. The motion carried.

(Strategic Plan filed with Official Minutes)

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

DISTRIBUTION OF FY 2021 STATE APPROPRIATIONS TO COMMUNITY COLLEGES, TECHNICAL COLLEGES, AND WASHBURN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY – SYSTEM

Regent Hutton stated that the minutes from the May 20-21 Board meeting needed the following technical note added:

The second distribution of the Excel in CTE grants to the technical and community colleges was approved at the May 20 meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents. With one exception, the amounts approved were based upon a linear trend forecast model, from the four prior years for each individual college.

For Cowley Community College, there was a reconciliation amount from the prior year that was counted as part of the FY 2020 amount given to them in January, when it was

actually from FY 2019. While the approved amount in the May agenda was \$439,303, it should have been \$448,176, a difference of \$8,873. The additional amount is available in the appropriation and has been included in the distribution paid to the College. A reconciliation for FY 2020 will be done in the fall to ensure each college is reimbursed for the students who participated in the program, to the extent that appropriated funds are available.

Vice President Frisbie then presented the proposed FY 2021 distributions to individual institutions for the Tiered Technical Education State Aid, Non-Tiered Credit Hour Grant, Career Technical Education Capital Outlay Aid, and the Technology Grant. The distribution amounts set forth in the following table do not reflect the Board's assessment of each institution's performance pursuant to K.S.A. 74-3202d(e) and thus the actual distribution to an institution, in accordance with the performance agreement process, may be less than the amount set forth in the table for that institution. Regent Hutton moved to approve the distributions, and Regent Rolph seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried. The following distributions were approved:

Table 1			
Tiered Technical Education State Aid Distribution			
Institution	FY 2020 Funding	FY 2021 Funding	Increase/ (Decrease)
Allen County Community College	\$1,327,658	\$1,327,658	\$0
Barton County Community College	3,521,294	3,519,749	(1,545)
Butler Community College	4,351,908	4,378,298	26,390
Cloud County Community College	1,364,522	1,364,522	0
Coffeyville Community College	1,221,598	1,221,598	0
Colby Community College	753,297	847,221	93,924
Cowley County Community College	2,522,575	2,522,575	0
Dodge City Community College	1,175,503	1,175,503	0
Flint Hills Technical College	1,789,872	1,791,222	1,350
Fort Scott Community College	1,508,066	1,508,066	0
Garden City Community College	1,014,384	1,025,433	11,049
Highland Community College	1,833,613	1,833,613	0
Hutchinson Community College	4,191,506	4,284,098	92,592
Independence Community College	558,687	558,687	0
Johnson County Community College	6,563,299	6,536,167	(27,132)
Kansas City Kansas Community College	4,373,333	4,388,879	15,546
Labette Community College	1,133,003	1,153,072	20,069
Manhattan Area Technical College	1,904,299	1,909,844	5,545
Neosho County Community College	1,428,152	1,488,937	60,785
North Central Kansas Technical College	2,794,057	2,780,372	(13,685)

Northwest Kansas Technical College	2,167,114	2,167,114	0
Pratt Community College	1,189,790	1,189,790	0
Salina Area Technical College	1,902,328	1,902,328	0
Seward County Community College	1,184,750	1,184,750	0
Washburn Institute of Technology	2,856,752	3,039,393	182,641
WSU Campus of Applied Science and Technology	5,199,305	5,868,559	669,254
Total	\$59,830,665	\$60,967,448	\$1,136,783

Table 2			
Non-Tiered Credit Hour Grant Distribution			
Institution	FY 2020 Funding	FY 2021 Funding	Increase/ (Decrease)
Allen County Community College	\$3,561,298	\$3,591,858	\$30,560
Barton County Community College	4,705,436	4,986,441	281,005
Butler Community College	10,998,700	11,284,336	285,636
Cloud County Community College	3,069,883	3,065,428	(4,455)
Coffeyville Community College	1,798,887	1,798,887	0
Colby Community College	1,389,663	1,415,975	26,312
Cowley County Community College	4,410,683	4,410,683	0
Dodge City Community College	1,529,674	1,535,283	5,609
Flint Hills Technical College	510,916	541,758	30,842
Fort Scott Community College	1,968,812	1,960,649	(8,163)
Garden City Community College	1,753,383	1,790,242	36,859
Highland Community College	4,015,987	4,008,803	(7,184)
Hutchinson Community College	5,269,986	5,333,431	63,445
Independence Community College	1,429,492	1,429,492	0
Johnson County Community College	15,437,047	15,651,974	214,927
Kansas City Kansas Community College	5,991,668	5,988,485	(3,183)
Labette Community College	1,679,312	1,743,344	64,032
Manhattan Area Technical College	485,613	498,103	12,490
Neosho County Community College	1,578,645	1,611,148	32,503
North Central Kansas Technical College	761,691	758,829	(2,862)
Northwest Kansas Technical College	622,527	661,927	39,400
Pratt Community College	1,247,479	1,266,794	19,315
Salina Area Technical College	140,947	206,909	65,962
Seward County Community College	1,831,297	1,831,297	0
Washburn Institute of Technology	186,221	212,448	26,227
WSU Campus of Applied Science and Technology	2,128,226	2,410,515	282,289
Total	\$78,503,473	\$79,995,039	\$1,491,566

Table 3			
Career Technical Education Capital Outlay Aid Distribution			
Institution	FY 2020 Funding	FY 2021 Funding	Increase/ (Decrease)
Coffeyville Community College	\$119,981	\$120,641	\$660
Cowley County Community College	132,710	134,283	1,573
Dodge City Community College	126,887	122,865	(4,022)
Flint Hills Technical College	129,507	129,489	(18)
Highland Community College	127,504	126,800	(704)
Hutchinson Community College	213,347	208,777	(4,570)
Johnson County Community College	347,596	338,088	(9,508)
Kansas City Kansas Community College	205,848	206,118	270
Manhattan Area Technical College	132,745	132,759	14
North Central Kansas Technical College	149,192	146,415	(2,777)
Northwest Kansas Technical College	131,468	133,093	1,625
Pratt Community College	119,771	119,099	(672)
Salina Area Technical College	120,669	121,941	1,272
Seward County Community College	127,765	126,779	(986)
Washburn Institute of Technology	175,567	176,315	748
WSU Campus of Applied Science and Technology	258,754	275,849	17,095
Total	\$2,619,311	\$2,619,311	\$0

Table 4			
Technology Grants Distribution			
Institution	FY 2020 Technology Grant	FY 2021 Technology Grant	Increase/ (Decrease)
Allen County Community College	\$14,168	\$14,168	\$0
Barton County Community College	19,482	19,482	0
Butler Community College	24,794	24,794	0
Cloud County Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Coffeyville Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Colby Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Cowley County Community College	19,482	19,482	0
Dodge City Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Fort Scott Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Garden City Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Highland Community College	18,597	18,597	0
Hutchinson Community College	25,678	25,678	0
Independence Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Johnson County Community College	38,962	38,962	0

Kansas City Community College	25,678	25,678	0
Labette Community College	14,170	14,170	0
Neosho County Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Pratt Community College	12,401	12,401	0
Seward County Community College	16,824	16,824	0
Washburn University	33,647	33,647	0
TOTAL	\$398,475	\$398,475	\$0

PROPOSALS FOR THE BOARD'S FY 2022 UNIFIED STATE BUDGET REQUEST

Vice President Frisbie reviewed the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the federal relief funds that are available to respond to the pandemic. At the beginning of the pandemic the U.S. Congress passed the following financial relief bills: 1) Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act - \$8 billion, 2) Families First Coronavirus Response Act - \$192 billion, and 3) Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) - \$2.7 trillion. The largest source of state funding in the CARES Act is the Coronavirus Relief Fund and Kansas received \$1.25 billion. A portion of these funds was distributed to Sedgwick and Johnson Counties. For the remainder of the funds, the Governor's Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce will make recommendations to the State Finance Council, who will make the final decisions on how the funds will be distributed. Vice President Frisbie noted \$113 million in CARES Act funds were sent directly to the Kansas higher education institutions, which included the state universities, community and technical colleges, Washburn University, private institutions, and Haskell Indian Nations University. Of those funds, \$52.5 million was distributed to students as emergency grants. The remainder was used by the institutions for COVID-19 related expenses. The Governor's Office also received \$26.3 million in the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Funds. In coordination with the Kansas State Board of Education, the Kansas Board of Regents requested that the Governor apply this money entirely to the Kansas higher education system. This request was granted, and the state universities will receive the \$26.3 million. However, the Governor is going to apply an equivalent \$26.3 million allotment to the state universities' State General Fund appropriations. It was noted that the federal funds will have more requirements attached to the funding and the universities may not be able to use these funds for their general operation expenses in the same manner as the state money. Regent Murguia expressed her disappointment with the allotment and the decision to switch out the state funds with the more restrictive federal funds. Vice President Frisbie also reported that the State General Fund is facing a \$650 million deficit for next year and the expectation is that the Governor will be announcing more allotments in the coming weeks.

President Flanders stated the higher education system will continue to submit proposals for these funds to help the institutions and the Kansas economy recover from the financial damage caused by the pandemic. Regent Harrison-Lee, who was appointed by the Governor to lead the Recovery Office, stated there is a short timeframe to expend these funds and that the funding from the Recovery Office will be allocated in three phases. In the first phase, funds will be sent to local units of government to be used for testing, contact tracing, and securing protective supplies. The goal of this phase is to allow communities to strengthen and keep their economies open. In the second phase, funds will be awarded to specific investments that are used to revitalize the economy, and in the third phase, funds will be awarded to reemergence proposals. Regent Harrison-Lee stated the higher education system would be eligible to submit economic proposals

in the second and third phases. She noted proposals should address either public health needs related to COVID-19 or economic support related to employment and business interruption because of the pandemic.

Vice President Frisbie then reviewed the proposed items for the Board's FY 2022 Unified Budget request. The Board will continue to review the proposed items at its August retreat and will act on its request at the September Board meeting.

Initial Requests for FY 2022

University System-Wide Issues

Proposals	
Deferred Maintenance of Facilities	TBD
Extend Kan-Grow Engineering Initiative ELARF Transfers (by statute they end in FY 2021)	\$10,500,000
Advance Kansas' Economic Recovery via Student Financial Aid	TBD

Postsecondary Technical Education Authority

Proposals	Amount
Retain State Funding at FY 2021 Level	\$ --

Washburn University Priorities

Proposals	Amount
Center for STEM Education	\$866,000 ongoing + \$670,000 one-time startup
Ensuring Pathways to Student Success	\$880,000 ongoing + \$925,000 one-time startup

Community College Priorities

Proposals	Amount
Retain State Funding at FY 2021 Level	\$ --
Kansas Promise Scholarship Act (2020 House Bill 2510)*	\$10,000,000

**Governor Kelly vetoed the legislation that would have created the scholarship program.*

Technical College Priorities

Proposals	
Fully Fund Excel in CTE based on a three-year rolling average	TBD

Increase Career Technical Education Capital Outlay	\$7,500,000
Fully fund any existing “gap” for tiered technical courses	TBD
Fully fund any existing “gap” for non-tiered courses	TBD

Other Matters

REPORT FROM KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Ray Frederick, Chair of the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority (TEA), reported that the Authority had a busy past few months. The Authority approved several State Innovative Technology Internship Grants, which allow career technical education faculty an opportunity to participate in an internship with business and industry partners for the purpose of upgrading knowledge and skills in their profession. Three of the grants went to instructors at Kansas City Kansas Community College and one grant was awarded to an instructor at Barton Community College. Chair Frederick then reported that the TEA Curriculum Committee reviewed approximately 200 career and technical education programs this year. As a result of that review, 42 programs were reclassified because they either did not meet the criteria to be classified as a technical program or they were designated as low performance because they had fewer than ten graduates. Chair Frederick stated the many of the colleges voluntarily reclassified or discontinued these programs. The Committee also approved 13 of the 16 new program proposals that were submitted and conducted a thorough review the Excel and CTE fees for the upcoming academic year. Chair Frederick noted that the TEA is also reviewing fees related to extraordinary costs of technical programs. Additionally, the TEA created a new committee to work on an apprenticeships program model.

REGULATION TO ENSURE CONTINUED STUDENT ELIGIBILITY FOR THE BOARD’S STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

General Counsel Miller presented proposed amendments to the Board’s student health insurance regulations. The proposed amendment to K.A.R. 88-30-1 would suspend the eligibility requirement that students not be entirely online or receive instruction by distance education only, beginning with the upcoming plan year, August 1, 2020, during any semester when the institution at which the student is enrolled has eliminated or substantially restricted in-person class options. General Counsel Miller stated that in order to have this amendment in place for the upcoming year a temporary regulation will need to be approved while the permanent regulation moves through the regulation process. Regent Rolph moved to approve the temporary regulation. Regent Kiblinger seconded. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Feuerborn, Regent Murguia, Regent Harrison-Lee, Regent Hutton, Regent Kiblinger, Regent Rolph, Regent Schmidt, Regent Van Etten, and Regent Bangerter. The motion carried.

(Temporary Regulation filed with Official Minutes)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, recapped the action the Legislature took during its Special Session, which began on June 3, 2020. The bill that was passed provided liability

protection for certain entities, revised the Kansas Emergency Management Act, and extended the Governor's emergency declaration. Director Casey noted that an earlier bill listed the higher education institutions in the liability protection language, but the institutions were removed as the bill moved through the process. He also reported that that all Kansas Senate and House seats are up for election and the Government Relations Officers will be monitoring these races.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 11:20 a.m., Regent Feuerborn moved, followed by the second of Regent Rolph, to recess into executive session starting at 11:30 a.m. for two hours to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The subject of this executive session was two regular university CEO evaluations and the purpose was to protect the privacy of the individual Board employees involved. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Flanders, President Scott (for a portion), and President Golden (for a portion). After a roll call vote, the motion carried. At 1:30 p.m., the meeting returned to open session. Regent Feuerborn moved to extend for 15 minutes. Regent Hutton seconded, and the motion carried. At 1:45 p.m. the meeting returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bangerter adjourned the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Bill Feuerborn, Chair-Elect