



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Board Offers Top Priorities and Future Considerations for Continued Investment in Higher Education

(Topeka, Kansas) - Included in today's proceedings of the Kansas Board of Regents, the following budget priorities were approved to be submitted to the Governor's office for consideration as the FY2015 Unified State Appropriation Request: 1) restoration of the FY2014 & FY2015 1.5% budget cut, 2) restoration of funding for imposed salary and wage reductions, 3) state funding to support the construction of a new health education building on the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) campus, 4) Tiered Technical Education funding for FY2015 and, 5) FY2014 and FY2015 funding for Governor Brownback's Career and Technical Education (CTE) program, which encourages high school students to enroll in college-level CTE courses to earn industry-recognized credentials.

Additional information about each proposal, along with background details and current funding history, is available in the meeting Agenda posted at kansasregents.org.

In addition, various other enhancement requests will be forwarded for future consideration. While the Regents understand the Governor and Legislature have created a two-year budget cycle, the Board believes that beginning a dialogue now will aid the budget planning process moving forward. These additional items were specifically selected because they support the state universities, Washburn, and the community and technical colleges of our state to provide students with an excellent educational experience that will serve them, Kansas employers and the Kansas economy well into the future.

"While the Regents respect that there is a budget in place, we believe it is our job to identify priorities and allow the opportunity for the universities and colleges, the Legislature, and the Governor to discuss these programs and projects as they determine future budgets," stated Board Chairman Fred Logan.

A statutory responsibility of the Kansas Board of Regents, developing and submitting a unified request of state appropriations for all postsecondary education is done in accordance with the State budget process. The Board's official budget document must be submitted to the Governor and Legislature by October 1.

Also included in this month's proceedings was a presentation by Dennis Jones, president of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS). In partnership with the Center for Law and Social Policy, NCHEMS has developed a model for projecting educational attainment goals of a state based on student flow through postsecondary education. Working with Kansas Board of Regents staff, NCHEMS has adapted its model to fit the specifics of the Board's *Foresight 2020* goal. Board staff has concluded this model is grounded in sound methodology and is a reasonable approach to both identifying the current gap in credential/degree obtainment and for tracking progress towards reaching the goal.

Andy Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents CEO and President, explained "Throughout budget discussions over the past five months, there has been a consistent focus on the *Foresight 2020* goal of ensuring sixty percent of Kansas adults obtain a certificate, credential, associate's degree, or bachelor's degree by 2020."

An interactive tool which presents this methodology and allows a user the ability to choose different scenarios for increasing higher education attainment will be made publically available later this month at kansasregents.org.

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Top Priorities and Other Enhancement Requests for Future Consideration

Top Priorities

Proposal	FY2014 Operating	FY2015 Operating	FY2015 Capital Improvement
Restoration – Salary and Wages	\$10,250,692	\$5,865,966	
Restoration – 1.5% (IHEs)/2.0% KBOR Office	\$9,395,568	\$10,959,676	
KUMC Health Education Building (Capital Improvement Project/15yr bond financing)			\$1,400,000*
Close the Gap in Tiered Technical Education Formula		\$8,000,000	
Governor's CTE Secondary Initiative	\$15,250,000	\$15,250,000	

*This project also includes \$25m in Medical Resident FICA Recovery Funds.

Other Enhancement Requests for Future Consideration (in no priority order)

Proposal	FY2014 Operating	FY2015 Operating	FY2015 Capital Improvement
Adult Education Budget Request		\$732,000	
ESU – Enhance Honors Program to Honors College		\$1,000,000	
ESU – Bachelor of Science, Nursing (BSN) Program		\$500,000	
FHSU – Information Systems Engineering		\$760,111	
FHSU – Kansas Academy of Math and Science Summer Academy Expansion		\$248,000	
KSU – Strengthen the College of Architecture, Planning and Design (Capital Improvement Project)			\$1,500,000
KSU – Construct a College of Business Administration Building (Capital Improvement Project/15yr bond financing)			\$1,500,000
PSU – Create the Kansas Center for CTE Teacher Development and Innovation		\$1,000,000	
PSU – Expansion of Kansas Technology Center (Capital Improvement Project/15yr bond financing)			\$1,500,000
KU – Transforming Student Success and Retention through Course Redesign and Online Technologies		\$2,835,000	
KU – Support for Kansas Institute for Translational Chemical Biology		\$2,500,000	
KUMC – Increase Stature of the Medical Center including the School of Medicine in Wichita		\$4,500,000	
WSU – Extend University Capacity to Engage with Business and Support Technology Transfer		\$1,200,000	
WSU – Planning Funds for Technology Transfer Facility (Capital Improvement Project)			\$2,000,000
Washburn University/KBI Crime Lab Partnership		\$920,000	

About the Kansas Board of Regents:

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents, founded in 1925 and established in the Kansas Constitution, is the governing board of the six state universities and the statewide coordinating board for the state's 32 public higher education institutions (six state universities, one municipal university, nineteen community colleges, and six technical colleges). In addition, the Board administers the state's student financial aid, adult education, GED, career and technical education programs, and the state university retirement plans. The Board also approves 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. Visit the Kansas Board of Regents online at www.kansasregents.org.

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