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## **BOARD PRAISES PRESIDENT BRYANT FOR HIS LEADERSHIP**

### *PSU President to Retire After 9 Years of Service as President*

(TOPEKA) – Today Regent Donna Shank, Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement regarding the announcement that Pittsburg State University (PSU) President Tom Bryant, PSU's 8<sup>th</sup> president, will retire at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year after nine years of service as president and a total of 38 years of service to PSU:

“On behalf of the Kansas Board of Regents, I offer my sincerest gratitude to Tom Bryant for his 38 years of unwavering service and devotion to Pittsburg State University which culminated in an incredibly successful nine-year term as that institution's president.

Under Tom's leadership, Pittsburg State set student enrollment records, witnessed impressive campus construction projects, and experienced incredible increases in private giving.

We are certainly thankful that Tom will continue to serve as Pittsburg State's president through the end of the academic year. In the meantime, I anticipate that the Board will soon formalize the process to conduct the search for a new president, and this discussion could take place as early as next month's Board meeting.

It's incredibly difficult to imagine Pittsburg State without Tom Bryant. However, I sincerely wish Tom and his wife, Koeta, all the very best as they move into retirement.”

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