

## **KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS**

### **MINUTES**

March 11, 2015

The March 11, 2015, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 1:15 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Office located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:                   Kenny Wilk, Chairman  
  Shane Bangerter, Vice Chairman  
  Joe Bain  
  Ann Brandau-Murguia  
  Bill Feuerborn  
  Fred Logan  
  Robba Moran  
  Helen Van Etten

MEMBER ABSENT:                   Zoe Newton

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regent Moran moved that the minutes of the February 11, 2015 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Logan, the motion carried.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chancellor Gray-Little announced that the *U.S. News and World Report* ranked ten of the University of Kansas' graduate programs or schools in the top ten of public universities. She noted KU's City Management and Urban Policy program and its Special Education program are ranked number one among public universities.

Chancellor Gray-Little presented a woodcut plaque of the Board of Regents' seal to the Board. The plaque commemorates the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the University of Kansas. She stated the plaque was created at the Visual Art Studio Technology lab at KU by Garrett Brown, resource lab coordinator, and Haley Crouch, an industrial design student. Chairman Wilk thanked the Chancellor on behalf of the Board. He also spoke about how the University was founded and the important role philanthropic giving played in its establishment.

President Schulz announced that Kansas State University had the following three programs move up in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings: College of Education, College of Engineering, and College of Veterinary Medicine. He noted that the College of Engineering and the College of Veterinary Medicine both had significant investment from the State over the last six years.

### **GENERAL REPORTS**

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chairman Wilk reported he visited the Wichita State University Foundation and has been meeting with a number of legislators.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Tompkins announced that April is designated as Graduate and Professional Students Appreciation month.

AMEND AGENDA

President Tompkins requested moving "Receive Legislative Update" item to the beginning of the discussion agenda. The Board did not object.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Bardo presented the Council of Presidents' report. The Council received updates from the Council of Chief Academic Officers, the Council of Business Officers, the Council of Government Relations Officers, the Council of Student Affairs Officers, and the Council of University Support Staff. President Bardo reported that since the System Council of Presidents did not meet this month, Hutchinson Community College's request to offer an Associate of General Studies was presented and approved by the Council of Presidents. This program will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. He stated the Business Officers updated the Council on the Kansas Department of Administration's request for the public universities to consider offering discounted tuition to state employees. Additionally, the Council of Presidents reviewed and approved the proposed amendments to the Board's Weapons Possession policy.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents' report was presented by Mehmet Barut. Dr. Barut reported the Council is concerned about the impact of SB 193, which would require a financial prospectus for each Kansas college degree program. The faculty also expressed their concerns regarding the proposed reallocation of funds within the state university operating grant and the proposed reallocation of the Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program that would require 75% of the funds to be distributed to the students attending independent and private colleges.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reagan Kays presented the Students' Advisory Committee report. The Committee over the last several months have been discussing placing "non-academic misconduct" notations on student transcripts to improve campus safety. Mr. Kays reported each student government association on the university campuses passed a resolution encouraging the Board to adopt a non-academic misconduct transcript notation policy. Mr. Kays stated the students drafted a policy to begin the discussion and are requesting the Board's Governance Committee review the issue.

Regent Wilk thanked the students for their work and stated the item will be placed on the Governance Committee's agenda. Additionally, Regent Wilk on behalf of the Board asked the Student Advisory Committee to consider reviewing whether the state universities have policies regarding student decorum at athletic events. He asked that the students discuss the topic and bring back any recommendations.

**STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS****ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Regent Moran reported the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee received a report on qualified admissions, updates on transfer and articulation, and developmental education.

**FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT**

Regent Bangerter presented the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee report. The Committee received the Non-Public Funds Management Review Reports on the University of Kansas, Kansas State University, and Pittsburg State University. The Committee also reviewed the University of Kansas' and Emporia State University's Annual Financial Reports and discussed faculty and staff salaries for the FY 2016 tuition proposals.

**GOVERNANCE**

Regent Wilk reported the Governance Committee reviewed proposed amendments to the Board's Annual and Multiple Year Appointments policy and the Approval of Programs for Washburn University policy. These policies will be forwarded to the Board for consideration at the April meeting. Additionally, staff presented proposed updates to Foresight 2020, which the Committee will continue to discuss next month.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

*Academic Affairs***BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MODERN LANGUAGES – PSU**

Pittsburg State University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages. No new funding is required for this program because it is replacing another program.

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED STATISTICS AND ANALYTICS – KUMC**

The University of Kansas Medical Center received approval to offer a Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics. The Johnson County Educational Research Triangle funds will be used for the start-up cost of the program. By year four, the program will be self-sustaining through tuition dollars.

*Fiscal Affairs & Audit***AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE INNOVATION CAMPUS UTILITIES/INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT – WSU**

Wichita State University received authorization to amend its FY 2015 Capital Improvement Plan to include the Innovation Campus Utilities/Infrastructure Project. The estimated cost of the project is \$7.8 million, which will be paid from

the Sedgwick County Public Building Commission bond issue. The project's Program Statement was also approved.

AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO CONSTRUCT A HAZARDOUS WASTE TRANSFER FACILITY – KSU

Kansas State University received authorization to amend its FY 2015 Capital Improvement Plan to construct a new 800 square foot Hazardous Waste Transfer Facility. The new building will hold up to 90 days' worth of hazardous waste. The estimated cost of the project is \$555,000. It will be funded from the general use cash balances saved in the Public Safety Department. The project's Program Statement was also approved.

AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO RELOCATE THE PUREBRED BEEF UNIT ON THE MANHATTAN CAMPUS – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to amend its FY 2015 Capital Improvement Plan to relocate the Purebred Beef Unit facilities on the Manhattan campus. The cost of the project is estimated at \$5,200,000, which will be funded with bond proceeds committed from the State of Kansas to the NBAF project.

AMENDMENT TO FY 2015 LIST OF REHABILITATION AND REPAIR PROJECTS TO INCLUDE REPAIR OF STEAM DISTRIBUTION TUNNEL – KSU

Kansas State University received authorization to amend its FY 2015 Rehabilitation and Repair List to include tunnel repairs at the intersection of 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Claflin Road. The funds (\$553,868) that were originally intended to replace the Natatorium air handling equipment will be used on this project. The funding for the Natatorium air handling equipment will be included on KSU's FY 2017 Rehabilitation and Repair List.

AMENDMENT TO FY 2016 LIST OF REHABILITATION AND REPAIR PROJECTS TO REMOVE UPDATES TO NICHOLS HALL – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to amend its FY 2016 Rehabilitation and Repair List. Below are the list of projects that will be deferred from the FY 2016 List and projects that will be added to the FY 2016 List.

Projects to be deferred from the FY 2016 Rehabilitation and Repair List:

Nichols Hall stone restoration phase IV	(\$700,000)
Nichols Hall roof/window systems/parapet walls	<u>(850,000)</u>
Total of removed projects	(\$1,550,000)

Projects to be added to the FY 2016 Rehabilitation and Repair List:

Weber east flat roof replacement	\$400,000
Ahearn upper flat roof system	350,000

Power Plant roof replacement	410,000
Power Plant upper wall stone repairs at roof edges	<u>390,000</u>
Total of added projects	\$1,550,000

## **CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

### *Other Matters*

#### **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, provided an update on the following non-budget legislative bills: SB 161 – Leave for University Support Staff, SB 175 – Exercise of Religious Beliefs by Student Associations, HB 2139 – Tuition and Fees for Undocumented Students, HB 2266 – Policy on Sexual Assault, and HB 2234 – Use of Official Titles by Professors in Certain Publications. He also reviewed the proposed FY 2016 budgets for both the House and the Senate. He stated the House Appropriations Committee’s proposed budget is closely aligned with the Governor’s budget recommendations. The Senate Ways and Means Committee’s budget proposal contains a provision that reallocates funds within the state university operating grant. Regent Wilk stated shifting funds between universities or between campuses of a single university sets a dangerous precedent. Following discussion, the Board reiterated their opposition to reallocating the universities’ operating grant and their support for the Governor’s budget.

#### **STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE RATES FOR PLAN YEAR 2015-2016**

Madi Vannaman, Staff Affiliate, presented the proposed student health insurance rates for plan year 2015-2016. The student-only proposed premium will be \$1,407 which is a 5.51% or \$82 decrease from the prior plan year. Ms. Vannaman stated the decrease is due to the positive historical experience of the plan. She noted the state universities make a 75% contribution toward the semester premium for any qualifying graduate teaching, graduate research or graduate assistant who enrolls in the plan. Ms. Vannaman stated a modification to the premium rates for dependents is required to be compliant with the Affordable Care Act and to adhere to State of Kansas filing requirements. The dependent premium rates cannot exceed the student premium rates. She stated the Board’s Student Insurance Advisory Committee, the Council of Business Officers, and the Council of Presidents all reviewed the rates and recommend approval of the proposed modifications and premium rates for plan year 2015-2016. Regent Murguia moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried.

### *Presentations*

#### **PHILMONT RELATIONSHIP WITH KUMC AND THE COLLABORATIVE PROJECT WITH JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

Dr. Kenneth Goertz, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, and Dr. David Naylor, Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine, gave a presentation on the University of Kansas Medical Center’s relationship with the Philmont Scout Ranch, which is located in New Mexico. KU Medical students have an opportunity to take the Philmont Adolescent Medicine course to fulfill a sub-internship requirement. During this course, students practice wilderness medicine under the supervision of volunteer faculty. Dr. Naylor stated KUMC and Johnson County Community

College's paramedic program have collaborated to provide advanced simulation training to prepare the students to work in a wilderness environment.

### BREAK

The Chairman called for a break at 2:35 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

### REPORT ON SYSTEM ENROLLMENTS AND STUDENT FINANCIAL AID FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2014

Cindy Farrier, Director of Data, Research and Planning, presented the report on system enrollments and student financial aid for academic year 2014. She reviewed the system-wide enrollment by residency, ethnicity, age, and gender. She reported the headcount and full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollments by sector. Over a five-year span, the system-wide headcount enrollment increased 1.4 percent and the system-wide FTE enrollment increased 5.6 percent. Ms. Farrier reviewed the population and characteristics of Kansas high school students including data on graduation rates, college readiness by subject, and developmental education. The number of high school graduates is expected to grow for academic year 2016. Additionally, Ms. Farrier discussed student aid and student debt. In Kansas, 62% of graduates borrow federal loans and the average debt is \$24,338. She reported by sector how full-time undergraduate students pay for tuition, which included out-of-pocket expense, loans, scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, and work study.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

### Academic Affairs

### UPDATE TO K-STATE'S PROCEDURE FOR REVIEW OF DISMISSAL OF TENURED FACULTY

Gary Alexander, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the proposed updates to Kansas State University's Procedure for Review of Dismissal of Tenured Faculty. Vice President Alexander stated KSU has not updated this procedure since 1986. Regent Moran moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried.

(Procedure filed with Official Minutes)

### AMEND AGENDA

The Chairman amended the agenda to schedule the Report from the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority as the next item.

### REPORT FROM KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND TIERED AND NON-TIERED COURSE DESIGNATIONS

Blake Flanders, Vice President for Workforce Development, reported the Technical Education Authority (TEA) received and approved the recommendations from the Tiered/Non-Tiered Course Reclassification Subcommittee. TEA Member Jackie Vietti reviewed the membership of the Subcommittee and discussed the process used to review the courses. Regent Bangarter moved to approve the course designations, and Regent Feuerborn seconded. The motion carried. The following were designated as non-tiered:

T/NT Course Status Review (First Round)		
Current Bucket #	Bucket/Course Description	New Bucket #
2	A&P	42--Non-Tier
539	Substance Abuse Awareness	42--Non-Tier
360	Bloodborn Pathogens	42--Non-Tier
468	Business Communications	42--Non-Tier
364	Intro to Criminal Justice	42--Non-Tier
175	Criminology/Criminal Behavior	42--Non-Tier
104	Juvenile Delinquency	42--Non-Tier
25	Constitutional /Criminal/Intro to Law	42--Non-Tier
154	Computer Apps	42--Non-Tier
288	Computer Apps/For	42--Non-Tier
524	Computer Apps/Integrated	42--Non-Tier
471	Computer Apps/Internet	42--Non-Tier
289	Computer Apps/MAC	42--Non-Tier
630	Computer Apps/Presentation	42--Non-Tier
542	Computer Apps/Spreadsheet/Excel	42--Non-Tier
441	Computer Apps/Windows	42--Non-Tier
328	Computer Apps/Word	42--Non-Tier
332	Desktop Publishing	42--Non-Tier
30	Outlook	42--Non-Tier
442	Computer Info Systems (Intro)	42--Non-Tier
241	Computer Science (Intro)	42--Non-Tier
155	CPR/First Aid	42--Non-Tier
371	Digital Photography	42--Non-Tier
372	Document Processing	42--Non-Tier
566	Childhood/Growth and Development	42--Non-Tier
249	Emergency/Rescue/Scuba Diving	42--Non-Tier
84	Healthcare (Intro-allied health)	42--Non-Tier
63	Nutrition	42--Non-Tier
274	Workplace Skills	42--Non-Tier
50	AG/Topics	42--Non-Tier
439	Auto Collision/Special Topics	42--Non-Tier
238	Auto Tech/Special Topics	42--Non-Tier
207	Business/Topics	42--Non-Tier
53	CJ/Topics	42--Non-Tier
481	Early Childhood/Topics	42--Non-Tier
82	EMT/Topics	42--Non-Tier
302	Healthcare/Topics	42--Non-Tier
662	Information Technology/Special Topics	42--Non-Tier
187	Long-Term Care/Topics	42--Non-Tier
309	Networking/Topics	42--Non-Tier

350	Office Tech/Topics	42--Non-Tier
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#### AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES 24, 26, 28, 29, 29a AND 29b RULES AND REGULATIONS

General Counsel Julene Miller presented the proposed amendments to several rules and regulations. Article 24 (General Education Development Test) is being amended to reflect the new scores set by GED TS for the 2014 test. Article 26 currently applies to only community colleges, but it is being amended to make the regulations cover all of the public two-year institutions – community colleges, technical colleges, and Washburn Institute of Technology. General Counsel Miller noted these proposed amendments include feedback received from representative of the two-year institutions. Article 28 (Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Education Institutions) is being amended to lower many of the established fees, based on projections made in a recent business study. Articles 29, 29a, and 29b (Qualified Admission) are being amended to replace the term “GED” with the more generic “high school equivalency,” remove terms that are no longer used, and change outdated language. Additionally, the University of Kansas’ Admissions regulations (Article 29b) are being amended to remove race as a factor for consideration in making admission recommendations. Regent Logan moved, and Regent Feuerborn seconded, that the proposed amended permanent regulations be approved. On a roll call vote, the following Regents voted affirmatively to adopt the motion: Regent Wilk, Regent Bangerter, Regent Bain, Regent Murguia, Regent Feuerborn, Regent Logan, Regent Moran, and Regent Van Etten. Motion carried.

(Regulations filed with Official Minutes)

#### Fiscal Affairs and Audit

##### PURCHASE OF BUILDING – KSU

Greg Hoffman, Director of Facilities, introduced Kansas State University’s request to purchase an office building located at 5970 Executive Court in Manhattan, Kansas. The building will be used as temporary space to house programs and staff impacted by renovation of existing facilities. The building was appraised at \$600,000. The University will offer to purchase the building for \$575,000, which will be financed from restricted fees cash balances within the Administration and Finance unit. Mr. Hoffman stated the annual operation and maintenance budgets are estimated at \$200,000, and the renovation improvements are estimated at \$300,000. The operating and maintenance cost will be funded from internal reallocation of general use budgets. Following discussion, Regent Logan moved to approve. Regent Bangerter seconded, and the motion carried.

##### ADOPT BOND RESOLUTION FOR EXPANSION OF EXISTING CHILLED WATER PLANT – KSU

General Counsel Miller introduced a bond resolution for Kansas State University. The resolution would authorize the issuance of bonds in one or more series in a total aggregate amount not to exceed \$56,000,000 plus costs and reserves. The bonds will be used to finance the costs of constructing an addition to the existing chilled water plant on the Manhattan campus. The bonds will be secured with a pledge of generally available unencumbered funds of the University. Regent Logan moved to approve and authorize the Chair and President and CEO to execute the Resolution



and various other documents relating to the security and payment of such bonds. Regent Murguia seconded, and motion carried.

(Resolutions filed with Official Minutes)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

President Schulz announced the appropriations bill that Congress passed for the Department of Homeland Security contained the final \$300 million needed to fund construction of the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan. He stated construction will begin in May or June and it is anticipated that the facility will begin operating by 2020.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 4:00 p.m., Regent Bangerter moved, followed by the second of Regent Feuerborn, to recess into executive session for 30 minutes starting at 4:10 p.m. in the Kathy Rupp Conference Room to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Tompkins, General Counsel Miller (for a portion), and Legal Assistant Renee Burlingham (for a portion). At 4:40 p.m., the meeting returned to open session. Regent Logan moved to extend for 10 minutes. Following the second of Regent Murguia, the motion carried. At 4:50 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

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Andy Tompkins, President and CEO

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Kenny Wilk, Chair