

## **KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS**

### **MINUTES**

May 20-21, 2015

The May 20, 2015, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 1:30 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  
Zoe Newton  
Helen Van Etten

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Regent Logan moved that the minutes of the April 10, 2015 special meeting, April 15-16, 2015 regular meeting, April 29, 2015 special meeting, and May 5, 2015 special meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Feuerborn, the motion carried.

### **INTRODUCTIONS**

President Bardo introduced Wichita State University's new Student Body President, Joseph Shepard, and new General Counsel, David Moses. President Martin introduced Fort Hays State University's new Vice President for Student Affairs, Joey Linn, and President Scott shared photos of Pittsburg State University's new Robert W. Plaster Center Facility. Chancellor Gray-Little introduced the University of Kansas' new Student Body President, Jessie Pringle; Student Senate Government Relations Director, Stephonn Alcorn; and Faculty Senate President, Tom Beisecker.

### **AMEND AGENDA**

Chairman Wilk moved to amend the agenda to make the election of the FY 2016 Board Chair and Vice Chair the first item after the General Reports section of the agenda. Regent Logan seconded, and the motion carried.

### **GENERAL REPORTS**

#### **REPORT FROM CHAIR**

Chairman Wilk congratulated all the recent graduates and thanked the Regents who participated in the graduations. He also reported he recently met with the Wichita State University faculty and that he will be attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility in Manhattan.

**REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO**

President Tompkins reported the Emporia State University Presidential Search Committee held its first meeting and set a timeline to present a list of candidates to the Board in October, 2015.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS**

President Bardo presented the Council of Presidents' report. The Council received reports from the Council of Business Officers, the Council of Student Affairs Officers, and the Council of Chief Academic Officers. The Business Officers gave an update on revenue bond disclosure requirements for the state universities. The Student Affairs Officers gave a briefing on a new safety app for students that Kansas State University and Fort Hays State University are considering implementing on their campuses. The Council of Presidents will receive more information on this app and how it works at their June meeting. President Bardo noted the Council will also be discussing the proposed transcript notation policy at its June meeting. Additionally, the Council of Presidents approved the University of Kansas' Master of Science in Digital Content Strategy, which will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

**REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS**

Dr. Barut presented the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents' report. The Council reviewed the topics they discussed throughout the year and passed that information on to the incoming faculty senate presidents. Dr. Barut thanked the Regents for their continued advocacy for higher education.

**REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

The Students' Advisory Committee (SAC) report was presented by Reagan Kays and the new SAC chair, Jessie Pringle. Mr. Kays reported the students continue to express their opposition to the proposed religious freedom legislation (SB 175) and any potential tuition freeze. He also noted the students believe the Kansas Comprehensive Grant Program fund should be split 50-50 between students attending public institutions and students attending independent and private colleges. Ms. Pringle reported the SAC will have a retreat in the summer to go over topics for next year.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Chairman Wilk thanked Mr. Kays for his leadership on the SAC and presented a certificate of appreciation to him. He also thanked Dr. Barut for his leadership on the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

**FY 2016 BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR ELECTION**

Regent Wilk moved to elect Regent Shane Bangerter as Chair of the Board for FY 2016. With the second of Regent Murguia, the motion carried. Regent Logan moved to elect Regent Zoe Newton as Vice Chair. Following the second of Regent Moran, the motion carried.

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

Regent Moran presented the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee report. The Committee received a presentation on the updates made to the assessment of student learning rubric, and Regent Moran noted the next annual report the Board receives on assessment will contain

information on how the institutions use the assessment results. The Committee received an update on the progress of the Developmental Education Committee. The Developmental Education Committee continues to work on the high school math refresher course, which will be called "Transition to College Math Class." The class will be taken during the senior year of high school and will help students prepare for the rigors of college math.

Additionally, Regent Moran reported the Committee received information on the University of Kansas' proposal to expand its Law School's 3 + 3 program to the other state universities. Provost Vitter explained that currently undergraduate students at KU can enroll in the University of Kansas School of Law after successfully completing three years of undergraduate studies and meeting other admission requirements. Credit hours earned in the first year of law school are then counted to complete the student's undergraduate degree program. This program saves the students from paying one year of undergraduate tuition and allows them to attain their J.D. degree earlier. Provost Vitter stated KU School of Law is working with the other state universities to expand this opportunity to their students. Regent Moran noted the Board is supportive of this initiative.

#### FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Bangerter reported the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed FY 2017 Capital Improvement Requests and five-year plans.

#### GOVERNANCE

Regent Wilk presented the Governance Committee report. The Committee discussed CEO compensation and will present its recommendation to the Board next month. A proposed policy on transcript notation was discussed and forwarded to the Council of Presidents for review. Additionally, the Committee reviewed changes to some of the metrics in the Board's Foresight 2020 document.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### *Fiscal Affairs and Audit*

##### RAZE WOOD SHED, BUILDING #933 – KSU

Kansas State University received authorization to raze a wood shed, building #933, at the Southwest Kansas Research and Extension Center in Garden City, Kansas. The estimated cost of razing the shed is estimated at \$3,000, which will be funded with the Southwest Kansas Research and Extension Center's restricted fee funds. The site will be restored to grass.

##### RAZE BLAKE HALL, BUILDING #030 – WSU

Wichita State University received authorization to raze Blake Hall, building #030. Future plans for the site are being considered by the University.

**ROBERT W. PLASTER CENTER BUILDING – PSU**

Pittsburg State University received approval to accept the new Robert W. Plaster Center. A Certificate of Project Completion will be issued and signed.

**FY 2015 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM STATEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TRACK AND FIELD FACILITY – FHSU**

Fort Hays State University received approval to amend its FY 2015 Capital Improvement Plan to include the construction of a new Track and Field Facility. The estimated cost of the project is \$3 million, which will be funded with university revenues. All future maintenance and operating costs will be funded from existing university revenues. The Architectural Program Statement for the project was also approved.

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

The Board adopted the updated Resolution to reflect changes in key management personnel, specifically, the addition of Dr. James Tracy as Vice Chancellor of Research.

(Resolution filed with Official Minutes)

**CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA****Academic Affairs****DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE – FHSU**

Gary Alexander, Vice President of Academic Affairs, presented Fort Hays State University's Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) proposal. He reported the American Association of Colleges of Nursing recommended that by 2015 all advanced practice nursing preparation programs transition from a master's degree to a Doctor of Nursing Practice. The national accrediting body of graduate nursing education updated the accreditation standards to reflect the recommendation. Regent Moran moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried.

**Fiscal Affairs and Audit****JOHNSON COUNTY EDUCATION RESEARCH TRIANGLE (JCERT) FY 2016 BUDGETS – KU AND KSU**

Elaine Frisbie, Vice President of Finance and Administration, introduced the proposed FY 2016 Johnson County Education Research Triangle (JCERT) budgets for KU Edwards, KU Medical Center, and K-State Olathe. The budgets have been reviewed and approved by the Board Fiscal

Affairs and Audit Standing Committee and the JCERTA Board. Regent Logan moved to adopt the budgets. Following the second of Regent Murguia, the motion carried.

#### UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEE PROPOSALS FOR FY 2016 (FIRST READING)

Regent Wilk stated that since the Legislature is still in session and the state budget has not been finalized, the Board will not receive the first reading on the university tuition and fee proposals at this time. A special meeting will be called once the Legislative session has concluded.

#### BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 2:30 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

#### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS FOR FY 2017 – FY 2018 AND FIVE-YEAR PLANS – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (FIRST READING)

Greg Hoffman, Director of Facilities, presented a summary of the requested capital improvement projects submitted by the state universities (Table 1) and a staff recommendation (Table 2). He noted the state universities have been receiving \$35 million per year from the Educational Building Fund but the Division of Budget has reduced the estimate for FY 2016 to \$29 million and FY 2017 to \$32 million. He reviewed the following staff recommendations: 1) approve all projects funded by non-state funds, 2) approve university system request for an additional \$20 million for deferred maintenance from the Expanded Lottery Act Revenues Fund, and 3) approve university system request for spending authority for Rehabilitation and Repair projects from the Educational Building Fund. Mr. Hoffman stated for FY 2017 and FY 2018 staff is not recommending any projects that are requesting State General Fund (SGF) support. Regent Logan clarified that if a state university identifies a project to be funded with SGF or is seeking bonding authority, the university must move that project through the Board's budgetary process for approval. Just because a project is listed on the Capital Improvement Request document does not mean the project is approved to move forward if the university is seeking SGF or bond financing. The Board will act on the Capital Improvement Requests at the June meeting.

(Table 1 and Table 2 filed with Official Minutes)

#### Other Matters

#### REPORT ON CAMPUS CLIMATE SURVEY RESULTS – KSU

Provost Mason reported Kansas State University conducted its first comprehensive climate survey. The survey was administered by an external consultant to all faculty, staff and students at all four campuses (Manhattan, Salina, Olathe, and Research and Extension). She stated 7,411 individuals participated for an overall response rate of 25 percent and noted out of the overall respondents, 84 percent were comfortable or very comfortable with the climate at K-State. From the data collected, she reviewed the areas of strength and the areas that need improvement for the University. Provost Mason noted the results will assist K-State in its ongoing quest to become a Top 50 public research university by 2025.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

**NAMING OF BUILDING – KU**

Chancellor Gray-Little requested naming the Art and Design Building in honor of former Chancellor E. Laurence Chalmers. Regent Murguia moved to approve, and Regent Bain seconded. The motion carried. The building will be named E. Laurence Chalmers Hall.

**HONORARY DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY'S FALL 2015 COMMENCEMENT – WSU**

President Bardo nominated Dr. Donna Sweet to receive an honorary degree to be conferred at the University's Fall Commencement in December, 2015. Regent Van Etten moved to approve. Following the second of Regent Moran, the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 3:50 p.m., Regent Bangerter moved, followed by the second of Regent Logan, to recess into executive session for 60 minutes starting at 4:05 p.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Tompkins, and Chancellor Gray-Little. At 5:05 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

**RECESS**

The Chair recessed the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

**RECONVENE**

The Chair reconvened the meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 21.

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

**REPORTS****REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS**

President Bardo presented the System Council of Presidents' report. The Council received a report from the System Council of Chief Academic officers on the progress of the Transfer and Articulation Council and an update on the Student Learning Assessment Model reporting format. The CEOs also received a legislative update.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

*Academic Affairs*

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS SUBMITTED FROM FORT SCOTT COMMUNITY COLLEGE, JOHNSON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Fort Scott Community College received approval to offer a technical certificate (45 credit hours) in Mental Health Technician (51.1502). The estimated cost to implement the program is \$46,000. Student tuition and technology fees will be used to fund the program.

Johnson County Community College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (68 credit hours) in Neurodiagnostic Technology (51.0903). The estimated cost to deliver the program is \$122,400. The College will use its general fund to support the program.

Pratt Community College received approval to offer a technical certificate (17 credit hours) in Live Event Production (10.0202). The estimated cost to deliver the program is \$8,040. The College anticipates using the Excel in CTE (SB 155) tiered funding of \$11,040 for the implementation of the program.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Presentation

PRESENTATION ON THE STEM INITIATIVE OF THE KANSAS COSMOSPHERE

Ed Berger, Chair of the Revitalization Initiative for the Cosmosphere, and Tracey Tomme, Director of Education for the Cosmosphere, gave a presentation on how the Cosmosphere can increase its role in encouraging students to pursue STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) studies. The Cosmosphere is focusing on enhancing its STEM component in its PreK-12 programs, which will have an emphasis on college and career-readiness. The programs will have at least 3-4 hours of structured learning that will be tailored for each grade level. Dr. Berger stated the Cosmosphere has been working with the Unified School Districts and the state universities regarding the applied STEM curriculum. The Cosmosphere's goal is to be forward-looking, education-driven, relevant, and have a message and programming that has an international reach while providing an even higher value to the State of Kansas.

Academic Affairs

NEW CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FOR THE FOLLOWING DEGREE-GRANTING INSTITUTIONS – NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY AND PARK UNIVERSITY

Vice President Alexander presented Northwestern University's and Park University's request for a Certificate of Approval to operate in Kansas. Both universities are also seeking authority to grant degrees in the below programs, which will be delivered online to Kansas students.

Degrees to be delivered by Northwestern University in Kansas:

- Master of Arts in Public Policy and Administration
- Master of Science in Information Systems

- Master of Science in Integrated Marketing and Communications
- Master of Science in Learning and Organizational Change

Degrees to be delivered by Park University in Kansas:

- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Regent Moran moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried.

#### ANNUAL REPORT ON DISTANCE EDUCATION

Vice President Alexander presented the annual report on distance education. In the 2013-2014 academic year, 114,354 (45.3%) students enrolled in a Kansas public higher educational institution took at least one distance education course either fully online or as a hybrid course. This is an increase of 2.4 percent from the 2012-2013 academic year. Dr. Alexander broke down the number of distance education programs offered by each sector and reviewed the number of distance education credit hours earned by each sector. Additionally, he highlighted the courses with the highest distance education enrollments.

Vice President Alexander also gave a brief update on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). As of April 27, 2015, a total of 239 institutions in 20 states across the United States have become members of SARA. Dr. Alexander noted 16 Kansas institutions are members, which includes all six state universities.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

#### Other Matters

#### REPORT FROM THE KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY AND QUALIFYING CREDENTIALS LIST

Blake Flanders, Vice President of Workforce Development, presented the Technical Education Authority's recommendation to approve the 2015-2016 Qualifying Credentials List. These credentials are aligned with the SB 155 initiative. The Kansas Department of Labor developed the list by determining which high need occupations require some postsecondary education and are at the 70 percent wage threshold for Kansas. The Department of Labor also considered job vacancy and the short and long term needs. Dr. Flanders noted high schools receive \$1,000 if the student completes a certification on the list. Regent Moran moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried.

Additionally, Vice President Flanders reported the TEA discussed redistributing funds and closing the gap on tiered funding. Fully funding the tiered funding formula will require filling an \$8.3 million gap. If the funding is secured and the gap is filled, 11 of the 26 institutions would still lose funding based on the calculated state rate, and the funding loss for those institutions would be between \$95,000 and \$500,000. The TEA also discussed re-centering the formula without additional funds, which would cause 15 of the 26 institutions to lose funding and the funding loss would be between \$20,000 and \$600,000. Dr. Flanders stated the TEA will continue to work through the issues with the tiered funding formula.



(Qualifying Credential List filed with Official Minutes)

### BUDGET AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, reported the Legislature continues to work on a solution to balance the State's budget. There is a \$400 million short fall that needs to be filled. Mr. Casey also reviewed the non-budgetary legislative items. HB 2154 includes language to satisfy the federal requirement that all military veterans, eligible spouses and dependents, be given a tuition rate equal to the resident rate, regardless of time spent in Kansas. In-state tuition is also being extended to all active military personnel. HB 2395 raises the threshold for formal procurement processes of construction projects to \$1 million. Both of these bills have been sent to the Governor for signature.

### BOARD'S UNIFIED BUDGET REQUEST PREPARATIONS

Vice President Frisbie stated the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act requires the Board of Regents to develop and present to the Governor and Legislature a unified request for state appropriations for postsecondary education. The Board's request must be submitted by October 1 every year. Vice President Frisbie reviewed a proposed calendar that outlines when the Board will receive, discuss and act on its FY 2016 and FY 2017 budget request.

#### **Unified Appropriation Request Calendar**

May 2015 Board Meeting	Capital improvement requests for state universities (First Reading)
June 2015 Board Meeting	Board staff reviews potential areas of request. Board receives institution and sector specific requests. (If possible, request sector/institution proposals are submitted to Board Office by Friday, June 5.) Board acts on capital improvement requests for July 1
July 2015	Board conducts budget work session to further discuss FY 2016-2017 requests
August 2015 Board Retreat	Board continues discussion of system-wide, institution, and sector specific requests and indicates preference for inclusion in FY 2016-2017 Budget Request
September 2015 Board Meeting	Board officially approves FY 2016-2017 unified budget request
October 1, 2015	Board's FY 2016-2017 unified budget request submitted

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Regent Wilk thanked President Shonrock for his leadership at Emporia State University.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 10:15 a.m., Regent Bangerter moved, followed by the second of Regent Bain, to recess into executive session for 60 minutes starting at 10:20 a.m. to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Tompkins, and President Shonrock. At 11:20 a.m., the meeting returned to open session.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

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Andy Tompkins, President and CEO

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Kenny Wilk, Chair