

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

February 17, 2016

The February 17, 2016, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Shane Bangerter 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: Shane Bangerter, Chair
Zoe Newton, Vice Chair
Joe Bain
Bill Feuerborn
Dennis Mullin
Dave Murfin
Daniel Thomas
Helen Van Etten

MEMBER ABSENT: Ann Brandau-Murguia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Bain moved that the minutes of the January 20, 2016 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Newton, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

Chancellor Gray-Little presented each Regent with a unique bowl that commemorates the University's 150th anniversary. KU students chiseled the bowls from elm trees that once stood on Jayhawk Boulevard. The Chancellor introduced Alex Kong, who was awarded the prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarship. The scholarship provides funds for postgraduate study at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom for the duration of the degree. She also introduced the University's new Chief Business and Financial Planning Officer, Leisa Julian. President Schulz announced that Kansas State University received the highest research activity classification from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Bangerter reported he and several other Regents attended legislative committee meetings regarding the University of Kansas' Central District Project. At the meetings, he communicated that the Board takes its fiscal responsibility seriously and wants to partner with the Legislature to attain the goals of higher education.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Flanders reported he met with the State's Chief Information Technology Officer, Phil Wittmer, to discuss the possibility of having the universities partner with the state in the area of

IT. One idea is having students at the universities run an IT help desk for the state, which would allow students to gain experience. Additionally, President Flanders reported legislators have spoken with him about a common online admission process for the universities. President Flanders asked Gary Alexander, Vice President of Academic Affairs, to work with the Council of Chief Academic Officers to fully examine this concept.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Inbody reported the System Council of Presidents received a presentation from Colonel Catlett on Army University's Sexual Harassment Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program. The Council also received a legislative update.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Martin presented the Council of Presidents' report. The Council received reports from the Council of Chief Academic Officers, the Council of Business Officers, the Council of Government Relations Officers, the Council of Student Affairs Officers, the Regents Information Technology Committee, and the University Support Staff Council. Additionally, the Council of Presidents approved Kansas State University's Master of Arts in Teaching. This program will be forwarded to the Board for consideration at the March Board meeting.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Students' Advisory Committee report was presented by Jessie Pringle. The students' Higher Education Day at the Statehouse was held earlier in the month. The Committee's legislative initiative, Life Line 911, was passed out of both chambers and is on the Governor's desk for signature. She thanked everyone who helped support this initiative. The Committee also discussed student involvement in the development of the campus level concealed carry policies and the possibility of having more student representation on the Committee. The Committee is going to continue to discuss how to get more students involved in the Committee process. Chair Bangerter on behalf of the Board thanked Jessie for her leadership, professionalism, and for being a statesman.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Lorie Cook Benjamin presented the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents' report. The Council met with the Government Relations Officers, who provided an update on concealed carry bills introduced this legislative session. The faculty will assist with development and implementation of the campus level concealed carry policies, which will need to be in place before the legal exemption expires on July 1, 2017. The faculty are also supportive of having a systemwide discussion regarding the campus level concealed carry policies, which may allow for some consistency across the system. The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents also reviewed HB 2531, which repeals statutory due process for community and technical college faculty. Additionally, the Council will be working with the System Council of Chief Academic Officers to develop a process to determine cut scores for the AP and CLEP exams.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Van Etten presented the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee report. The Committee received a report from staff regarding the status of the Transition to College Algebra course pilot and approved beginning the regulatory process to allow this Algebra course to fulfill one unit of the Qualified Admission Precollege Curriculum Math requirement. The Committee also discussed and approved the Credit for Prior Learning policy and received an update on Army University. Additionally, the Committee received information on retention and graduation rates of students who are admitted through the qualified admissions exception window.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Feuerborn reported the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee received additional information on Kansas State University's Veterinary Diagnostic and Research Center project, which is on the Board's agenda for consideration. If the Board approves KSU's request, the University will seek legislative approval for bonding. The Committee also received presentations from each of the universities regarding their financial plans and will discuss the universities' indebtedness at next month's meeting. Finally, the Committee received information on the proposed change to the annual leave accrual policy for the unclassified support staff. The Committee requested additional information from the universities regarding the issue.

GOVERNANCE

Regent Bangerter presented the Governance Committee report. The Committee received information on Board Goal Two, which is to study current campus Title IX practices, policies, procedures and develop a Board policy to enhance uniformity of current university practices, policies, and procedures. The Committee reviewed a proposed policy that would create a Council of Title IX Coordinators. This Council would discuss Title IX matters and consider best practices. The Governance Committee forwarded the draft policy to the Council of Presidents for discussion and feedback.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Van Etten moved, with the second of Regent Mullin, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Academic Affairs

ANNUAL ACCREDITATION REPORT

The accreditation report indicates each state university is fully accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Additionally, selected programs at the universities are accredited by the appropriate specialized accrediting bodies.

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS FOR NORTHWEST KANSAS TECHNICAL COLLEGE, SEWARD COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE, AND WASHBURN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Northwest Kansas Technical College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (68 credit hours), a Technical Certificate B (35 credit hours), and a Technical Certificate A (17 credit hours) in Precision Agriculture

Technology (01.0308). The College estimates it will cost \$145,000 to deliver the program, which will be funded with the College's general fund, outside grants, donations, and Federal Carl D. Perkins Funds.

Seward County Community College received authorization to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (65 credit hours) and a Technical Certificate (38 credit hours) in Health Information Technology (51.0707). The College estimates it will cost \$49,000. Existing campus space and equipment will be used for the program.

Wichita Area Technical College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (62 credit hours) and a Technical Certificate (36 credit hours) in Carpentry (46.0201). The cost to deliver the program is approximately \$104,800.

Washburn Institute of Technology received approval to offer a Technical Certificate (19 credit hours) in Dispatch Technology (43.9999). The cost to implement the program is approximately \$40,900, which will be funded with the College's general funds and Federal Carl D. Perkins Funds.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Presentations

PANEL PRESENTATION ON THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN TEACHING

Dr. Andrea Greenhoot, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Center for Teaching Excellence at the University of Kansas; Dr. Brenda Frieden, Professor and Director of the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Technology at Pittsburg State University; and Dr. Michael Wesch, Associate Professor of Cultural Anthropology at Kansas State University, presented information on how technology is being used in teaching on the university campuses. The panelists gave examples of how faculty use technology to improve student learning and experiences. They also spoke about the difference between online classes, hybrid classes, and face-to-face classes.

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UPDATE ON THE KANSAS INDEPENDENT COLLEGES

Matt Lindsey, President of the Kansas Independent College Association, presented an update on the Kansas Independent Colleges. The Independent Colleges were granted authority to award degrees in 1978 from the Kansas Board of Education. These institutions are exempted from Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act, which the Board enforces. Mr. Lindsey stated 18 of the institutions are members of the Kansas Independent College Association. He reviewed enrollments, the number of degrees and certificates awarded, and completion rates for these institutions. He also reviewed student debt and noted students who attend an independent college or university are eligible for some state-based student aid funds.

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Academic Affairs

ANNUAL REPORT ON ADULT EDUCATION

Susan Fish, Director of Adult Education and College Readiness, presented the annual Adult Education report. Dr. Fish stated the target population for adult education are individuals ages 16 and older who are exempt from compulsory high school attendance and who do not have the following: 1) a high school credential, 2) secondary level skill, or 3) adequate proficiency in English. In Kansas, there are 283,181 individuals who fall within this population and adult education served approximately 8,608 (3.04%) individuals statewide in 2014. While the programs serve only a small share of the target population, it is considered successful. Kansas is ranked fifth in the nation in the federal measure of the percent of students who enrolled in postsecondary education or training. Dr. Fish reviewed enrollment data and the demographics of individuals participating in adult education. She noted that both enrollment and funding for adult education have declined over the years.

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Fiscal Affairs and AuditAMENDMENT TO FY 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR PARKING GARAGE #1 PROJECT – WSU; TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM KU ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS – KUMC; AMENDMENT TO FY 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR REPAIRS AND RENOVATION OF DYCHE HALL – KU; AMENDMENT TO FY 2016 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR KANSAS VETERINARY DIAGNOSTIC AND RESEARCH CENTER – KSU; and TRANSFER OF PROPERTY FROM EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION TO EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY – ESU

Greg Hoffman, Director of Facilities, presented the facility requests for the universities. Wichita State University is requesting authority to construct a new parking garage south of the Rhatigan Student Center. This project was included in WSU's 2014 Master Plan. The estimated cost of the project is \$7.2 million. WSU will seek legislative bonding authority, and the bonds will be financed with revenues from the campus parking enterprise.

The University of Kansas is seeking approval to transfer property located at 4330 Shawnee Mission Parkway from the KU Endowment Association to the University. The University of Kansas Medical Center already has the following departments occupying the office space: the KU Medical Center Research Institute, Telemedicine, Cancer Center, KU Innovation Center, Compliance, Human Research Program, Frontiers/Neurology, and the Anesthesiology billing department. In addition, Neuropsychology and Internal Audit will move into the space in early 2016. The estimated annual operating costs are \$450,000, which will be funded with the Medical Center's general use funds. The legal description of the property is below:

A tract of land in the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 12 South, Range 25 East of the 6th Principal Meridian in the City of Fairway, Johnson County, Kansas being bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a point on the North line of said Section 9, 1832.45 feet West from the Northeast corner as measured along said North line which bears North 90°00'00" West; thence South 00°00'00" West, 30.00 feet to a point on the South right-of-

way line of 55th Street, as now established, said point also being the Point of Beginning of the tract of land to be herein described; thence South 00°25'52" West, a distance of 465.24 feet, thence Southerly and Southeasterly along a curve to the left from the last described course as a tangent, having a radius of 225.00 feet, a distance of 177.50 feet; thence continuing Southeasterly, Easterly and Northeasterly along a curve to the left, having a common tangent with the last described curve, having a radius of 20.00 feet, a distance of 32.14 feet; thence North 43°09'41" East, a distance of 60.33 feet; thence Northeasterly and Easterly along a curve to the right from the last described course and tangent, having a radius of 175.00 feet, a distance of 135.90 feet; thence North 00°00'00" East, 525.83 feet to a point on the South right-of-way line of said 55th Street; thence North 90°00'00" West, along said South right-of-way line, 252.30 feet to the Point of Beginning. Containing 145,300 square feet or 3.34 acres, more or less.

The University of Kansas also requests authorization to amend its FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan to include a renovation project at Dyche Hall. The estimated cost of the project is \$3.7 million and will be funded with a combination of Rehabilitation and Repair funds and KU Center for Research Funds.

Kansas State University requests approval to amend its FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan to include the Kansas Veterinary Diagnostic and Research Center (KVDRC). This project was included in KSU's Campus Master Plan. The estimated cost of the project is \$34.2 million. KSU will seek legislative bonding authority to fund the project. The debt service on the bonds will be repaid from KSVDL service fee revenues and the College of Veterinary Medicine resources.

Emporia State University requests authorization to accept a gift of property from the Emporia State University Foundation. The gift consists of eight properties on the Perley's Addition to the City of Emporia, Lots 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. This property is part of the University's Master Plan. The legal description of the properties are as follows:

A tract 38 feet wide off the entire east end of a tract described as follows: beginning at a point 279 feet West of the Northeast corner of Lot 8 in Perley's Addition to the City of Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof; thence South 72.5 feet; thence East 139.5 feet; thence North 72.5 feet; thence West 139.5 feet to the place of beginning.

Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot 8 in Perley's Addition to the City of Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, thence West 139.5 feet; thence South 72.5 feet; thence East 139.5 feet; thence North 72.5 feet to the point of beginning.

That part of Lot 8 of Perley's addition to the City of Emporia described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast Corner of said Lot 8, thence due West along the South line of said Lot 150 feet, thence North 72 1/2 feet, thence due East to the West line of Highland Street, thence South on the West line of Highland Street in Perley's Addition to the place of beginning, according to the recorded plat thereof.

The North Half of Lot 6 in Perley's Addition to the City of Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, except a tract commencing at the Northwest corner of said Lot 6; Thence East 147 feet; Thence South 36 feet and 3 inches; Thence West 147 feet; Thence North 36 feet and 3 inches to the place of beginning. Also except the South half of the West Half of the North Half of said Lot 6.

The East Half of the South Half of Lot 6 in Perley's Addition to the City of Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof.

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Lot No. Four (4) in Perley's Addition to the City of Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, and running thence South fifty (50) feet, thence West one hundred (100) feet, thence North fifty (50) feet, thence East one hundred (100) feet to place of beginning.

Commencing at the Northwest Corner of Lot 4 in Perley's Addition to the City of Emporia, Lyon County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof, thence East 201.75 feet, thence South 40 feet, thence West 201.75 feet, thence North 40 feet to the place of beginning, EXCEPT that part taken for street purposes.

The South 36.5 feet of the West one half of the South one half of Lot 6 in Perley's addition to the City of Emporia, according to the recorded plat thereof, except the West 20 feet.

Following discussion, Regent Feuerborn moved to approve all the facility requests. Regent Bain seconded, and the motion carried.

UPDATE ON ENGINEERING INITIATIVE AND UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS

Zoe Gruber, Director of Workforce Training and Education, gave a progress report on the Engineering Initiative. The initiative was established in legislation and was designed to increase the number of graduates in 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 for ten years (beginning in FY 2011) to each of the three universities. The Act also requires the universities to match the funding 1:1 with non-state sources. The goal of the initiative is to increase the number of engineering graduates to 1,365 per year by 2021. She stated the universities graduated 1,178 engineering students in November 2015, which means the institutions are on target toward achieving the graduation goal. Director Gruber reviewed graduation rates and enrollments for each university. She also noted that this initiative has been so successful because it is industry led, based on industry need, sponsored by the Legislature, and supported by the Governor.

Director Gruber also presented an update on the university research grants. The Kansas Legislature appropriated \$5 million in ongoing funds for the following initiatives: Kansas State University's Global Food Systems, University of Kansas Medical Center's Cancer Center, and Wichita State University's Aviation Research. Each of these initiatives requires a 1:1 dollar match by the university. The Legislature also requires each university to submit a plan as to how these initiatives will create additional jobs and economic value for the state. Additionally, Kansas State University's Veterinary Medical Center received \$5 million in ongoing appropriations to improve

its rankings. She reviewed how each university is using the appropriated funds and noted each university will present a progress report to the Legislature and Governor during the 2016 Legislative Session.

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EPSCoR PROPOSALS

Vice President Alexander presented two EPSCoR proposals. The EPSCoR Program Review Committee recommends funding the following projects:

- 1) For the project advancement of the Metastatic Mimetic Device to enhance pre-clinical drug testing on human cells at the University of Kansas Medical Center, the Committee recommends awarding \$21,168 for FY 2016.
- 2) For the Cooperative Agreement Notice proposal, located at Wichita State University, the Committee recommends \$25,000 per year for FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2018. The total funding from NASA is \$750,000 (\$250,000 per year for three years). NASA requires a 50% cost-share state match. This award provides 10:1 leverage for state funds (federal:state).

Regent Van Etten moved to approve the Committee's recommendations. Following the second of Regent Murfin, the motion carried.

Other Matters

GRANTING OF HONORARY DEGREE AT THE UNIVERSITY'S SPRING 2016 COMMENCEMENT – FHSU

President Martin nominated Senator Bob Dole to receive an Honorary Doctor of Arts degree from Fort Hays State University at its Spring 2016 Commencement. Regent Murfin moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, presented a legislative update. To maintain a balanced budget, the Legislature made adjustments to the current budget. These adjustments did not reallocate or cut higher education funding; however, two provisos were added that impact the University of Kansas and Kansas State University Polytechnic Campus. Additionally, Director Casey reviewed the non-budgetary items and noted the Wichita State University/Wichita Area Technical College merger legislation proposal is ready for Board approval. Regent Murfin moved to approve, and Regent Newton seconded. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Shane Bangerter, Chair