

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

April 17, 2019

The April 17, 2019, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Dennis Mullin at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held in Forum D located in the Burge Union, 1565 Irving Hill Road, Lawrence, Kansas, on the University of Kansas campus. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dennis Mullin, Chair
Shane Bangerter, Vice Chair
Bill Feuerborn
Mark Hutton
Dave Murfin
Daniel Thomas
Allen Schmidt
Helen Van Etten

MEMBER ASBSENT: Ann Brandau-Murguia

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Feuerborn moved that the minutes of the March 15, 2019 special meeting, the March 20-21, 2019 regular meeting, and the March 28, 2019 special meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Van Etten, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Mason introduced Fort Hays State University's new Chief Communications Officer, Scott Cason. Chancellor Girod introduced Professor Ingrid Peterson. Professor Peterson incorporated open educational resources into the KU algebra programs, which saved students approximately \$270,000 this year. Chancellor Girod also introduced several students who were awarded national fellowships and scholarships, and he recognized members of the KU Debate Team.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Mullin reported that last month the Board appointed Dr. Andy Tompkins as the Interim President at Wichita State University. He welcomed Dr. Tompkins and thanked Provost Muma for his leadership as Acting President over the last several months. Chair Mullin also reported that he and Dr. Flanders participated in a panel discussion at the Wichita State University Foundation's National Advisory Council meeting last week. He noted he enjoyed meeting the council members, hearing their questions, and learning more about the work they are doing to support the Foundation and the University.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Flanders reported he has formed a committee and will begin to interview candidates for the Board's Vice President for Academic Affairs position. He hopes to have a new person hired before Dr. Redeker leaves in June.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Calvert presented the System Council of Presidents' report. The Council received an update from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers on the statewide pricing for ACCUPLACER Next-Generation Exams, the progress of the performance agreement working group, and the open educational resources initiative. The System Council of Presidents then reviewed the proposed components of the Board's next strategic plan and President Flanders asked the members to provide written feedback to him before the May meeting. The Council also received a legislative update.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Scott presented the Council of Presidents' report. The Council received reports from the Council of Chief Academic Officers, Council of Business Officers, Council of Government Relations Officers, and the University Support Staff (USS) Council. The Academic Officers approved the following programs: Wichita State University's Bachelor of Science in Applied Computing, the KU's Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Ecology, Evolution, and Organismal Biology, KU's Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, KU's Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of General Studies in American Sign Language and Deaf Studies, and KU's Master of Arts in Leadership in Diversity and Inclusion. These programs were also approved by the Council of Presidents. The Council of Presidents then discussed and approved Fort Hays State University's proposed Master of Social Work and Kansas State University's proposed Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies.

The Business Officers reviewed the Governance Committee's comments on the proposed paid parental leave policy and presented recommendations to address the comments. The Council of Presidents approved the recommendations and it was noted the Governance Committee and the Board will consider the policy in May. The Government Relations Officers provided a legislative update and the University Support Staff gave an update on its morale survey. The Council then discussed the sports betting legislation and endorsed the NCAA's position and reviewed the proposed amendments to the following Board policies: Memoranda of Agreement Negotiations pursuant to the Public Employer-Employee Relations Act and the Annual and Multiple Year Appointments for head coaches and athletic directors policies.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

The report of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents' meeting was presented by Clifford Morris. The Council started to review the feedback from the campuses on the Students' Advisory Committee's proposed action plan on open educational resources (OER). It was noted the feedback has been positive and the Council will continue to discuss OERs at its next meeting. The Council also noted it supports the proposed Board policy on paid parental leave as it was first drafted.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Kyle Frank presented the Students' Advisory Committee report. Last month a conference was held at Washburn University for student government officials. This conference allows members from the various campuses to discuss issues and share ideas. Out of this meeting, two resolutions that support seeking funds for OERs were approved. These resolutions will be shared with the Board, the university CEOs, and the Governor. Mr. Frank also announced the students plan to return to the Statehouse on May 2 to advocate for higher education funding.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

President Calvert presented the community college report. He noted that during a previous System Council of Presidents' meeting, the CEOs discussed using their individual reports to the Board to share example of partnerships that address this year's Board theme. He highlighted some of the unique partnerships that the community colleges have with other institutions, high schools, and businesses. A few of the examples that were shared include the following: Kansas City Kansas Community College's General Motors apprenticeship program, Hutchinson Community College's Workforce AID grant that allows the College to train 500 new aerospace sheet metal mechanics, Independence Community College's international student partnership with Emporia State University, Cloud County Community College's partnership with Westar Energy for its wind program, and Pratt Community College's partnership with Coffeyville Community College and WSU Tech to provide electrical power technology programs. President Calvert noted these partnerships were created to meet the educational and workforce needs in the state.

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REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

President Schears reported each technical college has partnerships with high schools across the state to offer technical education to secondary students. All the colleges participate in the Excel in Career Technical Education initiative, which has grown significantly in the number of high school student participants over the last several years. President Schears also highlighted some of the partnerships with businesses that create career pathways for students, which includes Flint Hills Technical College's partnership with Tyson Foods, Washburn Tech's partnership with Trane Heating and Air, and WSU Tech's partnership with Spirit.

REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CEOS

President Garrett highlighted partnerships in Emporia State University's School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, School of Business, and the Teachers College. In the School of Liberal Arts & Sciences, ESU's Master of Science in Forensic Science Program has a cooperative agreement with the Lyon County Sheriff's Office, which allows students to observe and work with the sheriff's office at certain crime scene locations, and ESU's Department of Physical Sciences has created a dual degree pharmacy agreement that allows students to complete 62 credit hours at ESU and then complete the requirements of the Pharmacy degree at any accredited pharmacy school. In the School of Business, President Garrett highlighted ESU's Community Internship Initiative, which connects ESU business students with local businesses. President Garrett also reported the Teachers College has a statewide agreement with the Kansas Department of Education for all high schools in the state to award college credit to secondary students who complete the Teacher Training Career Cluster pathway.

Interim President Tompkins reported that Wichita State University has partnered with the Kansas National Guard and Cadet Command Army ROTC to begin offering a Senior Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) program. This partnership was established through a collaboration with Pittsburg State University, which will serve as host for the program. WSU also participates in Project Lead the Way, which is a national effort to increase STEM awareness among high school students. Through this program the University has experienced substantial growth in the number of high school students participating in WSU's course offerings. Additionally, Interim President Tompkins highlighted WSU's Shocker New Venture Competition, which connects industry professionals with students from all academic disciplines. Dr. Tompkins stated a WSU student intern, Jaci Ignudo, who is majoring in graphic design, created his presentation, and he thanked her for all her work.

President Mason reported the partnership between Fort Hays State University's Department of Nursing and HaysMed along with the support of the Dane G. Hansen Foundation allowed the University to renovate Stroup Hall. The renovations included adding new simulation lab spaces and equipment. President Mason also announced a FHSU student team won first-place at the Faulkner Challenge business plan competition for its software application. Adam Schibi, FHSU student body president, was a member of the team and stated the team's software is designed to detect gunshots, notify law enforcement and warn users of the app who are in the active-shooter area.

President Scott stated Block22 is a unique partnership between Pittsburg State University and the City of Pittsburg. Each entity provided funds to renovate historic buildings located in downtown Pittsburg to create a unique living-learning environment for students and businesses. President Scott announced PSU recently received a \$26,000 grant from the Kansas Insurance Education Foundation to help align the University's curriculum with the insurance certificate program. He also highlighted the University's partnership with Crossland Construction. Crossland is the largest employer of students who have graduated from PSU's Construction Management and Construction Engineering Technology programs.

President Myers announced that Clara Wicoff, a junior majoring in agricultural economics, was awarded a Truman Scholarship, making her the University's 35th Truman Scholar. President Myers reported that Kansas State participates in Bridges to the Future program, which is funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. The goal of the program is to increase the number of underrepresented students with baccalaureate degrees in the biomedical and behavioral sciences. KSU partners with Dodge City Community College, Garden City Community College, and Seward County Community College on this program. President Myers also reported that KSU's College of Arts and Sciences has developed an articulation agreement with Flint Hills Technical College that will allow students who graduate from the Flint Hills Technical College with an associate degree in graphic arts technology to transfer into the University's printmaking program.

Chancellor Girod reported KU's Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department and the University's Information Telecommunication Technology Center are working together to establish a core of excellence around system securities. These units are growing their programs and increasing their research funding around cybersecurity. The Chancellor stated a good example

of a longstanding business partnership for the University is with Garmin, which allows KU students to work with Garmin employees on projects. He also highlighted the Jayhawk Consulting program, which allows students to provide consulting assistance to organizations with diverse business models and challenges.

BREAK

Chair Mullin called for a break at 3:07 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Thomas reported the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee met by conference call on April 1 to review and approve the academic items on the Board's agenda. The Committee plans to meet by conference call on April 29 to review seven university degree programs and discuss service areas.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Feuerborn presented the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee report. The Committee reviewed the FY 2020 Johnson County Educational Research Triangle budgets for Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and the University of Kansas Medical Center. These budgets will be presented to the Board for consideration at the May meeting. The Committee then reviewed the capital improvement requests and five-year plans for the universities and the University of Kansas's request for emergency repairs to Self-Oswald Residence Hall. These items are on the Board's discussion agenda. The Council of Business Officers then provided the Committee with information regarding benchmarking data and cost metrics that will be used to compare with university peer institutions.

GOVERNANCE

Regent Mullin reported the Governance Committee received an update from President Flanders on the progress toward developing the new strategic plan. President Flanders shared information and requested feedback from the institutional CEOs on the new plan. Regent Mullin noted the Board will have a discussion on the new plan at the May meeting. The Committee then reviewed the proposed amendments to the Multiple Year Appointments policy, which is on today's agenda, and reviewed a Conflict of Interest reported by Regent Hutton, which will be on the Board's May agenda for action.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Bangerter moved that the Consent Agenda be approved with the following amendment to the Fund Investment Line-Up Changes in the Board's Mandatory Retirement Plan: in the TIAA line-up, the recommendation is to close the CREF Money Market R3 not the Vanguard Mid Cap Index Admin Fund. Regent Van Etten seconded, and the motion carried.

Academic Affairs

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN PLASTICS TECHNOLOGY AT
PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY

Pittsburg State University received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Plastics Technology. This program will consist entirely of courses that are already being offered as part of the University's Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology in Plastics degree, so the University is utilizing existing faculty. Tuition and fees will fund the operating costs and faculty and staff salaries.

Retirement

FUND INVESTMENT LINE-UP CHANGES IN THE BOARD'S MANDATORY
RETIREMENT PLAN

The Retirement Plan Committee's recommendations on the fund line-up changes in the Board's Mandatory Retirement Plan were approved as amended. The following changes were adopted:

TIAA

- Add PGIM Total Return Bond R6 Fund (PTRQX) as a Core Plus Bond Fund to provide participants with access to high yield and emerging debt plus sectors.
- Add Pear Tree Polaris Foreign Value Small Cap R6 Fund (QUSRX) as a Small Cap Foreign Equity Fund for diversification benefits.
- Add Vanguard Mid Cap Index Adm Fund (VIMAX) as a Mid Cap Blend Index Fund to offer a low-cost option other than an active Mid Cap fund.
- Close the CREF Money Market R3 due to the difference in the duration of the underlying portfolio, stable value funds generally yield approximately 1.00% more annually over the market cycle relative to money market funds.

Voya

- Add Fidelity U.S. Bond Index Fund (FXNAX) as a Core bond index fund – as a low-cost alternative to the Core Plus – PIMCO Total Return Fund for which the expense ratio jumped by 42 basis points after the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority issued new guidance.
- Replace the PIMCO Real Return with the American Funds Inflation Linked Bond R6 (RILFX).
- Add Vanguard Total International Stock Index – Adm. (VTIAX) as a Foreign Equity Index Fund as a low-cost alternative to the three actively managed foreign and global funds.

These changes will be effective July 8, 2019.

Technical Education Authority

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Neosho County Community College received approval to offer a Technical Certificate B (30 credit hours) in Electrical Technology (CIP 46.0302). The estimated cost of the program is \$15,671, which will be funded with tuition and the College's general funds.

Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology received approval to offer a Technical Certificate C (46 credit hour) and an Associate of Applied Science degree (61 credit hours) in Alternative Fuel Vehicle Maintenance & Advanced Electronics (CIP 47.0614). The estimated cost of the program is \$122,600, which will be funded with tuition and the institution's general fund.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

AMEND AGENDA

Regent Hutton moved to amend the agenda to remove the proposed policy on Occupancy Leases on State-Owned Property and place it on the Fiscal Affairs and Audit agenda for further discussion. Regent Schmidt seconded, and the motion carried.

Academic Affairs

AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPEDITED PROGRAM APPROVAL PROCESS POLICY

Jean Redeker, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the proposed amendments to the Expedited Program Approval Process policy. The amendments include adding criteria for justification to tailor criteria to those programs that are in need of expedited approval due to unforeseen, immediate circumstances; were directly requested by a corporate, industrial or public entity; and were expedited for approval at the campus level. Regent Van Etten moved to approve, and Regent Schmidt seconded. The motion carried. The following amendments were adopted:

CHAPTER II: GOVERNANCE¹ – STATE UNIVERSITIES

A ACADEMIC AFFAIRS (see Chapter III., Section A. for additional academic affairs policies applicable to state universities)

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7 NEW ACADEMIC UNITS AND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

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f. Expedited Approval Process for a New Program

This Expedited Approval Process is designed to allow state universities to respond quickly to distinct opportunities to meet workforce, economic or other special needs.

i. Request for Approval

¹ See Chapter I., Section A.3. for definition of Governance.

To request approval to offer a program under the Expedited Approval Process, a state university shall enter the proposed program into the Program Inventory Database and submit a “Statement of Intent” to the Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Statement of Intent shall be limited to two pages and shall:

(1) Justify the need for expedited implementation by demonstrating that the program:

(a) is in need of expedited approval due to unforeseen, immediate circumstances;

~~(b)~~ (b) has a direct and immediate impact on meeting workforce, economic, or other special needs; ~~and/or has been directly requested by~~

(c) is being developed by a state university at the direct request of a corporate, industrial or public entity;

~~(b)~~ (d) is distinct within the state university sector or, if not distinct, that duplication is appropriate; ~~and~~

~~(e)~~ (e) meets all the requirements of Board policy on off-campus delivery of academic courses and programs; and

(f) was expedited for approval at the campus level.

(2) Describe the proposed program, including:

(a) an overview of the program ~~and curriculum;~~

(b) the title of program, responsible department(s), degree(s) to be offered, anticipated date of implementation, and CIP code, and location(s) of this program;

(c) ~~anticipated date of implementation,~~ an overview of the curriculum; and

(d) any new required faculty and/or resources and how those will be funded.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs will review the “Statement of Intent” and, if approved, shall forward the Statement to the Council of Chief Academic Officers and Council of Presidents. The Councils shall have fourteen calendar days to review and comment on the proposed program.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall review the proposed program and any comments received, and provide a recommendation to the Board President and Chief Executive Officer for final consideration.

ii. Annual Reports

By December of each year following a program's implementation, state universities with programs approved using the expedited approval process shall provide the Vice President for Academic Affairs an annual update on the program. The update shall include:

- (1) a brief description of program's progress, including program enrollment; and
- (2) a description of any problems and/or barriers to success; and
- (3) plans for and progress of changes and developments to the program.

This report shall be provided until a final decision is made on program continuation.

iii. Final Recommendation

~~Five~~ Four years after the program's implementation, the university shall provide the Vice President for Academic Affairs a report on its progress and recommend that it either be placed in the regular program array or be discontinued. The report shall include information on:

- (1) number of Faculty;
- (2) number of Majors;
- (3) number of students on schedule to graduate in six years;
- (4) resources expended; and
- (5) whether the program is meeting workforce and/or economic needs.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall review the ~~information provided~~ final report, and provide a recommendation to continue or discontinue to the Board President and Chief Executive Officer. If continued, the program shall be placed in the university's regular program review cycle for reporting to the Board.

PROGRAM REVIEW REPORT

Vice President Redeker reported the state universities are required to review approved programs at least once every eight years to ensure academic quality. The following criteria are used in reviewing academic programs: 1) centrality of the program to fulfilling the mission and role of the institution; 2) quality of the program as assessed by the strengths, productivity and qualifications of the faculty; 3) quality of the program as assessed by its curriculum and impact on students; 4) demonstrated student need and employer demand for the program; 5) service the program provides to the discipline, the university and beyond; and 6) cost-effectiveness. For the academic year 2017-2018 program review cycle, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas, the University of Kansas Medical Center and Wichita State University reviewed a total of 102 academic programs at various academic levels. As a result, six programs were identified to be discontinued. Vice President Redeker also noted that while the Board policy requires the universities to review programs at least

once every eight years, the universities have internal review processes that monitors program quality on an on-going basis that allow the universities to identify and address any issues before the eight-year cycle is complete.

Dr. Redeker also reported the program review process is separate from the Strategic Program Alignment Review policy the Board approved last year. Through Strategic Program Alignment, the Board directs a state university to review a certain number of programs and make a recommendation as to whether the programs should continue, merge, discontinue, or be monitored for further evaluation. The University of Kansas and Wichita State University are currently piloting the process and will present a report to the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee in May. Vice President Redeker noted the main difference between the two policies is the Board takes the final action on the programs moving through the Strategic Program Alignment process, while the universities make the decisions on the programs in the program review process. The Board discussed whether the criteria in the Program Review policy needs to be updated, and Regent Mullin asked the university CEOs to review and make recommendations on whether there need to be any changes.

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS FOR FY 2021 AND FIVE-YEAR PLANS – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (FIRST READ)

Nelda Henning, Director of Facilities, presented the proposed Capital Improvement Requests for FY 2021 and Five-Year Plans for the state universities. She noted that staff is recommending approval of the following: 1) all projects funded by non-state funds as submitted, 2) university system request for spending authority for Rehabilitation & Repair projects from the Educational Building Fund, and 3) individual building/infrastructure projects for state appropriations in FY 2021 that are listed in Table 2. The Board will act on the recommendations at the May meeting.

(Tables 1 and 2 filed with Official Minutes)

EMERGENCY REPAIRS TO SELF-OSWALD HALL – KU

Director Henning presented the University of Kansas's request for emergency repairs to Self-Oswald Hall. Director Henning stated the heating and cooling system in the building is failing because there was a design and installation problem with the fittings and aluminum piping including the pipe insulation. After evaluation by the project's design team, contractor, and a third-party engineer, it was concluded the only solution is to replace the fittings and aluminum piping, which will need to be done over the summer in order to have the building ready for the fall semester. The estimated cost of the repair project is \$5,422,298. The Board discussed the issue and it was noted the University's General Counsel Office is working with outside counsel to pursue appropriate legal actions to recover costs, but until those costs are recovered, the University will use restricted fee funds of the Housing Department to fund the project. Regent Bangerter moved to approve, and Regent Thomas seconded. The motion carried.

Governance

AMENDMENTS TO MULTIPLE YEAR APPOINTMENTS POLICY

General Counsel Julene Miller presented the proposed amendments to the Annual and Multiple Year Appointments policy. The amendments would require the university CEOs to seek the Board Chair’s and Board President and CEO’s approval before extending an existing multiple year appointment to athletic directors or head coaches under specific circumstances that are listed in the policy. General Counsel Miller noted the Governance Committee also recommended amending the policy to make it apply to any Division 1 athletic director regardless of his or her monetary compensation. Regent Bangerter moved to approve the policy as amended by the Governance Committee. Regent Feuerborn seconded, and the motion carried. The following policy amendments were adopted:

CHAPTER II: GOVERNANCE – STATE UNIVERSITIES

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C CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, FACULTY AND STAFF

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2 APPOINTMENTS

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b Faculty and Staff

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vi Annual and Multiple Year Appointments

(1) Except as provided in this section, all appointments of unclassified non-tenure track and non-tenured personnel shall be annual. Every appointment of more than one year shall be subject, on an annual basis, to appropriations being provided by the Kansas Legislature.

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(5) Athletics

(a) Any athletic director or coach of a division I state university may hold a multiple year appointment when the chief executive officer of the university determines such appointment to be in the best interest of the university.

(b) Any athletic director or coach of a division II state university may hold a multiple year appointment when the chief executive officer of the university determines such appointment to be in the best interest of the university; however no such appointment shall exceed three years at any given time.

(c) Salary for individuals holding multiple year appointments under this subsection (5) shall be determined each year by availability of funds and

by merit. The salary of any division II athletic director or coach shall not exceed the monetary salary of the university chief executive officer.

(d) Prior to offering a multiple year extension of an existing contract to (i) a Division 1 athletic director or (ii) any athletic director or a head coach under subsection (5)(a) or (5)(b) that will likely result in monetary compensation in excess of \$500,000 per year, the university chief executive officer shall request the approval of the Board Chair, or designee, and the Board President and Chief Executive Officer, or designee, when determining whether a multiple year appointment under the given circumstances is in the best interest of the university.

Other Matters

NAME OF BUILDING – KSU

President Myers requested authorization to name Kansas State University's Multicultural Student Center after Jim Bob Morris. Regent Bangerter moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried. The building will be named: Morris Family Multicultural Student Center.

AMENDMENTS TO UNIVERSITY MISSION STATEMENT – KU

Chancellor Girod presented amendments to the University of Kansas's Mission Statement. The amendments update terminology and changes the total AAU membership from 58 to 62. Regent Feuerborn moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried. The following amendments were approved:

Preamble to the University of Kansas Institutional Mission

The University of Kansas is a major comprehensive research and teaching university that serves as a center for learning, scholarship and creative endeavor. The University of Kansas is the only ~~Kansas Regents~~ state university in Kansas to hold membership in the prestigious Association of American Universities (AAU), a select group of 62 ~~fifty-eight~~ public and private research universities that represent excellence in graduate and professional education and the highest achievements in research internationally.

University of Kansas Institutional Mission Lawrence Campus

Instruction. The University is committed to offering the highest quality undergraduate, professional and graduate programs comparable to the best obtainable anywhere in the nation. As the AAU research university of the state, the University of Kansas offers a broad array of advanced graduate study programs and fulfills its mission through faculty, academic and research programs of international distinction, and outstanding libraries, teaching museums and information technology. These resources enrich the undergraduate experience and are essential for graduate level education and for research.

Research. The University attains high levels of research productivity and recognizes that faculty are part of a network of scholars and academicians that shape a discipline as well as teach it. Research and teaching, as practiced at the University of Kansas, are mutually reinforcing with scholarly inquiry underlying and informing the educational experience at undergraduate, professional and graduate levels.

Service. The University first serves Kansas, then the nation, and the world through research, teaching, and the preservation and dissemination of knowledge. The University provides service to the State of Kansas through its state and federally-funded research centers. KU's academic programs, arts facilities, and public programs provide cultural enrichment opportunities for the larger community. Educational, research and service programs are offered throughout the state, ~~including the main campus in Lawrence, the KU health-related degree programs and services in Kansas City and Wichita, as well as the Regents Center and other sites in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Topeka and Parsons.~~

International Dimension. The University is dedicated to preparing its students for lives of learning and for the challenges educated citizens will encounter in an increasingly complex and diverse global community. Over 100 programs of international study and cooperative research are available for KU students and faculty at sites throughout the world. The University offers teaching and research that draw upon and contribute to the most advanced developments throughout the United States and the rest of the world. At the same time, KU's extensive international ties support economic development in Kansas.

Values. The University is committed to excellence. It fosters a multicultural, inclusive environment in which the dignity and rights of the individual are respected. Intellectual diversity, integrity and disciplined inquiry in the search for knowledge are of paramount importance.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, presented a legislative update. The Legislature reached first adjournment on April 5 and will return to the Statehouse for veto session on May 1. He reported the Budget Conference Committee agreed to add \$7.5 million on top of the Governor's recommendation of \$8.9 million, which will bring the total increase to \$16.4 million for the higher education base. He noted the Senate plans to look at an additional \$33 million during Omnibus. Additionally, Director Casey reported the legislation to remove the sunset from the Technical Education Authority and the legislation to authorize the Board office to purchase cybersecurity insurance were both approved and sent to the Governor for signature.

UPDATE ON WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

President Flanders reported the Board approved conducting a closed, committee-led search for the next president of Wichita State University. The next steps in the process are for the Board to appoint a committee chair and committee members, approve a committee charge, and hire a search firm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 4:30 p.m., Regent Bangerter moved, followed by the second of Regent Feuerborn, to recess into executive session in the Discovery Room for 90 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The subject of this executive session was a routine university CEO evaluation and the purpose was to protect the privacy of the individual Board employees involved. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Flanders, President Scott (for a portion), and Chancellor Girod (for a portion). At 6:00 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Dennis Mullin, Chair