

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

April 20, 2022

The April 20, 2022, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Cheryl Harrison-Lee at 12:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Ballroom located in the Memorial Union on the Fort Hays State University campus, 700 College Drive, Hays, Kansas. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Chair
- Jon Rolph, Vice Chair
- Bill Feuerborn
- Mark Hutton
- Carl Ice
- Shelly Kiblinger
- Cynthia Lane
- Allen Schmidt
- Wint Winter

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:30 p.m., Regent Rolph moved, followed by the second of Regent Schmidt, to recess into executive session in conference room 121 in the Applied Tech Building for 60 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. The subject of this executive session was to prepare for university CEO evaluations 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 (for a portion), and General Counsel Julene Miller. The motion carried. At 1:30 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 1:30 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 1:45 p.m. in the Ballroom located in the Memorial Union.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Rolph moved that the minutes of the March 16-17, 2022 regular meeting and the March 30, 2022 special meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Hutton, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Muma announced that Dr. Shirley Lefever was appointed as Wichita State University's new Executive Vice President and Provost. Dr. Lefever has served as Interim Executive Vice President and Provost since fall 2020, and prior to that, she was dean of the College of Education. President Muma also shared that Deborah Bardo, former first lady of Wichita State University, passed away. She was married to WSU's 13th president, the late Dr. John Bardo.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Harrison-Lee reported that last week former K-State President Jon Wefald passed away. She stated that he was a remarkable leader, and that the Board is deeply saddened by his loss. She noted that Dr. Wefald served as president from July 1986 to June 2009. His 23 years at the helm of K-State made him the second longest serving president in the University's history. During his tenure he oversaw a significant increase in K-State's enrollment, growing the University from 15,500 students to more than 23,000. That was accompanied by outstanding student success including 125 K-State students claiming prestigious national scholarship awards during his presidency. President Wefald worked diligently to increase private giving to the University, growing it by more than ten-fold during his presidency. His commitment to expanding the research enterprise and establishing K-State University as a national leader in food safety and security programs played a huge role in the selection of Manhattan as the site for the National Bio and Agro-Defense facility during his presidency. Chair Harrison-Lee also highlighted that in 2010, the Board named him President Emeritus of K-State in recognition of his many accomplishments and long service to the University. She extended the Board's condolences to President Wefald's family and asked for a moment of silence to honor his memory.

Chair Harrison-Lee then reported that at the beginning of April several Regents attended President Scott's retirement celebration at Pittsburg State. She stated it was a wonderful day that honored President Scott for all his accomplishments during his 13 years as President. Later in the month, the Board also held a special meeting at Pittsburg State to appoint Dr. Daniel Shipp as the next President. Chair Harrison-Lee stated that the Board looks forward to working with him in the future. Chair Harrison-Lee reported that in March, four members of the Retirement Plan Committee including herself and three Board staff members traveled to TIAA's headquarters in Charlotte for a site visit. The group met with TIAA's Chief Executive Officer and several members of the TIAA team assigned to the Board's Retirement Plan. The Board's financial consultants, Advanced Capital Group, also attended. She noted the conversations were informative and productive. The group also toured TIAA's cybersecurity operations center, discussed a new financial solution for Plan participants that default into the Plan, and investment options for lifetime income. Chair Harrison-Lee stated the Committee will use this information to guide its decision making. Chair Harrison-Lee reported that on Monday President Flanders and she attended an economic development event in Manhattan. During this event, it was announced that a new \$650 million biomanufacturing plant will be built and will employ more than 500 people. Chair Harrison-Lee thanked President Linton and his team for their work to help bring this company to the region, which advances Pillar III: Economic Prosperity in the Board's strategic plan, *Building a Future*. Additionally, Chair Harrison-Lee announced that President Farley will be retiring from Washburn University at the end of September. Dr. Farley has served as president for 25 years. On behalf of the Board, Chair Harrison-Lee congratulated him for his years of service and wished him well on his retirement.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Flanders thanked Governor Kelly for signing the budget bill and the Legislature for their support of the higher education system. He noted the Board's economic development plan for Kansas is working with the support of the Governor and Legislature. President Flanders reported

that last week Regent Lane, Regent Winter and he attended the Kansas Association for Native American Education (KANAE) meeting at the University of Kansas. He noted that several of the college of education deans also attended. President Flanders stated that the KANAE is a professional organization of advocates for Native American, First Nations, and/or Indigenous students across the State of Kansas. He noted that Kansas sits upon the Indigenous lands of several Native nations and is currently the home of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska. During this meeting, they discussed the teacher education programs and President Flanders stated there will be follow up discussions and possible recommendations for the higher education system to consider.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Janet Stramel presented the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents report. She welcomed everyone to Fort Hays State University and also thanked the Governor and Legislature for supporting the higher education system's budget request this year. At their meeting today, the Council discussed the rpk Group's work on the restructuring of the Board's program review process. The Council looks forward to working with rpk and plan to submit a list of faculty representatives who can assist with its work. Additionally, the Council asked the Board to clarify with the public and media the differences between merit-based pay and cost of living adjustments. The faculty would like to see an annual cost of living increase.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mark Faber presented the Students' Advisory Committee report. The Committee welcomed many of the newly elected student body presidents. He noted that the University of Kansas is the only institution that has not finalized its elections but believes that will occur soon. At their meeting today, the group discussed the details of their student fee presentation, which will be presented in May.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Kiblinger reported that during the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee meeting, Board staff presented the 2021 Apply Kansas Annual report. Apply Kansas is an annual statewide campaign in which high schools conduct events to help seniors apply to college with their peers and with help, guidance and a cheering squad from school staff, local community supporters, and post-secondary volunteers. Regent Kiblinger stated it has been a successful initiative that has grown over the years with more high schools participating, which has resulted in more student applications. The Committee also received updates on the Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council and the direct support professional initiative.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Hutton reported that the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee received a presentation from Mike Lowry of AGH on Pittsburg State University's external management review. The audit found no issues, but the firm did make two minor recommendations for documentation. The Committee then reviewed the three Johnson County Education Research Triangle budgets for FY 2023. K-State Olathe presented their enrollments of students seeking

academic credit. KSU has the only personal financial planning program in the state, and they have great interest from the financial services industry to deliver both academic and non-credit programs to serve demand. The KU Edwards campus and the KU Center for Clinical Research also presented their budgets to the Committee. KU Medical Center anticipates hearing a decision on their comprehensive designation from National Cancer Institute this summer. All three campuses are benefitting from greater sales tax revenues in recent months. The Committee also reviewed the Board agenda items related to Fiscal Affairs and received an update on the Student Health Center Task Force, which is currently reviewing the data submitted by the centers, student survey results and conducting six student focus groups.

GOVERNANCE

Regent Harrison-Lee reported that the Governance Committee reviewed proposed policies to establish best practices and required security processes for international travel, restricted party screening of export transactions, and how best to host visitors on campuses. A proposed policy amendment to change the makeup of the membership of the Retirement Plan Committee was also reviewed. All these policies will be forwarded to the Board for consideration at a future meeting. Board staff then provided an update on the system's communication and advocacy plan, and the Committee had its annual executive session to discuss FY 2023 individual CEO compensation adjustments.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Academic Affairs

BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ADVERTISING AND PUBLIC RELATIONS – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Science in Advertising and Public Relations (09.0900). This program will total 120 semester credit hours. The estimated cost of the program for the first three years is as follows: year one - \$805,336, year two - \$745,336, and year three - \$745,336. Student tuition/state funds and student fees will finance the program.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CYBERSECURITY – KSU

Kansas State University received authorization to offer a Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity (11.1003). This program will total 120 semester credit hours and will be taught in a hybrid format. The estimated cost of the program for the first three years is as follows: year one - \$63,070, year two - \$77,082, and year three - \$75,973. Student tuition/state funds and student fees will finance the program.

BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION IN BUSINESS STUDIES – PSU

Approval was given to Pittsburg State University to offer a Bachelor of Business Administration in Business Studies (52.0101). This program will total 120 semester credit hours. The estimated cost of the program for the first three years is

as follows: year one - \$106,500, year two - \$209,500, and year three - \$312,500. Student tuition/state funds will finance the program.

ACCREDITATION FOR GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN HEALTH INFORMATICS – KUMC

The University of Kansas Medical Center received approval to seek accreditation for its Graduate Certificate in Health Informatics (HI) from the Commission on Accreditation for Health Informatics and Health Information Management Education (CAHIIM). CAHIIM is just beginning to pilot accreditation for HI certificate programs, so this is the first opportunity the institution has had to request accreditation. Consequently, CAHIIM has agreed to waive the up-front costs associated with the accreditation process. However, it is anticipated there will be an annual renewal fee of \$500.

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

PROPERTY TRANSFER TO PSU FOUNDATION – PSU

Pittsburg State University received authorization to transfer the below property to the Pittsburg State University Foundation for the purpose of selling the property. The transfer is only to occur once the Foundation successfully contracts with a buyer for the property and the proceeds will be used to support the Biology Department.

Legal description of property (note that legal description will be updated, if necessary, after completion of survey):

All that part of Lots Three (3) and Four (4) in Playter's Subdivision of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section Thirty-one (31), Township Thirty (30), Range Twenty-five (25), bounded and described as: -- Beginning at a point in the East line of Lot Three (3), One Hundred Sixty-one and fifty-eight hundredths (161.58) feet South of the Northeast Comer of said Lot Three (3), and running thence North in the Eastline of said Lots Three (3) and Four (4), to a point Six Hundred (600) feet South of the Northeast comer of said Lot Four (4), thence Westerly parallel with the North line of said Lot, Two Hundred Twenty-five (225) feet, more or less, to the East line of tract described in and conveyed by Quit Claim Deed from James B. Smith and Lucy A. Smith, his wife, to Crawford County, Kansas, recorded in Book 81 at Page 489 of the Deed records of Crawford County, Kansas, and which said tract is now known as South College Street, thence South on East line of said tract or street to a point Westerly, South eighty-nine (89) degrees eighteen (18) minutes West of a point One Hundred Sixth-one and fifty-eight hundredths (161.58) feet South of the Northeast comer of said Lot Three (3), and thence North eighty-nine (89) degrees eighteen (18) minutes East, Two Hundred Eighteen and seventy-five hundredths (218.75) feet, more or less, to the place of beginning, Crawford County, Kansas

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY – PSU

Pittsburg State University received approval to finalize the sale of a lot south of campus on the corner of Ford and Joplin streets (legal description below) to the Chi Chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma Housing Corporation for \$189,000. The sorority intends to build a new sorority house on the property. The University has the right to re-purchase the property should the sorority house not be completed. Proceeds from the sale will be deposited in the University's Parking Fund. The Legislature included language permitting the sale in Section 174 of 2022 House Substitute for Senate Bill 267, which was signed by the Governor on April 20, 2022.

Legal Description of Property:

A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 30 SOUTH, RANGE 25 EAST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, CRAWFORD COUNTY, KANSAS, FURTHER DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 1, HILLSIDE ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PITTSBURG; THENCE N89°48'57"W ON THE SOUTH LINE OF FORD AVENUE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE S00°31'41"W A DISTANCE OF 173.88 FEET; THENCE N89°50'36"W TO THE EAST LINE OF JOPLIN AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 129.87 FEET; THENCE N00°32'40"E ON SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 167.91 FEET; THENCE N52°36'07"E ON SAID EAST LINE TO THE SOUTH LINE OF FORD AVENUE A DISTANCE OF 9.90 FEET; THENCE S89°48'57"E ON SAID SOUTH LINE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING A DISTANCE OF 122.02 FEET. TRACT 2 CONTAINS 0.52 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST AND APPROVE PROGRAM STATEMENT – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to amend its FY 2023 Capital Improvement Plan to include the West Seaton Hall second floor renovation project. The estimated cost of the project is \$4.5 million and will be funded with private gifts. The program statement for this project was also approved.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE KANSAS COMPREHENSIVE GRANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The following individuals were appointed to the Kansas Comprehensive Grant Advisory Committee:

- Vanessa Flipsie – Director of Financial Aid at Fort Hays State University
- Andy Fogel – Director of Financial Aid at Washburn University
- Robert Gamez – Director of Student Financial Assistance at Kansas State University
- Brenda Hicks – Director of Financial Aid at Southwestern College
- Matt Lindsey – President of the Kansas Independent College Association

*Technical Education Authority*DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COWLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Barton County Community College received approval to offer a Technical Certificate A (17 credit hours), a Technical Certificate B (38 credit hours), and an Associate of Applied Science degree (64 credit hours) in Welding Technology (48.0508). The College plans to begin offering the program in the fall of 2022. The estimated initial cost of the program is \$312,068. All startup costs will be funded through a JIIST Grant (and matching funds), student fees, and the general funds of the College. Program costs beyond year one will be funded through institution general funds, and student tuition/fees.

Cowley County Community College received approval to offer a Technical Certificate A (18 credit hours), Technical Certificate B (34 credit hours), Technical Certificate C (50 credit hours), and an Associate of Applied Science degree (65 credit hours) in Precision Agriculture (01.0301). The College plans to begin offering the program in the fall of 2022. The estimated initial cost of the program is \$76,500. All startup costs associated with the program will be funded through institutional general funds. Program costs beyond year one will be funded through grants and donations, and institution general funds.

EXCEL IN CTE FEES FOR PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND COWLEY COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The Excel in Career Technical Education fees for the below programs were approved:

- Barton County Community College: Welding Technology for a total of \$300. Fees are for tools and personal protective equipment (welding helmet and jacket).
- Cowley County Community College: Precision Agriculture for a total of \$1,603. Fees are for textbooks and an industry certification.

PROMISE ACT PROGRAMS SUBMITTED BY BARTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The below program was approved to become Promise Eligible program:

- Barton County Community College: Welding Technology, which falls under the Advanced Manufacturing and Building Trades category specified in the Kansas Promise Scholarship Act.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Academic AffairsPROGRAM REVIEW REPORT

Daniel Archer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported the state universities are required to review Board approved programs at least once every eight years to ensure academic quality. This current review process has been in place since 1997. Dr. Archer stated that at the February Board meeting the Board expressed a desire to reconstruct the academic program review process to increase efficiency and effectiveness at the state universities and asked rpk Group to conduct an academic portfolio review and establish an academic resource utilization framework. That work has begun, and the Board will get the results in the fall.

Under the current program review process, the following criteria are used: 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 2020-2021 program review cycle, Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, the University of Kansas Medical Center, and Wichita State University reviewed a total of 107 academic degree programs at various academic levels. Dr. Archer noted that the University of Kansas had no programs to review for this cycle. As a result, two programs are recommended for additional review: 1) ESU's BA/BS/BSE in Physics; and 2) WSU's BA in Women's Studies. Four programs from PSU are recommended for enhancement: 1) BSET in Construction Engineering Technology; 2) BGS in General Studies; 3) BIS in Integrated Studies; and 4) BST in Construction Management. Two were recommended to merge, including K-State's BA/BS in Ethnic Studies and the BA/BS Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies. PSU merged the BA in Music with the BM in Music, although per program review practice, the two have already been counted as one undergraduate degree program. The remaining programs are all recommended to continue.

Dr. Archer noted that for the 14 programs institutions had identified for additional review in previous review years, all but one are recommended to continue under the "additional review" category for another year. Fort Hays State University recommends discontinuing the MS in Communication.

The Board discussed the rpk Group's work. It was noted that the first meeting of the steering committee occurred earlier this month and that many of the Regents participated in this meeting. To keep the Board informed of rpk's work, President Flanders recommended having a monthly report to the Board. The Board discussed whether the Regents should continue to be involved with the steering committee's work or if the Board should only receive monthly updates. Some Regents believe it is important for the Board to be more engaged in this process and did not feel that a monthly update was enough. Other Regents concurred that it is important to keep the Board informed but did not want their presence at the steering committee meetings to hinder the process. Following discussion, Regent Lane moved to assign the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee to actively participate in the rpk Group review process and have the Board receive monthly updates on the progress. Regent Winter seconded. Regent Rolph noted that the work of

rpk will continue into the fall and that the membership of BAASC will change at the start of the fiscal year. He recommended assigning specific Regents to this initiative, so they stay consistent through the process. Regent Lane concurred and withdrew her motion. She also noted that she wants the Regents to be able to provide input, support, and urgency without being cumbersome to the committee. Regent Ice concurred that it would be helpful to identify specific Regents because he did not believe it was helpful to the committee to have most of the Regents participating in the last committee meeting. He also stated it will be difficult to assign specific Regents because most of the Board members are interested in this process. Regent Winter stated that it is important for any Regent who wants to be involved to have that opportunity but believes that the Regents should be listening to the committee discussions and not controlling the conversation. He then moved to assign the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee (BAASC) to actively monitor the rpk Group's review process and participate when necessary. Regent Winter also moved that the Board should receive monthly updates on the progress of this initiative and that any Regent who is not assigned to BAASC be allowed to attend the committee meetings to hear the conversations. Regent Kiblinger seconded, and the motion carried.

Regent Hutton commented that the Board continues to approve new programs during a time when the universities' enrollments are stagnant and that the current program review report did not result in any programs being discontinued. He understands the need to add new programs to keep up with changes in the workforce but at the same time he also believes there are programs that should be eliminated. Regent Hutton noted that he is looking forward to seeing the results of the new program review framework, which he hopes will address this issue. Regent Winter asked to receive data that shows how many programs have been eliminated over the past several years.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT TASK FORCE

At the February 2022 meeting, the Board approved the following recommendations for the Kansas Department of Education's Graduation Requirement Task Force to consider implementing: 1) requiring four units of math, 2) requiring the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), 3) requiring a computer science course, and 4) expanding concurrent enrollment participation. Vice President Archer stated that after several conversations with Regent Kiblinger and Regent Lane, additional recommendations were identified for the Board's consideration.

The first recommendation is to propose requiring four units of English. Dr. Archer stated that developing and honing writing skills is a critical component for both college and career readiness. He also noted that higher education faculty have highlighted that some recent high school graduates lack foundational writing skills that are needed to succeed in early collegiate level coursework. The second recommendation is for the higher education system to collaborate with the K-12 system on ways to build computer science learning experiences for high school students. Dr. Archer stated that it is understood that many high schools are unable to offer a computer science course because existing faculty lack the requisite content knowledge in this area. To solve this issue, the two systems can work together on ways to encourage high school teachers to acquire the requisite knowledge and skills needed to teach such a high school course, and/or higher

education faculty members can be assigned to teach the computer science course at the high school site. The final recommendation is to identify ways to utilize the Individual Plan of Study to include post-secondary education academic advising.

Regent Hutton agreed with the additional recommendations and stated that he believes the Kansas Board of Regents needs to adopt a formal statement that highlights the urgency for improving student preparedness out of high school. He presented a Resolution that contains the recommendations along with additional data that shows the earning potential of individuals who have a credential beyond high school and the decline of college readiness as measured by ACT benchmarks. Regent Schmidt stated he appreciated all the work to draft the Resolution but requested additional time to review it and recommended tabling this item until the May meeting. Regent Hutton stated that time is a factor because the Board of Education's Graduation Requirement Task Force will be presenting its recommendations to the State Board of Education at its May meeting. Regent Kiblinger stated that everything listed in the Resolution is based on data and aligns with what the Advantage Kansas Coordinating Council has been discussing. She concurs with Regent Hutton that the Regents need to make a strong statement that articulates what skills high school students will need to be successful in the higher education system. Regent Lane stated that the Task Force has been receptive to receiving feedback from the Regents, and she believes as the leaders of the higher education system, the Regents have the responsibility to communicate what skills are needed to be successful in higher education. Regent Lane moved to approve the Resolution, and Regent Hutton seconded with one amendment to the last bullet to include technical colleges, which will read: "The Board recommends that high schools partner with the Kansas Board of Regents, universities, community colleges and technical colleges to identify ways to utilize the Individual Plan of Study to include postsecondary education academic advising and FAFSA support." Regent Lance accepted the amendment into her motion. Regent Schmidt requested additional time to review the Resolution. Following discussion, Chair Harrison-Lee decided that the Board would take a break to allow Regents the time to review and present proposed amendments to staff. Regent Lane withdrew her motion with the understanding that the Board would act on this item today. Chair Harrison-Lee amended the agenda to make this item number five under Other Matters.

BREAK

Chair Harrison-Lee called for a break at 2:37 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:49 p.m.

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS FOR FY 2024 AND FIVE-YEAR PLANS – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (FIRST READ)

Chad Bristow, Director of Facilities, presented the proposed Capital Improvement Requests for FY 2024 and Five-Year Plans for the state universities. This year there is a systemwide total of 107 projects included in the FY 2024 plans and 53 of those are new to the list. Director Bristow noted that the majority of the new projects are related to the Board's Facilities Renewal Initiative. He then stated that staff is recommending approval of the following: 1) All projects funded by non-state funds as submitted; and 2) the university system request for spending authority from the Educational Building Fund (EBF) for planning, construction, renovation, rehabilitation, repair, and

razing of mission critical university facilities and infrastructure. The Board will act on the recommendations at the May meeting.

(Tables 1 filed with Official Minutes)

FACILITY GUIDELINES – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM (FIRST READ)

Director Bristow stated that after the Board adopted the new university facilities policy section, Board staff began working with university staff and the consultants to develop the University Facility Guidelines. The purpose for the Guidelines is to support the implementation of the Board's Facilities Capital Renewal Initiative by defining minimum requirements for processes, procedures, and reporting. Director Bristow reviewed the structure of the Guidelines that includes the following chapters: 1) Campus Planning, 2) Space Management, 3) Facilities and Infrastructure Maintenance, 4) Data Management, 5) Reporting and Accountability, and 6) Appendix. Director Bristow reported that Board staff is currently in the process of developing a facilities dashboard that will display the Facilities Capital Renewal Initiative progress metrics on the Board's website. He noted that once the dashboard has been finalized, it will be updated annually. He also reported that the Board will receive the state university facilities report annually in December. Regent Hutton thanked the Board staff and university staff for all their work on this initiative and believes the dashboard will be valuable during the legislative process. President Flanders noted that the implementation of the Board's Facilities Capital Renewal Initiative helped secure state funding this year because it showed a clear path forward on how to address the deferred maintenance backlog on the campuses.

Governance

CEO PRESENTATIONS ON THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION INITIATIVE – FHSU AND WSU

President Mason presented information on how Fort Hays State University implemented the Board's Freedom of Expression Initiative. Fort Hays State used three guiding principles through this process – enhance, elevate, and embed. President Mason stated that in recent history the University has not had any of the type of issues with campus protests or campus speaker controversies that other universities have encountered. Fort Hays saw this initiative to review its policies and procedures around freedom of expression as a chance to be proactive and went beyond the minimum requirements set by the Board. President Mason reported that this initiative was elevated to the cabinet and shared governance levels, which allowed representatives from Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Student Government Association to work with the Office of the General Counsel on reviewing and updating policies. The University also developed additional roll-out strategies to further embed the Freedom of Expression principles into the campus culture. President Mason noted it is more prominent on the University's website and stated that Fort Hays is currently developing a page dedicated solely to Freedom of Expression. The principles will be included in new student orientation materials and in curriculum. President Mason discussed the policies that the University reviewed and noted that this project allowed the campus to bring greater clarity and focus to the principles of the Freedom of Expression.

President Muma reported that Wichita State University has had a dedicated webpage on Freedom of Express since the spring of 2021. In the past the campus has had incidents involving Freedom

of Expression matters through which the university realized that many people do not understand the First Amendment or the principles of Freedom of Expression. To help inform the campus community, WSU created an educational video that explains the elements of the First Amendment and how it applies to WSU. President Muma played the video and noted that it is shown at new student orientation. Regarding the Board's Statement on Free Expression, President Muma reported that it is linked to the University's website, embedded in new student materials using a QR code, and linked to a variety of student resource webpages. Like Fort Hays, WSU reviewed and updated, when necessary, all its policies and procedures related to Freedom of Expression. President Muma reported that WSU is starting a new lecture series next week that will focus on Freedom of Expression. The series will provide a platform for people with different opinions and beliefs to come together to have a civil debate. President Muma stated that the University continues to communicate the importance of free expression and noted that the students adopted a Student Bill of Rights that lays out freedom of expression rights and implements protections for student's rights.

(PowerPoints filed with Officials Minutes)

Other Matters

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, reported that the Legislature passed a budget before first adjournment on April 1 and will return to the Statehouse on April 25 for veto session. He reviewed the higher education budgetary items, listed below, that were included in the final budget, which was signed by the Governor today.

- \$25 million of the \$45.7 million for the state universities was deferred to veto session
- \$19 million was added to the Kansas Comprehensive Grant, which will have a matching component
- \$35 million was appropriated to the Board's Capital Renewal Initiative, which will have a matching component.
- \$10 million for Public University Building Demolition
- \$20 million for IT infrastructure
- \$1.5 million to Washburn University for programs
- \$2.5 million to Excel in CTE
- \$25.5 to fund the gap in the two year cost model
- \$1 million added to the National Guard Scholarship
- \$24 million included for merit base pay increases
- \$500,000 to Fort Hays State University for a Cybersecurity program
- \$7 million per year for five years to Wichita State University for an aircraft conversion program, which includes a match
- \$3.1 million to the Teacher Service Scholarship

Director Casey noted that the Legislature formed a working group to review the cost model and is developing a three-year plan to fully recenter the model. He also stated that when the Legislature returns for veto session, the Government Relations Officers will focus on securing the additional \$25 million for the state universities. It was also noted that there is a tuition freeze requirement

attached to the Governor's recommendation of \$45.7 million and that freeze is included in the budgetary language. Regent Hutton thanked the Government Relations Officers, Board staff, and the university CEOs for all their work at the Statehouse this year. He clarified that the \$35 million for the Board's Capital Renewal Initiative is one-time funding and believes the Board and the universities need to start working with legislators to make this a reoccurring appropriation. He then moved to approve beginning this process, and Regent Schmidt seconded. The motion carried.

UPDATE ON THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS WORK

Vice President Archer stated that in the fall of 2021 the six state universities and Cowley County Community College began working with Georgia State's National Institute for Student Success (NISS). The project has involved an in-depth, team-based diagnostic process including surveys, data inquiries, and interviews between NISS specialists and institutional representatives. Dr. Archer noted the end work product will be a customized playbook for each institution that will identify gaps and highlight strategies and practices that can be employed to facilitate student success. He noted that NISS will present its findings and a summary of the playbook recommendations to the Board during the May meeting. Dr. Archer also stated that five additional institutions have expressed interest in participating in a second NISS cohort (Washburn University, Hutchinson Community College, Coffeyville Community College, Colby Community College, and Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology).

AMEND AGENDA

Chair Harrison-Lee amended the agenda to remove the next item – "Discuss Next Steps on How to Use the Enrollment Data." This will give the Board more time to consider the proposed recommendations to the Graduation Requirement Task Force.

NAME A BUILDING – KSU

President Linton requested that the new Olympic Training Center, which will be constructed on the Kansas State University Athletics Complex, be named in honor of Jim Bob Morris and his family. President Linton stated the construction on the \$20 million facility will be completed in June 2023. Regent Ice moved to approve, and Regent Hutton seconded. The motion carried. The Center will be named the Morris Family Olympic Training Center.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GRADUATION REQUIREMENT TASK FORCE

President Flanders reviewed the proposed amendments to the Resolution that contains the Board's recommendations for the Board of Education's Graduation Requirement Task Force. The Regents discussed the importance of using strong language to express the need to better prepare students for education beyond high school and the workforce. The data shows that individuals who graduate with a credential beyond high school earn higher salaries, and it was noted that in order to grow the state's economy, Kansas will need a more educated workforce. Furthermore, it was highlighted that the data from ACT shows that college preparedness of high school graduates has declined over the past six years along with the Kansas college going rate. Regent Schmidt requested that the ACT data be cited as a footnote in the Resolution so that the Task Force knows the source. Following discussion, the following amendments were made to the Resolution: 1) in paragraph one, the words "a proven" replaced "the best" (the new sentence reads "WHEREAS, data shows that education beyond high school provides a proven path to increased earnings for

Kansas families”); 2) in paragraph five, a citation footnote will be added to identify the ACT data source; and 3) in paragraph six, the phrase “attending education beyond high school” was added (the sentence reads “WHEREAS, the Kansas public college going rate has decreased by 10 percentage points in a decade, which has resulted in fewer students overall attending education beyond high school and a higher percentage of postsecondary students who require developmental education, which is costly and puts students on a slower and more challenging path to earning their postsecondary credential”). Regent Lane moved to approve the Resolution as amended and noted that it contains the following recommendations for the Graduation Requirement Task Force to consider: 1) four units of math; 2) four units of English; 3) completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid; 4) that high schools work with community colleges and KBOR to aggressively expand concurrent enrollment program participation; 5) that high school students take a computer science course; and 6) that high schools partner with the Kansas Board of Regents, universities, community colleges and technical colleges to identify ways to utilize the Individual Plan of Study to include postsecondary education academic advising and FAFSA support. Regent Rolph seconded. President Flanders noted that Board staff will make sure that all three sectors of higher education are cited when appropriate. The motion carried.

(Resolution filed with Official Minutes)

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Hutton stated that during his Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee report he should have included a statement on how impactful the Johnson County Educational Research Triangle has been for the last 25 years. The sales tax collected has helped fund specific initiatives at the University of Kansas Edwards Campus, Kansas State University Olathe Campus, and the University of Kansas Medical Center. Regent Hutton stated that it has been a great partnership.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Harrison-Lee adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Cheryl Harrison-Lee, Chair