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## **BOARD SELECTS EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIR**

### *Regent Janice DeBauge of Emporia Selected to Lead Search Process*

(TOPEKA) – Today the Board of Regents appointed Regent Janice DeBauge of Emporia to chair the committee responsible for conducting the search for the next president of Emporia State University (ESU).

“Janice will do a tremendous job,” said Donna Shank, Chair of the Board of Regents. “Janice’s previous presidential search experience, her tenure on the Board, as well as her ties to the Emporia community, makes her the obvious choice to lead this important process.”

An Emporia resident and business owner, DeBauge was first appointed to the Board in 1999 by Governor Bill Graves. Governor Kathleen Sebelius appointed DeBauge to a second term in 2003, and she served as the Board’s Chair from 2003-2004.

“I’m honored to take on this very important responsibility,” said DeBauge. “This decision will not only have a significant impact on ESU but also on the Emporia community and the state’s higher education system as whole. It’s of the utmost importance that the search committee employs an open, inclusive, and thorough approach, to seek out top-notch talent from across the nation, to find a leader who will serve ESU for years to come.”

DeBauge will lead a search committee comprised of individuals representing ESU constituencies such as faculty, staff, alumni/foundation, students, the Board of Regents, and the Emporia community.

On January 25, after eight and a half years of service, ESU’s president, Kay Schallenkamp, announced her intention to return to her home state of South Dakota near the end of the current fiscal year (June 30) to become the President of Black Hills State University.

“The Board certainly appreciates President Schallenkamp’s service and dedication to ESU, the community of Emporia, and the state of Kansas over the past eight and a half years,” said DeBauge. “We wish Kay the best as she returns to her home state. We are saddened to see her go but certainly congratulate her on this new opportunity and wish her great success in her new position.”

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