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BOARD OF REGENTS APPROVES STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION RATES

State Universities Continue To Provide Kansans with an Exceptional Educational Value

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents established the tuition rates for the six state universities for the upcoming 2006-2007 academic year. The enhancements approved today represent the final year of a five-year tuition enhancement program that began with the 2002-2003 academic year. The purpose of the five-year plan was to maintain and improve the high quality of education at the state's universities. However, even after five years of enhancements, tuition in Kansas remains considerably lower than the national and regional averages.

“The Board of Regents is always reluctant to enhance tuition rates,” said Nelson Galle, Chair of the Board of Regents. “We certainly recognize the heavy financial burden hard-working students and their families must bear as students pursue the education that is vital for their own, and this state's, future. Unfortunately, tuition enhancements are necessary if we are to maintain the high quality of education that Kansans deserve and demand.”

In May the Board received tuition proposals from the six state universities that were developed through participation and input from a variety of campus constituent groups.

“Students have been actively and meaningfully involved in the tuition-setting process, and that level of student engagement and buy-in has been critically important as we have considered these tuition proposals,” Galle added. “It is clear that students want continued access to excellence.”

“A state university education in Kansas is a great buy, and tuition remains a reasonable bargain in Kansas,” said Regent Dick Bond. “Tuition rates have risen rapidly across the nation but tuition rates at Kansas universities continue to provide Kansans with an exceptional educational value, particularly when compared to neighboring states. State universities in Kansas truly are best buys.”

A recent study conducted by the Board of Regents compared the tuition and fee rates of Kansas' six state universities to similar-sized institutions in neighboring states for the recently concluded 2005-2006 academic year. The results of the survey demonstrate that tuition and fee rates in Kansas are considerably lower than the regional averages. Resident tuition and fees at Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, and Wichita State University, the state's three

research universities, are 11% below the regional average, while resident tuition and fees at Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, and Pittsburg State University, the state's three regional universities, are 32% below the regional average. For example, it costs a Missouri resident over \$2,000 more annually to attend a state university than a Kansan pays to attend a state university.

"These tuition enhancements have not emerged in a vacuum," said Christine Downey-Schmidt, Vice-Chair of the Board of Regents. "Today's difficult fiscal realities are driving the need, and universities have been forced to do more with less, especially in light of continued enrollment increases."

The state's contribution to university operating budgets fell from 48% to 29% between Fiscal Year 1991 and Fiscal Year 2005, and two universities now receive less than 25% of their overall funding from the state.

Significant utility cost increases have also added to the fiscal pressure. Over the past three years, while electric consumption has decreased by as much as 9% on some state university campuses, electric rates have increased by as much as 26%. Over the same time period, while natural gas consumption has decreased by as much as 15% on some campuses, natural gas rates have increased by as much as 78%. Significant utility rate increases are also expected for Fiscal Year 2007.

The six state universities also face an increasingly dangerous building maintenance backlog of nearly \$600 million that continues to grow. If this problem, which has serious life-safety issues, is not fully addressed, today's deferred maintenance backlog will grow to nearly \$800 million by Fiscal Year 2014.

"The six state universities have moved aggressively to cut costs, achieve efficiencies, and broaden their funding base to respond to enrollment increases and the reduced share of state funding," Downey-Schmidt added. "Tuition enhancements are necessary to preserve the quality of these institutions and the students they produce for Kansas."

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six public universities and a supervising and coordinating board for nineteen community colleges, ten technical institutions, and a municipal university.

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See attached chart for the approved 2006-2007 academic year tuition rates.

**STATE UNIVERSITY TUITION AND FEE RATES APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS, JUNE 22, 2006
(INCLUDES REQUIRED STUDENT FEES*)**

APPROVED FY 2007 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES FOR FULLTIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, PER SEMESTER							
	KU Lawrence	KSU	KSU-Salina	WSU	ESU	PSU	FHSU
Resident Undergraduate							
FY 2006 Tuition and Fees	\$2,706.50	\$2,562.00	\$2,455.80	\$2,115.50	\$1,653.00	\$1,781.00	\$1,526.25
FY 2007 Approved Tuition and Fees	\$3,076.25	\$2,889.50	\$2,867.10	\$2,258.00	\$1,793.00	\$1,895.00	\$1,596.00
Approved \$ Increase	\$369.75	\$327.50	\$411.30	\$142.50	\$140.00	\$114.00	\$69.75
Approved % Increase	13.7%	12.8%	16.7%	6.7%	8.5%	6.4%	4.6%
Non-resident Undergraduate							
FY 2006 Tuition and Fees	\$6,932.75	\$7,227.00	\$7,120.80	\$5,842.25	\$5,329.00	\$5,222.00	\$4,787.55
FY 2007 Approved Tuition and Fees	\$7,561.25	\$7,757.00	\$7,734.60	\$5,931.50	\$5,469.00	\$5,560.00	\$5,019.00
Approved \$ Increase	\$628.50	\$530.00	\$613.80	\$89.25	\$140.00	\$338.00	\$231.45
Approved % Increase	9.1%	7.3%	8.6%	1.5%	2.6%	6.5%	4.8%

APPROVED FY 2007 TUITION AND REQUIRED FEES FOR FULLTIME GRADUATE STUDENTS, PER SEMESTER								
	KU Lawrence	KU-Med. School	KSU	KSU-Vet. School	WSU	ESU	PSU	FHSU
Resident Graduate								
FY 2006 Tuition and Fees	\$2,723.90	\$9,668.20	\$2,862.00	\$5,082.00	\$2,284.40	\$1,918.00	\$2,015.00	\$1,686.84
FY 2007 Approved Tuition and Fees	\$3,044.60	\$10,823.20	\$3,176.00	\$5,604.50	\$2,439.80	\$2,081.00	\$2,144.00	\$1,765.80
Approved \$ Increase	\$320.70	\$1,155.00	\$314.00	\$522.50	\$155.40	\$163.00	\$129.00	\$78.96
Approved % Increase	11.8%	11.9%	11.0%	10.3%	6.8%	8.5%	6.4%	4.7%
Non-resident Graduate								
FY 2006 Tuition and Fees	\$6,294.50	\$17,545.90	\$6,690.00	\$12,657.00	\$6,208.40	\$5,398.00	\$4,953.00	\$4,453.20
FY 2007 Approved Tuition and Fees	\$6,830.00	\$19,026.40	\$7,148.00	\$13,329.50	\$6,638.60	\$5,561.00	\$5,273.00	\$4,669.20
Approved \$ Increase	\$535.50	\$1,480.50	\$458.00	\$672.50	\$430.20	\$163.00	\$320.00	\$216.00
Approved % Increase	8.5%	8.4%	6.8%	5.3%	6.9%	3.0%	6.5%	4.9%

*The amounts above include tuition and campus privilege fees required of all students.

Tuition rates for fulltime undergraduate students are based upon 15 credit hours.

Tuition rates for fulltime graduate students are based upon 12 credit hours, except medical students.