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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 2007-2008 academic year. The newly-established tuition and fee rates range from a 5.1% increase at Fort Hays State University to a 9.5% increase at Emporia State University. In addition, the Board unanimously approved a new proposal by the University of Kansas to establish a “Four-Year Tuition Compact” in which tuition rates for first-time freshman are locked-in for a four-year period.

“We certainly recognize the heavy financial burden hard-working students and their families must bear as students pursue a higher education. Unfortunately, tuition enhancements are necessary if our institutions are to maintain the high quality of education that Kansans deserve and demand,” said Christine Downey-Schmidt, the newly-elected Chair of the Board of Regents. “Today’s difficult fiscal challenges played a large role in our tuition decision. State funding per university student continues to decline, campus utility costs continue to increase, and student expectations for increased educational quality all contribute to necessary cost enhancements. However, innovative cost-containment proposals such as KU’s tuition compact are certainly refreshing, and I’m anxious to see how students benefit from this plan in the coming years.”

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

“Students have been actively and meaningfully involved in the campus tuition-setting process, and that level of student engagement and buy-in has been critically important as we have considered these proposals,” said Nelson Galle, the out-going Chair of the Board of Regents. “In addition, while fiscal pressures have forced tuition rates to rapidly increase across the nation, it’s important to note that a state university education in Kansas remains a great buy when compared to neighboring states. Tuition rates at our state’s universities continue to provide Kansans with an exceptional educational value.”

A recent survey conducted by the Kansas Board of Regents compared the tuition and fee rates of Kansas’ six state universities to similar institutions in neighboring states for the recently concluded 2006-2007 academic year. The results of the survey demonstrate that tuition rates in

Kansas are considerably lower than the rates in neighboring states. Kansans who attend Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, or Wichita State University, the state's three research institutions, pay \$831 or 15% less than residents in neighboring states to attend similar institutions each year. Kansans who attend Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, or Pittsburg State University, the state's three regional institutions, pay \$818 or 23% less than residents in neighboring states to attend similar institutions each year.

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

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Please see the attached tables for the approved 2007-2008 academic year tuition rates.

