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KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

A SEAMLESS AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF LEARNING...

JUNE 2004

MAY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Discussed FY2006 unified budget.
- Received Academic Program Review and Accreditation Report.
- Received 2005 university tuition proposals.
- Approved FY2006 capital improvement requests.
- Approved Bioscience Authority Board of Directors appointments.
- Received annual campus reports from Emporia State University and Fort Hays State University.

BOARD MEMBERS AND PRESIDENT:

Janice DeBauge (Chair)	<i>Emporia</i>
Richard "Dick" Bond (Vice Chair)	<i>Overland Park</i>
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Deryl Wynn	<i>Kansas City</i>
Reginald Robinson (President & CEO)	<i>Topeka</i>

Southeast Kansas Institutions Partner With Harley-Davidson

Fort Scott Community College (FSCC) and Pittsburg State University (PSU) officially broke ground on April 24 for the new Harley-Davidson Motorcycle Technician Training and Professional Development facility in Frontenac – the first exclusive Harley-Davidson motorcycle technician and professional development program in the nation.

At FSCC, students will have the opportunity to earn a certificate and an associate of applied science degree in Motorcycle Service Technology. Students can then transfer into a four-year bachelor of applied science degree program at PSU. FSCC and PSU's Kansas Technology Center have partnered to make this new program a success.



Lt. Governor John Moore, center, Harley-Davidson Vice President Steve Phillips, immediate left, State Senator Jim Barone, second from right, along with other dignitaries, break ground on the new home of FSCC's Harley-Davidson training center (C. Cottrell / Pittsburg Morning Sun).

The collaborative efforts of FSCC, PSU, the City of Frontenac, Harley-Davidson and local and state officials were instrumental in making this program a reality.

Governor Approves Higher Education Bills

Governor Kathleen Sebelius approved House Bill 2145, a bill providing in-state tuition for certain undocumented immigrants, on May 20. The Senate approved this legislation on May 3 by a 25-15 vote, and the House approved it on May 4 by a 68-54 vote.

The Governor also approved House Bill 2937, a comprehensive higher education-related bill, on June 4. This legislation, among other things, provides a compulsory school attendance exemption, enacts the "Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Institutions Act," defers the Fiscal Year 2005 buy-down of community college and Washburn University out-district tuition, amends the distribution dates of postsecondary aid for technical schools, and clarifies the powers and duties of technical college governing boards. The Senate approved this legislation on May 27 by a 36-0 vote, and the House approved it the same day by a 112-1 vote.

House Bill 2937 replaced House Bill 2795, identical legislation that previously passed both chambers and was approved by the Governor but contained a drafting error which invalidated the bill. Senate President Dave Kerr (R-Hutchinson), House Speaker Doug Mays (R-Topeka) and Governor Sebelius were instrumental in re-enacting this important legislation on the final day of the 2004 legislative session.

Both pieces of legislation automatically become law July 1.

Board Awards Leadership Grants

In May the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) awarded three grants intended to encourage, expand and improve workforce education and economic development in Kansas. Butler County Community College, Manhattan Area Technical College and Wichita Area Technical College were selected from 30 eligible Kansas community colleges, technical colleges and technical schools.

Butler County Community College was awarded \$47,719 to fund “Increasing Student Access to Technical/Vocational Programs” – an innovative approach in the use of web-based curriculum in the areas of auto body, auto technology, manufacturing technology and welding. Students will have the opportunity to master the art of welding using both computer-based and traditional lab-based instruction, which in turn will increase student access to high skill/high wage careers in Kansas.

Manhattan Area Technical College was awarded \$29,800 to expand the “Health Exploration Alignment Ladder” – a project designed to provide students with the opportunity to explore health care career options in an attempt to address the current shortage of health caregivers in the region.

Wichita Area Technical College was awarded \$40,000 to “designing, develop and deploy a statewide technical education curriculum.” This project will produce a common curriculum and course-numbering system with comparable program lengths for similar technical programs. This change will assist students as they compare statewide technical education programs or transfer from one institution to another as well as improve technical education programs.

These leadership grants are awarded annually by KBOR and are made possible by the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998, a federal program that was established to assist with improving student achievement as well as preparing students for learning through educational reform, innovations and continuous improvement in career and technical education.

Kansas Universities Rated “Best Buys”

A recent survey conducted by the Board of Regents compared the tuition rates of the six Kansas universities to institutions in other states for the 2003-2004 academic year. The results of the survey illustrate that tuition rates in Kansas are considerably lower than the national average.

Kansas State University, the University of Kansas and Wichita State University, all members of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC), averaged \$3,889 for resident and \$11,496 for non-resident tuition and fees while the NASULGC national average, derived from 163 member institutions, was \$4,990 for resident and \$13,793 for non-resident tuition and fees.

Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University and Pittsburg State University, all members of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), averaged \$2,782 for resident and \$8,644 for non-resident tuition and fees while the AASCU national average, derived from 310 member institutions, was \$4,182 for resident and \$10,933 for non-resident tuition and fees.

% BELOW THE NATIONAL AVERAGE		
	Resident Tuition & Fees	Non-Resident Tuition & Fees
KSU KU WSU	-28%	-20%
ESU FHSU PSU	-50%	-26%

Board Approves Bioscience Authority Members

On May 20 the Kansas Board of Regents unanimously approved the appointments of University of Kansas Chancellor Robert Hemenway and Kansas State University President Jon Wefald to the Kansas Bioscience Authority Board of Directors.

The Kansas Bioscience Authority was created by the Kansas Economic Growth Act – introduced by Senator Nick Jordan (R-Shawnee) and Representative Kenny Wilk (R-Lansing) and signed into law by Governor Kathleen Sebelius during the 2004 legislative session. An eleven-member board, including two non-voting members who are appointed by the Kansas Board of Regents, governs the Authority.

The Kansas Bioscience Authority will work with Kansas universities to bring eminent scholars to Kansas. These scholars will be recognized nationally for their research and will garner significant funding annually from federal research sources. The Authority will also work to obtain additional funding that is necessary for the construction and ongoing maintenance of bioscience research facilities at Kansas universities – one of the most significant challenges in the current efforts to bring top-notch faculty and increased research funding to Kansas institutions.

GOVERNOR KATHLEEN SEBELIUS

GUEST COLUMNIST



Education At All Levels Must Be Our Top Priority

State government has no more important responsibility than maintaining quality public schools and universities.

Providing Kansas children with a world-class K-12 education is essential if we are to maintain the kind of workforce we must have to compete for jobs in the knowledge economy. And strong universities not only offer bright young Kansans opportunities to continue their educations in our state, they also attract research dollars, which are critical to the growth and diversification of the Kansas economy.

Robert Hemenway, the chancellor of the University of Kansas, stressed the connection between K-12 and higher education in testimony delivered to the Senate Ways and Means Committee in February.

In endorsing my budget, the chancellor said: “Overall, the Governor’s budget underscores the central value of education in Kansas, from kindergarten through graduate and professional degrees. We believe strongly, and we think Kansans believe, too, that whatever helps education at one level helps education at all levels.”

Though the Legislature failed to approve the additional \$300 million investment I called for in K-12 education, it endorsed my proposal to fully fund the Kansas Higher Education Coordination Act. It also passed the Kansas Economic Growth Act, which has among its component parts an initiative to make Kansas – and Kansas universities – world leaders in biosciences research and commercialization.

I intentionally separated my K-12 and Regents recommendations because I did not want to make higher education funding dependent on a tax increase. I thought that strategy would improve our chances of at long last keeping a promise made in 1999 to Regents universities, community colleges, Washburn University and area vocational-technical schools.

When the Higher Education Coordination Act was passed, the Legislature committed to providing post secondary institutions additional funding of approximately \$69.6 million over four years. Slightly more than \$43 million was provided in fiscal years 2001 and 2002 before state revenues posted their steepest decline since the Great Depression. That historic downturn prevented the Legislature from funding the initiative for two successive fiscal years.

In my fiscal year 2005 budget – which takes effect on July 1 of this year – I proposed funding the remaining \$26.6 million over three years, starting with an appropriation of approximately \$8.9 million. That passage of that legislation, coupled with the approval of my proposal to provide all state workers a 3 percent cost of living raise, allowed many post-secondary institutions to significantly enhance the salaries of key professors, instructors, and support personnel.

We must continue to make higher education funding a priority so that Kansas universities, community colleges, and area vocational-technical schools – which time and again are cited as among the best education values in America – can continue to keep pace with their peer institutions.

It is my job as Governor to set priorities for the state. The intense competition for limited tax dollars makes that job difficult.

Still, there can be no doubt that education must be our top priority. Simply put, for our state to prosper, we must build and maintain a strong educational system at all levels.

For as long as I’m privileged to serve as Governor of this great state, building and maintaining that system will be my primary mission.

BOARD OF REGENTS' SYSTEM:

Governed Institutions:

Emporia State University
 Fort Hays State University
 Kansas State University
 Pittsburg State University
 University of Kansas
 Wichita State University

Coordinated Institutions:

Washburn University
 Allen County Community College
 Barton County Community College
 Butler County Community College
 Cloud County Community College
 Coffeyville Community College
 Colby Community College
 Cowley County Community College
 Dodge City Community College
 Fort Scott Community College
 Garden City Community College
 Highland Community College
 Hutchinson Community College
 Independence Community College
 Johnson County Community College
 Kansas City Kansas Community College
 Labette Community College
 Neosho County Community College
 Pratt Community College
 Seward County Community College
 Flint Hills Technical College
 Kansas City Kansas Area Technical School
 Kaw Area Technical School
 Manhattan Area Technical College
 North Central Kansas Technical College
 Northeast Kansas Technical College
 Northwest Kansas Technical College
 Salina Area Technical School
 Southwest Kansas Technical College
 Wichita Area Technical College

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*REGENTS' PROFILE***JANICE B. DEBAUGE**

Governor Bill Graves appointed Janice DeBauge, the current Chair of the Board of Regents, to the Board in 1999. Governor Kathleen Sebelius reappointed DeBauge to a second term in 2003, and DeBauge will continue to serve Kansas as a Board member through June 2007.

A fifth-generation Kansan, DeBauge was born and raised in Pratt. She attended Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance.

After college, DeBauge began teaching in Richardson, Texas as a music specialist for children with learning and mental disabilities. She later moved to Fort Smith, Arkansas and, while maintaining a private piano and vocal studio, pursued a professional career as a lyric soprano and performed for twenty years with symphony orchestras in Arkansas, New York City, North Carolina and Oklahoma. These included the American Symphony Orchestra, Oklahoma City Orchestra, Arkansas Symphony and Northwest Arkansas Symphony. She also performed with various regional orchestras, chamber groups and regional opera theatres including the Arkansas Opera and Tulsa Opera companies. DeBauge toured France, Italy and the United States with a variety of these groups. She also served as the Director of Music at the First Presbyterian Church of Fort Smith where she conducted a series of concerts with chamber orchestras in an endowed program.

As the Founder and President of the Fort Smith Chorale in 1980, she has enjoyed its continued success through successful appearances at the American Choral Directors Convention as well as numerous other venues across the country.

DeBauge returned to Kansas in 1990 when she married Paul DeBauge and settled in Emporia. She quickly became active in the community and served on the Emporia State University President's Club, Music Advisory Board and Beach Music Hall Renovation Fund Drive. DeBauge has also been an active member of the Emporia Arts Council and the Kansas Statehouse Restoration Foundation Board. She continues to serve as an adjudicator for the National Guild of Piano Teachers and is a member of the First Methodist Church where she often provides the service music.

Janice DeBauge and her husband own two beverage distribution companies that operate in 22 eastern Kansas counties. Paul has three grown children and Janice has two grown sons. Janice enjoys gardening, reading, entertaining and traveling.

DeBauge is thankful her parents made it possible for her and her brother to be the first in the family to complete college. "As a first-generation college graduate, I truly understand the importance of higher education and what a positive impact it can have on an individual's life," DeBauge said. "As the Board Chair I have enjoyed advocating on behalf of Kansas higher education, and I look forward to continuing my service as a Board Member."