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KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

A SEAMLESS AND EFFICIENT SYSTEM OF LEARNING...

MAY 2004

APRIL BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS:

- Approved a formal resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision.
- Approved allocation of FY2005 Faculty Salary Enhancement funding, Operating Grant funding and Alternative Teacher Certification Program funding.
- Received annual campus reports from Kansas State University and the University of Kansas.

REGENTS MEMBERS:

Janice DeBauge (Chair)	<i>Emporia</i>
Richard "Dick" Bond (Vice Chair)	<i>Overland Park</i>
William R. Docking	<i>Arkansas City</i>
Lewis "Lew" Ferguson	<i>Topeka</i>
Frank Gaines	<i>Hamilton</i>
Nelson Galle	<i>Manhattan</i>
James "Jim" Grier, III	<i>Wichita</i>
Donna L. Shank	<i>Liberal</i>
Deryl Wynn	<i>Kansas City</i>

Kansas Legislature Approves Key Higher Education Bills

Two important pieces of higher education legislation were recently approved by the Kansas Legislature.

House Bill 2145, a bill providing in-state tuition for certain un-documented immigrants, was approved by the Senate on May 3 by a 25-15 vote and by the House on May 4 by a 68-54 vote.

House Bill 2795, 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 March 24 by a 39-1 vote, and the House approved it on April 30 by a 99-25 vote.

Both pieces of legislation must receive Governor Kathleen Sebelius' signature before becoming law.

Regents Tour Kansas City Life Sciences Facilities

On April 7, Board of Regents Members toured the Hogle Brain Imaging Center (HBIC) at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kansas and the Stowers Life Sciences Institute in Kansas City, Missouri. Regents had a unique opportunity to see first-hand the progress being made in the Kansas City area in the field of bioscience research.

HBIC, dedicated in March 2003, is the only facility in the world with both whole-cortex adult and high-density fetal imaging capabilities.

The Stowers Institute, which opened in November 2000, conducts basic research on genes and proteins in living cells in an effort to find the causes, treatment and prevention of disease.

Both facilities will ultimately collaborate with the new Kansas Bioscience Authority.



A Stowers Institute representative, second from left, describes the Institute to, left to right, Regents Wynn, Grier, Ferguson, Gaines and Bond.

Governor Signs Bioscience Legislation

On April 19, Governor Kathleen Sebelius signed Senate Bill 2647, the Kansas Economic Growth Act. The Act, authored by Sen. Nick Jordan, R-Shawnee, and Rep. Kenny Wilk, R-Lansing, contained a number of economic development provisions including the Kansas Bioscience Initiative.

The Initiative, which could help to generate up to 20,000 biosciences jobs by 2015, also creates the Kansas Biosciences Authority, an 11-member board charged with overseeing the State's increased interest in the field of bioscience.

Kansas universities would benefit from the Initiative through the increased recruiting of eminent scholars. These scholars are distinguished and established investigators recognized nationally for their research and would garner significant funding annually from federal research sources. Eminent scholars are noted for their scientific and entrepreneurial spirit to drive the innovative research that leads to economic gains. The Initiative would also provide 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 recruit top-notch faculty to Kansas institutions.



Gov. Sebelius



Sen. Jordan



Rep. Wilk

DID YOU KNOW?

The Kansas higher education community contributes \$5.2 billion annually to the state's economy, more than 6% of Kansas' gross state product.

-Citizens for Higher Education, Inc.

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Board Announces Spring Enrollment Figures

State university enrollment figures released on February 24 by the Kansas Board of Regents showed a system-wide increase of 779 students for a 1% increase for the 2004 spring semester over the 2003 spring semester. The state's six public universities reported a combined enrollment of 82,025 students as of the 20th day of classes.

The total number of Kansas residents enrolled at the state universities decreased by 179 students, bringing the number of resident students to 64,190. The number of non-resident students increased by 958 students, with 17,835 non-resident students enrolled at the state universities.

University	Students	% Change from Spring 2003
Emporia State	5,856	+1.0%
Fort Hays State	7,158	+22.3%
Kansas State	20,490	-0.7%
Pittsburg State	6,064	-2.0%
Univ. of Kansas	27,772	+1.1%
Wichita State	14,685	-4.1%

Board of Regents Approves Brown v. Board Resolution

On April 15, declaring equality of education opportunity fundamental to the future of Kansas, the Board of Regents unanimously approved the following formal resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision:

WHEREAS, May 17, 2004, marks the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's landmark *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka* decision; and

WHEREAS, the *Brown v. Board* decision held that the segregation of schools on the basis of race violates the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, *Brown v. Board* ended the long-standing practice of "separate but equal" as established by the United States Supreme Court's 1898 *Plessy v. Ferguson* decision and held that segregation on the basis of race deprives minority children of equal education opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the *Brown v. Board* decision was the turning point in the desegregation of America and the effort to open wide the doors of opportunity to Americans of all races; and

WHEREAS, the Kansas Board of Regents, as the leader of public higher education in Kansas, reaffirms the United States Supreme Court's decision that "separate but equal" educational facilities are inherently unequal and that "separate but equal" has no place in Kansas' educational system.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE GREAT STATE OF KANSAS:

That on April 14, 2004, the Kansas Board of Regents hereby commemorates the 50th anniversary of the United States Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, and that the Board of Regents embraces the recognition that the achievement of equality of educational opportunity remains fundamental to the future of Kansas.

WHAT IS THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS?

Established in 1925, the Kansas Board of Regents was historically the governing board of the State's six public universities. After the Higher Education Coordination Act (Senate Bill 345) was enacted in 1999, the Board of Regents formed a seamless system of higher education and is now the governing board of the State's six public universities and a supervising and coordinating board for nineteen community colleges, six technical schools, five technical colleges and a municipal university. The Board also interfaces with twenty-three independent or federal institutions in Kansas. In addition, the Board is responsible for administering programs, such as state scholarships, adult basic education, GED Testing, approval of proprietary schools, and federal grants. The Board of Regents was created by Article 6 of the Kansas Constitution and is empowered by the Legislature. The Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, appoints the nine members of the Board of Regents.

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
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*REGENTS' PROFILE***WILLIAM R. DOCKING**

Appointed to the Kansas Board of Regents in 1995, Bill Docking is the longest serving Regents member. Docking served as Chair from 1998 to 2000, and was the last Chair of the pre-Senate Bill 345 (the Higher Education Coordination Act which passed in 1999) Board of Regents and the first Chair of the re-organized Board of Regents.

Born in Lawrence and raised in Arkansas City, Docking moved to Topeka during his high school years when his father, Robert Docking, was elected Governor. Docking attended the University of Kansas (KU) where he received three degrees – a Bachelor of Arts in 1973 and a Masters in Business Administration and Juris Doctorate, both in 1977. After leaving KU in 1977, Docking moved to Merriam where he earned his Certified Public Accountant certification while working for a major accounting firm. In 1983, Docking moved to Arkansas City to join Union State Bank. He still resides in Arkansas City where he serves as the chairman, president and chief executive officer of Union State Bank.

Docking is also the chairman of the board of the City National Bank and Trust Company in Guymon, Oklahoma, the managing member of Docking Development, L.L.C., an oil production company in Oxford, and president of Cowley County Broadcasting, Inc. He is a trustee of the University of Kansas Endowment Association, a member of the Pittsburg State University Centennial Commission, a trustee of the Cowley County Community College Endowment Association, a director of the Kansas Health Foundation, a past president of the Kansas Bankers Association, a former director of the University of Kansas Hospital Authority, and a charter trustee of the Kansas Statehouse Restoration Foundation. Docking's professional memberships include the Kansas and American Bar Associations and the Kansas Society and American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Bill Docking enjoys public service and is active in Arkansas City organizations such as the Salvation Army, Community Health Foundation, Rotary, and the Chamber of Commerce. He is anxious to focus on the long-term potential of Senate Bill 345 once Kansas' higher education system moves past the hurdle of today's state budgetary constraints. "The Higher Education Coordination Act will ultimately transform higher education in Kansas," Docking said. "Once the state's economic condition improves, I look forward to working with the Governor and Legislature to achieve the Act's full potential."

Bill Docking and his wife Judy married in 1995. Bill has a seventeen year-old daughter, Mary Ruth. Judy worked as a labor and delivery nurse for ten years and has two grown children – Jennifer Worley and Jake Olsen.