

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

January 16-17, 2008

The January 16, 2008, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Christine Downey-Schmidt at 1:35 p.m. The meeting was held in Board offices located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Christine Downey-Schmidt, Chairman
Donna Shank, Vice Chairman
Jerry Boettcher
Jill Docking
Dick Hedges
Dan Lykins
Janie Perkins
Gary Sherrer
Bill Thornton

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Perkins moved that the minutes of the December 19 and 20, 2007, meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Thornton, the motion carried.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chairman Downey-Schmidt identified the following commitments since the December meeting. She attended the Orange Bowl game, Board member obligations, and festivities in Florida, the Governor's State-of-the-State Message on Monday evening, and a dinner on Tuesday evening hosted by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact. She also took time to meet with individual legislators the past couple of days.

REPORT FROM OTHER REGENTS

Regent Docking attended the Orange Bowl events. As the Board's representative, she reported on the Kansas Campus Compact, a statewide group that brings together students from all postsecondary institutions, both public and private, for student service in health care, teaching, and emergencies. Regent Docking noted that Kansas State University has taken a leadership role for the organization and she encouraged all institutions to join and support the organization through membership dues and thereby provide civic opportunities for students. President Jackie Vietti also commented on membership in the Kansas Campus Compact, noting that there are currently 13 members, three from state universities, three from private colleges, and seven from community colleges. Dr. Vietti identified some volunteer and fellowship opportunities available through the organization.

Regent Shank attended the Orange Bowl events and noted that the Board's Academic Affairs Committee met with the System Council of Chief Academic Officers earlier in the day regarding Performance Agreements. She was pleased with the discussion.

Regent Lykins attended the Orange Bowl events, and he called attention to the award given to Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University. Dr. Farley received the Chief Executive Leadership award from the Mid-America Region of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE).

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Robinson also attended the recent Orange Bowl events in Florida and he thanked the University of Kansas and particularly Mary Burg for arranging the accommodations for members of the Board and others to attend the event. He also thanked Board members for taking time to interact with legislators the previous day. The Board and Mr. Robinson attended the Governor's State-of-the-State message earlier in the week and now the Board and Board staff can focus on the budget details outlined in the Governor's recommendation. Mr. Robinson provided a handout with information from Eric King regarding environmental sustainability, which is responsive to concerns expressed by Board members at the December meeting. Mr. King has proposed an approach that might be used by Council of Business Officers representatives to review a range of policy modifications that relate to campus facilities. Data from institutions in other states has been collected by Mr. King and Mr. Robinson proposed that the Council of Business Officers address policy issues that would be forwarded to the Council of Presidents and then to the Board for consideration.

Chairman Downey-Schmidt noted that the topic of environmental sustainability surfaced in a meeting the previous day with the Governor.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Shank moved, with the second of Regent Perkins, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Academic Affairs

APPROVAL OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE, TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL REQUESTS FOR CERTIFICATE AND DEGREE PROGRAMS

Approval was given to the following new programs:

Dodge City Community College – Flight Instructor (CIP 49.0108) at both the certificate and the Associate of Applied Science degree (A.A.S.) levels. The degree consists of 71 credits and the certificate consists of 38 credits with a proposed budget of \$99,600, which will be funded through partnerships, donations, tuition, and fees.

Wichita Area Technical College

- Business Office Technology (CIP 52.0408) at the certificate level with three areas of specialization. The certificates consist of 53 credits for Legal Specialist, 55 credits for Medical specialist, and 52 credits for Business Office Specialist. The budget of \$129,000 will be funded through partnerships, tuition and fees.
- Microcomputer Specialist (CIP 11.0301) at the certificate level consisting of 50 credits with a budget of \$124,000 funded through grants, tuition, and fees.
- Accounting (CIP 52.0302) at the certificate level consisting of 49 credits with a budget of \$129,000 funded through grants, tuition and fees.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA*Fiscal Affairs and Audit***REPORT ON GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

Vice President Diane Duffy presented a powerpoint presentation outlining the Governor's budget recommendation for FY 2009, noting that the proposal identifies \$40.9 million in new appropriations from state funds over FY 2008 appropriations for postsecondary education plus an additional \$15 million designated for deferred maintenance projects. Ms. Duffy highlighted the budget process, the Governor's SGF proposal, and the breakdown of the Governor's recommendation by function of state government.

The Governor's budget calls for an operating grant increase of \$35.0 million over the FY 2008 combined base. It includes \$1.0 million from the Expanded Lottery Act Revenue Fund (ELARF) for the KU School of Pharmacy expansion and \$50 million in bonding authority, without committing repayment options for the bonds. The recommendation includes an increase in FY 2009 for the Comprehensive Grant Program, Military Service Scholarships, STEM (Teacher) Service Scholarships, the KSU Veterinary Training Program, start-up funds for the Kansas Academy of Math & Science, and staffing for the Cheyenne Bottoms Educational Center, in addition to the funds for deferred maintenance. In terms of the Governor's initiatives, she included funding for the Wichita Center for Graduate Medical Education, the National Institute for Aviation Research, and National Center for Aviation Training. The Governor included transfers from the State General Fund for the Regents Faculty of Distinction Program, the Regents Research Corp. Debt Service, and the 2007 Postsecondary Educational Institution Long-Term Infrastructure Program. She also recommended funding for the Kan-ed program and a 2.5 percent for all state employees. The Governor's recommendation calls for a decrease in funding for the Technical Education Technology and Equipment Grants.

(PowerPoint Presentation and Table Filed with Official Minutes)

APPLICATIONS FOR LOAN FINANCING FOR FY 2008 – POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION INFRASTRUCTURE FINANCE PROGRAM

Vice President Duffy reported that the 2007 Legislature authorized \$100 million in bonding authority for a Postsecondary Educational Institution Infrastructure Finance Program over a five

year period, specifically \$20 million each year, for loan applications from postsecondary educational institutions with the provision that the Board approve the applications for financing, taking into consideration the need for the project and the institution's financial ability to repay the loan. Principal and interest for the bonds, for a maximum of eight years, will be paid from the State General Fund and institutions will reimburse the state for the principal portion pursuant to loan agreements. An independent review committee evaluated the loan requests totaling \$33.9 million from 14 institutions. Evaluation criteria included whether the project generally aligns with maintenance needs, whether the funds will be for maintenance, etc. for an existing building rather than an addition to a building, and whether the building is used for academic pursuits, as opposed to buildings that are used for auxiliary functions, such as student housing, unions, etc.

Regent Docking moved to approve the applications for financing institutions' infrastructure improvement projects, as recommended by staff, providing staff with authority to make minor adjustments to project scope, as needed, and also to direct staff to enter into loan agreements based on the approved applications and any adjustments that may need to be made for a portfolio of loans totaling \$20 million. Following the second of Regent Lykins, the motion carried. The following institutions were authorized to receive loan funds for infrastructure projects:

Barton County Community College	\$ 1,300,000
Butler County Community College	\$ 2,222,707
Coffeyville Community College	\$ 899,460
Dodge City Community College	\$ 850,000
Highland Community College	\$ 970,000
Hutchinson Community College	\$ 3,979,270
Kansas City Kansas Community College	\$ 2,525,000
Labette Community College	\$ 1,213,900
Manhattan Area Technical College	\$ 412,500
Northwest Kansas Technical College	\$ 338,280
Pratt Community College	\$ 623,883
Seward County Community College	\$ 1,260,000
Washburn University	<u>\$ 3,405,000</u>
TOTAL	\$20,000,000

ALLOTMENT OF CY 2008 TAX CREDITS – POSTSECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION TAX CREDIT PROGRAM

Another component of the Postsecondary Educational Institution Long-Term Infrastructure Maintenance Program in 2007 was authorization for state funded tax credits intended to generate up to \$258 million in private contributions to the state's six universities, Washburn University, the 19 community colleges and five technical colleges. A tax credit methodology of using the adjusted square footage formula for allocation was agreed to by representatives from the state universities, Washburn University, the Board office, and Secretary of Revenue Joan Wagnon.

Regent Boettcher moved that the Board authorize the recommended allotment of tax credits for CY 2008. Following the second of Regent Lykins, the motion carried. The following allotment was authorized for CY 2008:

University of Kansas	\$1,540,566
University of Kansas – Medical Center	588,471
Kansas State University	1,624,381
Wichita State University	553,879
Emporia State University	324,481
Pittsburg State University	370,910
Fort Hays State University	371,220
Washburn University	251,092
TOTAL	\$5,625,000

TUITION PROPOSALS

Regent Perkins reported that the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee discussed FY 2009 tuition proposals from state universities. She asked Vice President Duffy to summarize the discussion. Ms. Duffy reported that Committee members discussed whether there are any expectations for the proposals as each campus is now in the process of gathering information to develop its request for a first reading in May and final action in June. The Committee talked about whether the Board's expectation is for one year or multiple years, i.e. five years, whether there was any type of information that universities should submit to support its request, and whether there were any guidelines that Regents would like to share at this juncture in the process. Regent Perkins noted that the topic will be placed on the February agenda for discussion and for the Board to establish any guidance it deems appropriate.

Discussion followed. Regents noted that the growth of tuition in recent years has outgrown indices such as per capita income. A good tuition base has been established with the recent increases and now might be a time to discuss whether the Board should establish parameters regarding tuition increases. The next 30 days will provide a window for institutions to share specific information to assist Regents in making a determination in February related to whether the Board should establish any guidelines for the development of tuition proposals. A decision in February will enable the institutions to have input from the Board prior to finalizing tuition proposals.

RECESS

Chairman Downey-Schmidt announced a recess at 2:25 p.m. The meeting resumed at 2:45 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

Lana Oleen, both former State Senator and Interim President of the Midwest Higher Exchange Compact, and current MHEC President, Larry Isaac, were introduced. President Isaac reported that he has been visiting with Kansas legislators regarding MHEC and its various activities and programs.

Other Matters

ADDITIONAL 2008 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

The University of Kansas submitted two additional 2008 legislative proposals, which were presented to the Board by Kip Peterson, Director of Government Relations and Communications. Regent Perkins moved, with the second of Regent Boettcher, that the Board include the two

proposals in its 2008 legislative package. The motion carried. The following items were approved:

Raze Building #342 and Garage at Sunflower Research Farm in Johnson County at an estimated cost of \$20,000, which will be funded with University funds. The vacated lot will be returned to pasture/lawn type grass.

Sell Building #64 located at 1043 Indiana Street in Lawrence, Douglas County, Kansas. The proceeds from the sale will be used for deferred maintenance.

REPORT ON TECHNICAL SCHOOL TRANSITION PLANS

President Robinson provided background on transition for technical schools. Senate Bill 7 was requested by the Board in 2003 and passage of that measure directed technical colleges to move to independent governance. The Board adopted a policy requiring those institutions to seek and attain North Central Association Higher Learning Commission accreditation. Northeast Technical College chose not to pursue independent governance and reverted (essentially) to the category of a technical school. The Board then determined that the technical schools should pursue merger or affiliation with a degree-granting partner institution. Legislation approved last year that created the Technical Education Authority also addressed transition for technical schools. While the Board of Regents encouraged the institutions to merge or affiliate with a degree-granting institution, the legislation that passed reserved the option for the technical schools to pursue independent governance. The Board requested the institutions to submit a preliminary plan of action by January 2008. Five institutions are affected: Kaw Area Technical School, Kansas City Kansas Technical School, Northeast Kansas Technical College, Salina Area Technical School, and Southwest Kansas Technical School.

The five institutions complied with the January 2008 reporting deadline of the Board and Mr. Robinson provided the following summary. Kaw and its board have chosen to partner with Washburn University and are working out the details to finalize the merger. Kansas City Kansas Technical School is working with Kansas City Kansas Community College to pursue merger. Northeast Kansas Technical College is working with Highland Community College regarding possible consolidation. Mr. Robinson expressed appreciation to the six named partners for their perseverance in meeting the timelines established by the Board. Mr. Robinson further noted that after in depth consideration of all possible options, Salina Area Technical School chose to pursue independent college status and has submitted a proposed timeline to accomplish that goal. He thanked Kansas State University and Hutchinson Community College for their willingness to assist SATS in its efforts to obtain independent governance and accreditation. Mr. Robinson advised that he participated in a preliminary discussion with Southwest Kansas Technical School in Liberal as it considered merger/affiliation with Seward County Community College early in the process. Since that time, SWKTC communicated that it is considering independent college status and has also considered merger/affiliation with Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. Mr. Robinson volunteered that he is willing to take part in discussions once again with SWKTC to see if affiliation/merger discussions might be ignited again with Seward County Community College, if the Board would like him to do so, or he is willing to communicate with SWKTC to get a clearer indication of its plans for the future.

Questions and comments followed. Concern was expressed about the timeline and support was voiced for encouraging an institution to finalize plans in a timely manner. More information would be helpful, and particularly confirmation of a vote on a decision regarding the SWKTC course of action. Regent Shank requested information on the accreditation and resource requirements and timelines needed for independent status so that she is knowledgeable if asked specific questions. She also requested information regarding service areas for community colleges and technical institutions. Another comment related to the Board's role in the process and the need for the Board to communicate with an institution if its proposed plan is not deemed acceptable and has inadequate documentation. In terms of whether the Board will ultimately approve a finalized transition plan prior to July 1, President Robinson noted that the process has not been clearly articulated. President Dunn reported that his board and the SWKTC board has communicated and negotiated but there are a couple things that have not been resolved. He also noted that the Board of Regents should note any specifics that need to be incorporated prior to any agreement being finalized.

Regent Sherrer moved that the SWKTC parties be notified that the December 29, 2007 letter was not acceptable in terms of meeting the Board's directive for submission of a preliminary plan for merger/affiliation or independent governance; the Board would like more information and is willing to assist them in resubmitting acceptable documentation. With the second of Regent Hedges, the motion carried.

REPORT ON KAN-ED

Brad Williams, Chief Information Officer and Kan-ed Executive Director, updated the Board on the Kan-ed program. Mr. Williams noted that the Kan-ed program is a world class, distance learning and video conferencing network which is a part of the Kansas Board of Regents with a \$10,000,000 budget. Kan-ed members are hospitals, libraries and higher education and K-12 institutions. It leases 100 percent of its circuits and network access points from telecom and ISP providers in Kansas and is a part of Internet2. Over one-half of its budget is used for circuit costs. Kan-ed then receives a 65 percent discount on those leases through the federal E-rate program, for which \$3.6 million E-rate discounts have been received to date.

In providing a historical overview of the program, Mr. Williams called attention to the legislative interest in 2005 to consolidate Kan-ed, KanRen and KanWIN. In 2006, Kan-ed hired a consultant to assess consolidation and found that each network had specific niches, funding and governance were hurdles, and it would not be cost effective to merge the three networks but it would efficient to collaborate more. New network technology became available in late 2007 through Layer 3 that allowed consolidation onto a common framework with more targeted expenditures.

Kan-ed membership has increased to approximately 800 but there is work yet to be accomplished with non-connected members, particularly with libraries. Mr. Williams shared information on the services available to each of the members. Also, he reported that there are 385,000 subscribers to the Kan-ed Empowered Desktop.

Legislative Post Audit recently conducted an audit of the Kan-ed and Mr. Williams shared the findings and Kan-ed's plans to address the areas of concern identified by the audit. He

elaborated on the Internet2 capability and how it will enhance the Kan-ed program in the future. Some of the goals for the future include support of research, education, and government through defined partnerships and collaboration, continued enhancement and leverage of a reliable, seamless network infrastructure for all of its members, increased leverage in partnerships with KanWin and KanREN, and expanded service offerings in areas such as disaster recovery and targeted grant programs for connected members.

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RECESS

Chairman Downey-Schmidt recessed the meeting at 4:05 p.m., to resume the following morning.

RECONVENE

Chairman Downey-Schmidt reconvened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 17, following breakfast with members of the Council of Faculty Senate.

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING: Christine Downey-Schmidt, Chair
Donna Shank, Vice Chair
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Jill Docking
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INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

President Don Beggs recognized the long and distinguished service of Roger Lowe, Wichita State University's Vice President for Administration and Finance. Mr. Lowe is transitioning into phased retirement. President Beggs noted that Mr. Lowe served all five presidents for Wichita State University and the last President of Wichita University, the municipal university designation prior to becoming a part of the state system. Chairman Downey-Schmidt presented Mr. Lowe a certificate for his service to Wichita State University and the higher education system, which he began in 1962.

Dr. Beggs introduced Mary Herrin, WSU's new Vice President for Administration and Finance. Mary has worked with Roger Lowe for 34 years and brings a wealth of experience to the position.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

In the absence of President Lane, Vice President John Schwenn briefed the Board on the Council of Presidents' meeting held the previous day. COPs received a report on the System Council of

Chief Academic Officers' discussion with members of the Board's Academic Affairs Standing Committee regarding Performance Agreements. The Council of Chief Academic Officers' report to COPs included its recommendation that the Tilford Conference continue for one more year at Wichita State University and then determine whether the conference should continue and, if so, whether it should be held on another campus, and whether community college faculty should be invited to participate. COCAO reported first reading of two degree programs, a Doctorate of Bioinformatics at the University of Kansas and a Secondary Major in Biological Engineering at Kansas State University. It was reported at the COCAO meeting that Education Deans will meet in Wichita on Friday, January 18, to discuss the Teacher Education Proposal from Butler Community College to offer teacher certification. COPS took no action and will support the recommendation from the Education Deans.

The Council of Business Officers briefed COPs on its meeting held earlier in the month. COBO discussed insurance-related issues and will revisit the topic in February. COBO is monitoring legislation that was reviewed by a Joint Committee on Information Technology that requires universities to adopt and exclusively employ the fiscal management system of the Department of Administration. COBO recommended that KBOR staff keep in step with the Department of Administration because neither the state university system nor the Department of Administration believe inclusion of the state universities would be efficient or effective. The Council discussed health insurance for an early retirement incentive and was advised by General Counsel Miller that it is legal if it is voluntary and not age-based. Board staff has been asked to develop a proposal for initial consideration by COBO. The Council is reviewing the housing rate adjustment format and possible adjustments to the existing financial impact statement.

The Council of Presidents unanimously congratulated Roger Lowe for his 45 years of service. COPs recommended approval of the Master of Professional Science requested by Fort Hays State University.

Responding to a question, Dr. Schwenn indicated that the Butler Community College preliminary proposal seeks authorization to offer a certification for teacher education. Other nontraditional teacher certification programs have been proposed. For example, the Kansas Association of Superintendents has proposed that school districts be allowed to develop its own certification plan to certify teachers by choosing their preferred tool, such as classes, peer mentoring and workshops, in contrast to those programs offered by university teacher education programs.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Dr. Harvey Foyle thanked members of the Board for hosting a breakfast and discussion earlier in the morning. He noted that COFSP members are supportive of the Board regarding learner outcomes, assessment, accountability, the five questions, and the economic needs of the state of Kansas. However, COFSP added a "gentle" reminder that humanities and liberal arts point to a view of education for the 8 hour work day and beyond, as opposed to education being considered only as training for work. The continuous love of learning and appreciation of music are difficult to measure, and Dr. Foyle noted that universities are charged with a broad scope of work. Universities try to educate students for jobs, as well as educate them for life. In closing,

Dr. Foyle stated again that the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents supports the Board in its endeavors.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Students' Advisory Committee, Courtney George, briefed the Board on the Committee's recent discussion. SAC heard an update on Kansas Corps from Dr. Curt Brungardt, Executive Director, Center for Civic Leadership at Fort Hays State University. Planning committee groups from Kansas Corps are meeting across Kansas and representatives from all of the universities, community colleges and technical institutions have been invited to attend. SAC has changed the date for Higher Education Day from February 5 to February 13. The Committee will support crumbling classrooms, the Governor's budget recommendation, and higher education in general as it sets up displays in the Capitol and schedules legislative meetings. Courtney attended a Midwest Higher Education Compact presentation to the Senate Education Committee and heard a discussion regarding E-transcripts. SAC members discussed the concept and are interested in pursuing being able to attain a transcript for \$2.50; currently the charges vary from \$2 to \$8 at the state universities in Kansas.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Docking moved that the Consent Agenda be approved. Following the second of Regent Shank, the motion carried. The following measures were approved:

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

PSU FOUNDATION APPROVAL TO CONSTRUCT ON STATE PROPERTY

– PSU

Pittsburg State was authorized to proceed with its proposal for a Columbarium on the east side of Timmons Chapel at an estimated cost of \$40,000 or \$715 per niche. The columbarium is a wall of niches constructed to house urns containing cremated ashes of loved ones. The initial cost will be funded by the PSU Foundation and reimbursed through niche sales. The charge for each niche will be \$3,000 and will hold up to two urns. Funds in excess of those needed to underwrite construction (\$2,285 per niche or \$127,960 total) will be placed in an endowment held by the PSU Foundation for perpetual care of the columbarium site.

PROGRAM STATEMENT FOR WILLARD HALL (DM) – KSU

Kansas State University received approval of its program statement for the Willard Hall Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Replacement project. This is the first of several phases to upgrade the basic building systems in the 70 year-old classroom/laboratory building. The estimated cost of this phase is \$5.9 million with a total overall deferred maintenance project cost of \$10.0 million. The project will be funded by a combination of interest earnings and Infrastructure Maintenance Program funding.

PROGRAM STATEMENT FOR APPLGATE ENERGY CENTER (DM) – KUMC

The Program Statement for the Applegate Energy Center Infrastructure and Utility Distribution project at the University of Kansas Medical Center was authorized. The project will be funded with a combination of Infrastructure Maintenance Program Funding and University Interest Earnings Funding totaling \$11,461,000 over fiscal years 2008-2012. The project will be phased to match each year's funding allocation and will replace major components of the central plant system.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Academic Affairs

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC ADVISING SURVEY RESULTS

The Students' Advisory Committee was asked by the Board last spring to survey students on each state university campus to evaluate levels of satisfaction with academic advising. SAC developed a survey instrument and Courtney George presented a summary of the findings. The survey focused on availability and accessibility, assistance, student-advisor relationship, overall satisfaction, and demographics.

Respondents to the survey generally reported satisfaction with current academic advising. Response rates were as follows: ESU – 5.21%, FHSU – 7%, KSU – 18.75%, PSU, 5.8%, WSU 4.4%, and KU 7.12%.

Discussion followed about response rates and possibilities to increase responses for any future survey. It was also noted that the Board receives an advising report annually. One possibility for increasing the number of responses might be to distribute the survey instrument in conjunction with enrollment. Judgment about the student's experience is somewhat limited if the student has nothing to compare his/her experience with. Some universities reported having programs in place to address freshman advising and orientation. It also was noted that the survey does not distinguish between a traditional and non-traditional student. Regents suggested that university administrators review and analyze the information, share it with department heads, have a dialogue with students and consider whether advising is a factor in student retention. The Board expressed appreciation to the Students' Advisory Committee for its efforts.

(PowerPoint of Survey Results Filed with Official Minutes)

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

ALLOCATION OF SGF-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT BOND REPAYMENTS – KU, KUMC, KSU, WSU AND PSU

Vice President Diane Duffy introduced the proposal to modify the distribution of the \$50,000,000 SGF appropriated as a result of the University Research and Development Act of

2002 over a five-year period. The original legislation specified projects at KU, KUMC, KSU, and WSU; a provision authorizing PSU access to available bonding authority was passed in 2005. The proposal has been agreed to by the five affected universities. Regent Docking moved to modify the allocation and direct staff to work with the universities to make any necessary changes. Following the second of Regent Boettcher, the motion carried. The following allocation was approved:

KU- Equipment Life Sciences Center	\$ 2,083,000
KUMC – Bioscience Research Center	26,491,028
KSU- Food Safety & Security Research Facility	16,302,726
WSU – Engineering Complex	4,075,879
PSU – Kansas Polymer Research Center	1,047,368
TOTAL	\$50,000,000

UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION (URDEC) BUILDING/CERTIFICATION THAT BOND PAYMENTS MAY BEGIN – PSU

Regent Hedges moved, followed by the second of Regent Downey-Schmidt, that the Board accept the Pittsburg State University Tyler Research Center and authorize certification to allow State assistance in annual debt service payments, as approved. The motion carried.

Other Matters

UPDATE ON REVIEW OF CAMPUS SECURITY PLANS-CHECKLIST FOR CRISIS MANAGEMENT

General Counsel Julene Miller briefed the Board on the impetus to address campus security and the steps taken to develop a checklist for plans at the state universities. Heightened interest began in April 2007 following a deadly shooting on the campus of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech). She noted that the Board then directed the state university chief executive officers to review their existing campus security plans and urged the other sector institutions to address the issue as well.

As campus officials reviewed plans in place, several institutions acted to install and implement new communication equipment and software that would allow them to send mass mail warnings, either by text messaging, pop-up e-mails, voice mail, or public announcements and were encouraged to use more than one means. All campuses have been reviewing their concealed weapons policy and implementing new concealed carry posting requirements. At its November meeting, members of the Council of Presidents agreed to assess their current campus policies for requiring employee background checks and consider appropriate enhancements to the existing policies.

Following the publication of the Virginia Tech review panel findings in August, the university attorneys began reviewing those recommendations, as well as recommendations made by the National Association of Attorneys General, to ensure that the campus plans addressed the critical areas identified. Ms. Miller reported that the Checklist for Crisis Management was created as a result of that legal review. The list is sufficiently broad to permit usages for a number of different crises.

President Robinson thanked Ms. Miller and the university attorneys for monitoring the issue of security for students and ensuring appropriate action plans are in place. He summarized his understanding of the next steps to address the issue as follows. University administrators should use the Checklist to fine-tune existing plans and report to the Board regarding the finalized plan by sending the information to President Robinson. Mr. Robinson and Board staff will then evaluate the plans to determine if they incorporate the Checklist. Mr. Robinson will then share a summary with the Board, and the Board will make a determination whether more information or changes are needed.

Regent Sherrer moved that the Board hire a professional consultant in this area to review all the university plans and that the report come to the Board to determine how to handle. The motion was seconded by Regent Docking. Discussion followed about getting feedback from the consultant regarding the Checklist prior to the universities finalizing campus plans. The motion carried.

Responding to a question about where we are with background checks, President Robinson reported that a questionnaire has been developed by General Counsel Miller that will be sent to the presidents to complete to determine the varying kinds of background investigations that are being conducted for various kinds of positions on each campus. The presidents will also be asked to share their view. The feedback will be summarized and shared with the Board. There was limited discussion about background checks for students and Vice Chancellor Barbara Atkinson reported that KUMC conducts background checks on students who take care of patients.

(Checklist Filed with Official Minutes)

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Downey-Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO

Christine Downey-Schmidt, Chair