

**KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES**

Special Conference Call Meeting
October 6, 2008

Members Participating: Regent Donna Shank, Chair
 Regent Jill Docking, Vice Chair
 Regent Jerry Boettcher
 Regent Christine Downey-Schmidt
 Regent Dick Hedges
 Regent Dan Lykins
 Regent Janie Perkins
 Regent Gary Sherrer

Member Not Available: Regent Bill Thornton

APPOINT PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Kansas Board of Regents met by telephone conference call at 1:15 p.m. on Monday, October 6, 2008. Proper notice of the meeting was given according to law and a speaker telephone was made available to interested parties. Chairman Shank called the meeting to order.

President Reggie Robinson reported that he had solicited nominations from a variety of Pittsburg State University stakeholders to serve on the PSU Presidential Search Committee. Following receipt of the nominations, Chairman Shank, Vice Chairman Jill Docking, Search Committee Chairman Bill Docking, and Mr. Robinson considered the nominees and their recommendation for Search Committee members was presented to the Board for consideration. Regent Docking moved that the recommended individuals be named to serve on the PSU Presidential Search Committee. Following the second of Regent Boettcher, the motion carried. The following will serve with Search Committee Chairman Bill Docking:

Students

Eddie Penner -- President of PSU's Student Government Association; Former Vice President of Student Government Association; Former Legislative Affairs Director of Student Government Association.

Dana Pugh – President of Honors College Association.

Faculty

Dr. Ananda Jayawardhana – Associate Professor of Mathematics; seasoned PSU faculty member who has served in numerous capacities at the University, including Tilford Diversity Chair, Faculty Senate President-Elect, and Faculty Affairs Committee Chair. Educated outside of PSU and is from Sri Lanka.

Dr. Mark L. Johnson – Professor, Technology Management, College of Technology, who has served at PSU for 26 years, both as Student Government Association President and now as Faculty Senate President. Hold three degrees from PSU (from two colleges), and a doctorate from Arkansas.

Dr. Barbara McClaskey – Professor, Nursing; has been recognized as an Outstanding Faculty Member and has led student trips to Peru. She is known on campus as an effective leader and student advocate.

Dr. Tim Thomas

PSU-KNEA President; Professor, Mechanical Engineering Technology.

Classified Staff

Tracey Mussa – President, PSU’s Classified Senate; Administrative Specialist, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, College of Education.

Alumni

Joe Levens, Jr. – Past President, PSU Alumni Association; Vice President, Martin K. Eby Construction Co., Inc., Wichita, KS.

Beccy Yocham – President, PSU Alumni Association; Deputy City Attorney, City of Lenexa, KS.

PSU Foundation

Cathy Albright – President, PSU Foundation Board of Trustees; Former owner, Stillwater Equipment Company, Stillwater, OK; Lifetime member, PSU Foundation Presidents Society
Member of the Heritage Society.

Dick Coleman – Vice President, Miller's Professional Imaging, Pittsburg, KS; Recipient of the PSU Outstanding Alumni Award; Lifetime member, PSU Foundation Presidents Society.

Deans/Administrators

Lynette Olson – Dean, College of Arts & Sciences and Professor, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Community

Gene Bicknell – Southeast Kansas businessman, PSU benefactor, former candidate for statewide political office. He is a Senior Trustee on the PSU Foundation Board.

Ed McKechnie – Former State Legislator who currently works as the Executive Vice President and Chief Commercial Officer for Watco, a railroad company in Pittsburg. He is also a member of the Kansas Bioscience Authority Board, where he serves as Secretary/Treasurer.

Mark Werner, President, Citizens Bank, N.A. (former mayor and city commissioner).

Board of Regents

Dick Hedges – Member, Kansas Board of Regents.

Reggie Robinson – President and CEO, Kansas Board of Regents.

ADOPT BOARD OF REGENTS CHARGE TO THE PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

President Robinson reviewed the proposed Charge to the Committee with members of the Board. Following brief discussion, Regent Sherrer moved that the proposed Charge to the Search Committee be adopted. Following the second by Regent Lykins, the motion carried. The Charge adopted for the Committee is as follows:

Pittsburg State University Presidential Search Charge to the Search Committee

1. The Committee shall assist and advise the Kansas Board of Regents in the selection of the President of Pittsburg State University.
2. The Committee shall recommend to the Board in the form of a “Statement of Leadership Characteristics” or position description, the criteria for the position of President, Pittsburg State University.
3. Appointees to the Committee will serve without predetermined bias for or against any prospective candidates nominated, referred, or discovered in the search process.
4. Committee members will agree to review all candidates without regard to race, religion, creed, or national origin. In fact, the Committee should make particular efforts to identify strong candidates from groups that are underrepresented in higher education leadership positions.
5. Committee members shall commit to preserve the confidentiality of the search process and candidate identities. Such confidentiality is essential to the successful outcome of the search and must be maintained with professionalism and diligence at all times throughout the search process.

6. Appointees will serve with the understanding that the Committee will meet frequently over a period of months and that attendance at scheduled meetings is a top priority.
7. The Committee shall work with the advice of an executive search consultant to search and screen for appropriate candidates. The Committee shall evaluate nominations and applications.
8. The Committee will present to the Kansas Board of Regents an unranked list of the three to five candidates who are the most qualified for Board selection as President, Pittsburg State University.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Shank adjourned the conference call meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO

Donna L. Shank, Chair