

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

October 15-16, 2008

The October 15, 2008, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Donna Shank at 1:30 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 PRESENT:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Downey-Schmidt moved that the minutes of the September 17-18 meeting and October 6 special conference call meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Lykins, the motion carried.

REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chairman Shank reported on her activities this past month. She attended the candidate forum held in Manhattan last week and more recently, attended the ESU campus visit. Later in the month, she will participate in a Women in Leadership seminar being held in New York and plans to attend the legislative reception prior to the KU/KSU football game.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Robinson attended the campus visit at Fort Hays State University and called attention to the announcement of the Kansas Welding Institute being sponsored jointly by Fort Hays State University and the North Central Kansas Technical College. He also participated in the Emporia State University campus visit. He traveled to Manhattan for the legislative working lunch and plans to go to Pittsburg and Wichita early the next week for two more working lunch sessions. Mr. Robinson, along with Bill Wagnon, spoke to a group of Kansas Independent College Association leaders regarding the P-20 Council.

Tyler Hughes, Student Body President at Fort Hays State University, was invited by President Robinson to make a special presentation. The FHSU Student Government sold lemonade to

support higher education and promote awareness of budget cuts and impact on students. Profits from the lemonade sale totaled \$119.49 and the proceeds were accepted by Chairman Shank on behalf of the Board of Regents.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Perkins moved, with the second of Regent Thornton, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried. The following programs received approval:

Academic Affairs

ADDITIONAL DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR BELLEVUE UNIVERSITY

Bellevue University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Management and Master of Arts in Management with degrees awarded at its Johnson County campus. Bellevue must re-apply annually for its Certificate of Approval and any reference in the institution's publications or communications to the Kansas Board of Regents should refer to the Board's issuance of a Certificate of Approval stating that the school is approved to provide instruction in the state of Kansas.

ADDITIONAL DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR BROWN MACKIE COLLEGE

Approval was given to Brown Mackie College to offer 1) an Associate of Applied Science in Health Care Administration, 2) an Associate of Applied Science in Occupational Therapy Assistant, and 3) an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology with degrees being awarded at its Salina and Overland Park campuses. Any reference in the institution's publications or communications to the Kansas Board of Regents should refer to the Board's issuance of a Certificate of Approval stating that the school is approved to provide instruction in the state of Kansas. Brown Mackie must re-apply annually for its Certificate of Approval.

ADDITIONAL DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR NATIONAL AMERICAN UNIVERSITY

Approval was given to National American University to offer the following new programs: 1) Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Wichita and Overland Park campuses, 2) Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Wichita and Overland Park campuses, 3) Bachelor of Science in Applied Information Technology, Wichita and Overland Park Campuses, 4) Associate of Applied Science in Medical Administrative Assistant, Wichita campus, and 5) Associate of Applied Science in Medical Assistant, Wichita Campus.

National American University must re-apply annually for its Certificate of Approval and any reference in the institution's publications or communications to the Kansas Board of Regents should refer to the Board's issuance of a Certificate

of Approval stating that the school is approved to provide instruction in the state of Kansas.

ADDITIONAL DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR AMERICAN PUBLIC UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

American Public University System received approval to offer the following programs: 1) Associate of Arts in Accounting, 2) Associate of Arts in Business Administration, 3) Associate of Arts in Communications, 4) Associate of Science in Computer Applications, 5) Associate of Arts in Counter-Terrorism Fundamentals, 6) Associate of Arts in Explosive Ordinance Disposal, 7) Associate of Science in Fire Science, 8) Associate of Science in Public Health, 9) Associate of Arts in History, 10) Associate of Arts in Hospitality, 11) Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Care and Education, 12) Associate of Arts in Military History, 13) Associate of Science in Paralegal Studies, 14) Associate of Arts in Personnel Administration, 15) Associate of Arts in Real Estate Studies, 16) Associate of Arts in Weapons of Mass Destruction Preparedness, 17) Associate of Science in Database Applications, and 18) Associate of Science in Web Publishing.

Any reference in the institution's publications or communications to the Kansas Board of Regents should refer to the Board's issuance of a Certificate of Approval stating that the school is approved to provide instruction in the state of Kansas. The American Public University System must re-apply annually for its Certificate of Approval.

President Robinson addressed the issue of private institutions seeking program approval for programs already available through a Kansas university, community college, or technical college. Colby Community College inquired about the program proposal submitted by Brown Mackie College because that program is currently available through Colby. Mr. Robinson reported that the private institutions have authority to operate in Kansas and, in a consumer protection role, the Board of Regents functions as a regulator to determine only whether the institution has the capacity and commitment to deliver the proposed program.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

TASK FORCE REPORT/KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS ADMISSIONS TASK FORCE

Regent Sherrer, Chairman of the Admissions Task Force, briefed the Board on the work of the Task Force and presented its recommendations. Those recommendations are as follows:

State University Admissions/Data

1. Unanimously recommends that the Board implement annual data collection and reporting on the impact of the specific QA criteria, with particular emphasis placed on tracking the success of students once they have enrolled in postsecondary education.

2. Recognizing the changing demographics of Kansas, recommends continued annual data collection and reporting on diversity, in particular data on student enrollment that reflects these changing demographics.

State University Admissions/Admission Standards

3. In order to position Kansas for the 21st Century and beyond, unanimously recommends that admissions standards be removed from the statute and that the Board be given authority to establish admission standards.
4. Recommends that resident and non-resident home-schooled and other students from non-accredited schools be admitted with qualifying ACT or GED test scores.
5. Recommends that the QA pre-college curriculum be updated, specifically the technology requirement.
6. Recommends that non-resident students admitted in the conditional admissions category be allowed to continue at the institution as long as they meet the academic requirements of the institution.
7. Recommends that algebra taken in middle school count toward satisfying the Board's QA curriculum requirements. The Task Force further supports adoption of a pre-college curriculum that requires successful completion of a math course in the senior year of high school.
8. Recommends electronic reporting of the pre-college curriculum on all high school transcripts.

Transfer

9. Strongly supports continuation of the Core Outcomes project in light of the increasing trends of students who come to a university with transfer credits, or are earning transfer credits while enrolled at a university.
10. Recommends the development of an exception window for transfer students.

Concurrent Enrollment

11. Supports the concept of concurrent enrollment and recommends continued study to investigate the concerns and benefits expressed by constituents on concurrent enrollment issues. Further recommends review of existing and future study results and revision to policy, as necessary, to address quality issues.

Regent Boettcher moved that the Admissions Task Force Report be accepted. Following the second of Regent Docking, the motion carried.

Academic AffairsNEW DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR MIDWAY COLLEGE

Regent Perkins moved, with the second of Regent Hedges, that Midway College be given new degree-granting authority for its on-line offerings for a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Administration and Leadership and a Bachelor of Arts in Homeland Safety Corporate Management and Assessment. The motion carried. Any reference in the institution's publications or communications to the Kansas Board of Regents should refer to the Board's issuance of a Certificate of Approval stating that the school is approved to provide instruction in the state of Kansas and Midway College must re-apply annually for its Certificate of Approval.

Fiscal Affairs and AuditREPORT ON LONG-TERM BOND FINANCING OF CAPITAL PROJECTS/KANSAS DEVELOPMENT FINANCE AUTHORITY

Steve Weatherford, President, and Rebecca Floyd, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Kansas Development Finance Authority, gave the Board an overview of the revenue bond process and explained the Board's fiduciary role. KDFA plays a major part in the process with its intense analysis of each bond request. Additionally, KDFA works with institutional staff and Board of Regents staff throughout the process.

Ms. Floyd indicated that the Board's duty of care is to 1) assure that the Board retains sophisticated professional staff to make recommendations to them and 2) review materials presented by Board staff prior to adopting resolutions. Mr. Weatherford reviewed the current KDFA debt study, which reflects the current debt of the state of Kansas, including the state university revenue bonds.

(Handout of Bullet Points Reflecting Board Duties Filed with Official Minutes)

RECESS

Chairman Shank announced a recess at 3:20 p.m. The meeting resumed at 3:35 p.m.

Other MattersREPORT FROM KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Vice President Flanders reported that he and Dr. Roxanne Kelly attended the Salina Area Technical College Board retreat and participated in its discussion regarding transitioning and new governance. During its recent meeting at Coffeyville Community College, the Authority approved its 2009 strategic priorities. Those are 1) align leadership and curriculum with business and industry; 2) enhance system for growth and new funding approaches, and 3) evaluate measurement of success and return on investment for students and Kansans. The Authority received a financial briefing on moving from current model to prototype and approved legislative proposals to seek in 2009.

LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES FOR 2009

The preliminary list of 2009 legislative initiatives was introduced by Kip Peterson, Director of Government Relations and Communications. Those proposals are:

- 1) Community College Property Ownership (*Would permit community colleges to own property outside their local taxing district, but within their assigned service areas.*) Requested by Community College Association.
- 2) Kan-ed Funding (*Would amend statutes to fully fund Kan-ed from the Kansas Universal Service Fund.*) Requested by Kan-Ed.
- 3) KBOR Mandatory Retirement Plan Amendment (*Would amend statutes to meet new 403(b) regulations that do not allow participation in the KBOR Mandatory Retirement Plan for employees who do not work for or provide services to an educational institution of the State, i.e. while on leave of absence.*) Requested by Retirement Plan Committee.
- 4) KUMC Tort Claims (*Enact in statute, as opposed to budgetary proviso, the inclusion of medical students enrolled at the University of Kansas Medical Center for purposes of the tort claims act.*) Requested by University of Kansas.
- 5) State University Privately-Funded Construction (*Would amend current method of constructing and renovating buildings on state university campuses by eliminating the bureaucracy and restrictions involved in the process of hiring architects, engineers, and contractors.*) Requested by University of Kansas.
- 6) State University Reimbursement of Moving Expenses (*Would amend KSA 76-727 by eliminating 12,000 pound weight maximum for moving expenses and permit moving expense reimbursements to be paid from both state and private funds.*) Requested by University of Kansas.
- 7) State University Financial Assistance (*Would amend statutes to allow state universities, as authorized by the Board of Regents, to provide scholarships, fellowships, and tuition and fee waivers to undergraduate students, as well as graduate students.*) Requested by University of Kansas.
- 8) Technical Education Authority Amendments (*Would amend current law to 1) codify appropriations bill proviso language regarding development of funding model for postsecondary technical education; 2) update references regarding state plan for career and technical education and federal Carl D. Perkins act; 3) replace outdated "vocational education" terminology with currently-used "career technical education" where possible; and 4) repeal obsolete wording and unnecessary statutes.*) Requested by Technical Authority.

DISCUSS STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN KANSAS: FIVE QUESTIONS

Due to time constraints, the discussion regarding the Board's strategic agenda was moved to Thursday.

RECESS

The Chairman recessed the meeting at 4:05 p.m., to reconvene the following morning at 9:15 a.m.

RECONVENE

Chairman Shank reconvened the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

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

MEMBER ABSENT: Gary Sherrer

AMEND AGENDA

Chairman Shank announced that the agenda would be amended by adding the discussion related to the strategic agenda for higher education in Kansas as VII.C.5, as well as an executive session immediately following the presidential search updates.

REPORTS**REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS**

President Don Beggs, Chairman of the Council of Presidents, briefed the Board on reports and discussion from its meeting the previous day. COPs received a report from the Council of Business Officers regarding the security contract, the project to identify a budget consultant, legislative initiatives recommended by the Retirement Plan Committee, the sustainability policy, and recommended oversight committee.

The Council of Chief Academic Officers' report to the Council of Presidents included discussion regarding the assessment of the English language for faculty and graduate assistants, an update on the very successful Tilford Diversity and Multi-Cultural Conference, and a departmental name change requested by Emporia State University.

COPs approved four academic programs, which will be forwarded to the Board for consideration in November. Additionally, Dr. Beggs reported that Emporia State University and Wichita State

University will give efficiency presentations in November, followed by the University of Kansas and Kansas State University in December.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Dr. Larry Spurgeon, Chair of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents, thanked the Board for hosting breakfast for the Council earlier in the day. Dr. Spurgeon reported that the Council has identified recruitment and retention as a major theme for the year and is looking forward to working with the Board.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Students' Advisory Committee report was given by its Chair, Lydia Peele. Lydia reported that Board Chair Donna Shank attended the SAC meeting the previous day. SAC discussed its lobbying efforts and made plans to work with the Board and Kip Peterson. The Committee heard a report by Dr. Curt Brungardt on Kansas Corps and plans to share related information at each home campus. Lydia noted that SAC is working on voter registration. Another discussion topic was the sustainability policy. Lydia reported that KSU will be hosting the Big 12 Student Government Conference.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Docking moved, followed by the second of Regent Thornton, that the Consent Agenda be adopted. The motion carried. The following items were approved.

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

FY 2009 BUDGET FOR WICHITA/SEDGWICK COUNTY MILL LEVY – WSU

The 2009 budget proposed by the WSU Board of Trustees totaling \$7,078,603 for expenditures from property tax levies in Wichita and Sedgwick County was authorized. The budget is as follows:

City of Wichita/Sedgwick County Mill Levy Budget Request (FY 2009)

	<u>FY 2007</u>	<u>FY 2008</u>	<u>FY 2009</u>
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$0	\$0
Contingent Revenue	55,113	266,000	266,000
Mill levy Revenue	6,378,552	6,591,795	6,812,603
Total Revenue	\$6,433,665	\$6,857,795	\$7,078,603
Expenditures			
<u>Capital Improvement</u>			
Debt Service	\$1,610,853	\$1,612,853	\$1,612,853
Campus Land & Facilities Development	900,000	700,000	700,000
Nat'l Ctr. Aviation Training	0	0	800,000
Building Insurance	56,281	62,209	57,000
Total Capital Improvement	\$2,567,134	\$2,375,062	\$2,469,353

<u>Student Support</u>			
Undergraduate Scholarships	\$1,629,504	\$1,713,577	\$1,750,000
Sedgwick County Scholars	968,404	1,344,910	1,500,000
Undergrad. Student Programs	82,895	98,915	98,915
Urban Assistantships	55,150	58,422	58,422
Grad. Research Assistantships	158,070	214,156	214,156
Graduate Scholarships	73,930	100,133	100,133
Total Student Support	\$2,967,953	\$3,530,113	\$3,721,626
<u>Economic & Community Development</u>			
Interns-City/County	\$112,000	\$136,000	\$136,000
Business & Economic Research	150,000	150,000	150,000
City Government Services	60,000	60,000	60,000
County Government Services	60,000	60,000	60,000
Economic Development Awards	50,000	50,000	50,000
Total Econ. & Comm. Dev.	\$432,000	\$456,000	\$456,000
<u>University Support Services</u>			
Retirement Supplement	\$24,805	\$0	\$0
Organization & Development	189,390	164,620	75,624
Total Univ. Support Serv.	\$214,195	\$164,620	75,624
Contingency	\$252,384	\$332,000	\$356,000
Total Expenditures	\$6,433,666	\$6,857,795	\$7,078,603

AMEND FY 2009 REHABILITATION AND REPAIR LIST/REMODELING LABS IN MALOTT HALL - KU

The University of Kansas received approval to remodel lab rooms 5018, 5018a, 5024, 5024a, 5027, 5027a, and 5030 in Malott Hall. The estimated cost of \$250,000 will be funded with tuition funds.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Academic Affairs

CHANGE FALL 2009 ACADEMIC CALENDAR - PSU

Regent Boettcher moved that Pittsburg State University be authorized to changes its date for classes to begin the 2009 Fall semester from Thursday, August 20, to Monday, August 24. With the second of Regent Thornton, the motion carried.

(Revised Academic Calendar Filed with Official Minutes)

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

CONSIDER PROPOSED SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The proposed Sustainability Policy was presented by Eric King, Director of Facilities. He noted that the policy indicates that state university campuses will develop a more detailed policy to address specific institutional needs. Discussion followed in which Regents expressed interest in receiving campus reports regarding progress being made in this area and the need to incorporate updates in the presidential assessments to facilitate accountability.

Regent Boettcher moved, followed by the second of Regent Perkins, that the policy be adopted as written. The motion carried. President Robinson asked if it was the consensus of the Board that universities would report back to the Board in a year and Regent Boettcher stated that it should be within the next year. Regent Docking asked that Mr. King provide the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee a heads up regarding options as new building projects are introduced. The following policy language will be added to Chapter II, Section G.

31. SUSTAINABILITY POLICY AND IMPLEMENTATION PRINCIPLES

The Board recognizes and appreciates the strides each university has already made toward sustainability. The purpose of this policy is to outline specific ways, reflective of each university's resource constraints and environmental impacts, in which state universities may enhance their service to Kansans as well as their leadership in addressing these challenges both on campus and, through their extensive contacts and relationships, throughout Kansas and the world.

a. Policy Statement

University policies, practices and programs should, when possible, embody approaches that reduce life cycle costs, restore or maintain the functioning of natural systems, and enhance human well-being.

For purposes of this policy provision, sustainability shall mean societal efforts to meet the needs of present users without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Sustainability presumes that the planet's resources are finite, and should be used conservatively, wisely and equitably. Decisions and investments aimed to promote sustainability will simultaneously advance economic vitality, ecological integrity and social welfare.

b. Implementation Principles

(1) Learning Opportunities: State universities shall incorporate issues of sustainability into the learning experiences of students throughout their academic experiences.

(2) Campus Life: State universities shall strive to infuse sustainability principles into the organization of campus life. This includes encouraging students, faculty and staff to:

- Minimize their environmental impact,
- Enhance campus ecology,
- Develop and foster awareness and a campus culture that recognizes the importance of sustainability principles,
- Enhance/facilitate access to environmental and ecological goods, and
- Carry these lifestyles with them when they leave the campus community.

(3) Operations: State universities shall comply with all relevant environmental laws and regulations and executive orders from the Governor, and aspire to go beyond compliance by integrating values of sustainability, stewardship, and resource conservation into activities and services. As operational decisions are made, university personnel should consider ways to improve the long-term quality and regenerative capacity of the environmental, social and economic systems that support the institutional activities and needs and promote practices that minimize harmful effects of operations on the surrounding environment. State universities shall strive to maximize the efficiencies of operations and services while pursuing the goals detailed above within the resources available to institutions as they pursue excellence in fulfilling institutional missions.

(4) Campus Planning: State universities recognize that sustainable design is a means to reduce energy consumption; enhance the health, well-being and productivity of the building occupants; and improve the quality of the natural environment. All of these can contribute to high-performing university buildings with lower life cycle costs. Accordingly, the state universities shall evaluate the impact of their construction projects; incorporate green building and design methods to the extent economically feasible; and consider the impact of planning decisions on future generations of the campus community, with the goal of minimizing the environmental footprint.

(5) Administration: State universities shall develop sustainability goals that will inform institutional policies and procedures. These policies and procedures will rely on scientific and technical analysis, informed by economic realities of funding, to support efforts to develop objectives and targets for operations with indicators, or measures to assure accountability to the Board. Whenever economically feasible, sustainability will be included in areas of planning, decision-making, assessment, and reporting.

(6) Outreach: State universities have various missions and roles with regard to their relationships with entities and individuals outside their respective boundaries. Engagement with sustainability in the various areas of university life will necessarily affect these relationships. State universities shall conscientiously share the knowledge, awareness, and expertise generated by their engagement with sustainability in accordance with their respective missions and roles in serving society as a whole.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND MAINTENANCE AND SERVICE UNIT/KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES - KSU

General Counsel Julene Miller presented the request from Kansas State University to approve an agreement on behalf of its maintenance and service employee unit. Counsel Miller noted that the renewal request has few changes but called attention to the increase for stand-by compensation from \$1/hour to \$2/hour. Such an increase would require approval from the Secretary of Administration to permit deviation from the current Regulations. Regent Perkins moved that the Memorandum of Agreement between Kansas State University and the Maintenance and Service Unit/Kansas Association of Public Employees be approved. With the second of Regent Boettcher, the motion carried.

(Changes to Current Agreement Attached to Official Minutes)

Other Matters

UNIVERSITY BACKGROUND CHECK POLICIES

At its May 2008 meeting, the Board adopted a policy regarding background checks that required the state universities to submit institutional policies by September 1, 2008. Those plans were received by the deadline and General Counsel Miller reported that each is in compliance with the requirements that call for criminal backhistory and sex offender registration checks on all new hires except those who were allowed to be excluded pursuant to the policy, provide for the scope of and background required by the policy, address requisite procedures for implementation, i.e. obtain a release from the candidate seeking employment, determine relevance of any discovered history, and provide for confidential maintenance of the records.

Regent Thornton moved, with the second of Regent Downey-Schmidt, that the university background check policies be approved. The motion carried.

Regent Docking moved that the policy be amended to include the Board office. Following the second of Regent Boettcher, the motion carried. A policy will be drafted by the Board office and presented to the Board for consideration.

STATE UNIVERSITY FALL 2008 ENROLLMENT DATA

Statistics regarding Fall 2008 enrollment at the state universities was presented by President Robinson. Categories reflected by university were enrollment by headcount, resident and non-resident, and on-campus and off-campus for a five-year span. Extensive discussion followed about trends and possible impact from rising tuition. It was noted that there is variation in the headcount because some classes start after the twentieth day cut-off so those students are not included in the numbers and the full-time equivalent contrasts with headcount.

REPORT ON UNIVERSITY EFFICIENCY MEASURES – PSU

President Tom Bryant provided a powerpoint presentation of the tactical, leveraged, and evidential efficiencies undertaken at Pittsburg State University. He highlighted the University's efforts related to recycling, energy utility savings, building projects, partnerships with community colleges, credit hour production, general use expenditures per full-time fall student,

and noted the negative efficiencies of a deferred maintenance backlog and the inability to proceed with the proposed new School of Construction.

(PowerPoint Filed with Official Minutes)

REPORT ON UNIVERSITY EFFICIENCY MEASURES – FHSU

An update on the efficiencies underway at Fort Hays State University was presented by President Ed Hammond. Dr. Hammond noted the University's overall efficiency with students in spite of reduced resources, simple efficiencies through functioning paperless with on-line courses, enrollment, student checks, and grades, leveraged, evidential, and forced efficiencies. Student retention, academic reorganization, and use of the FHSU construction crew all contributed to efficiency measures for the University.

(PowerPoint Filed with Official Minutes)

STRATEGIC AGENDA FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN KANSAS: FIVE QUESTIONS

An update on progress with the Board's strategic agenda through five previously identified questions was provided by President Robinson. He noted that this project, along with others currently being addressed, focuses on data that has been made available to determine the current posture and identify a plan of action. Mr. Robinson concentrated his remarks on two of the five questions, Educational Alignment and Participation.

In terms of alignment between the K-12 system with the postsecondary system, Mr. Robinson called attention to the markers that depict readiness for postsecondary level such as ACT performance, performance in developmental courses, concurrent enrollment, certificate and associate degree completers and high school graduation rates. He recommended that the P-20 Council examine the identified issues and formulate a recommendation for the Board of Regents to consider. He also proposed that the Board receive a status report from the P-20 Council at either its November or December meeting and that the Board review its pre-college curriculum.

Looking at higher education participation rates, Mr. Robinson reported that rates are strong in Kansas but there is room for improvement due to the state's demographic challenges. He called attention to the adult population and a pilot initiative entitled "Next Step," as a means to encourage adults to complete postsecondary. After looking at the data available, he identified the following recommendations to address participation, as well as the workforce demands for Kansas: 1) Achieve Top 5 State status regarding higher education participation levels; 2) Achieve participation rates for students of color (within our institutions and throughout the system) that exceed representation of their respective racial/ethnic groups of the state's general population; 3) Achieve Top 5 State status regarding population of young adults with only a high school diploma (ages 25-39) within the higher education system; 4) Achieve Top 5 State status regarding participation of adults with only a high school diploma (ages 40-64) within the higher education system; 5) Achieve the national average for enrollment of those with limited or no English proficiency in English as a Second Language programs; 6) Achieve the national average for enrollment of those with less than a high school diploma in the Kansas Adult Basic Education programs; and 7) Double the percentage (currently 14 percent) of Kansas Adult Basic Education completers who have the goal and achieve that goal of continuing on to postsecondary education.

The recommendations will be considered by the Board in November.

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

President Robinson updated the Board on presidential search process at Kansas State University. Advertisements have been published and candidate pool is being filled. The Search Committee will begin screening the candidates in November with the expectation that it will meet for discussion regarding applicants in early December.

PITTSBURG STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

President Robinson reported that at a special conference call Board meeting, a Search Committee was named and a charge for the Committee was adopted. Responses to the RFP to identify a search consultant were due October 10. He noted that he will be meeting with Chairman Shank, Vice Chairman Docking and Search Committee Chair Bill Docking to consider the consultant proposals. A date for the first Search Committee meeting has not yet been identified.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:05 p.m., Regent Docking moved that the Board recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss matters deemed confidential in the attorney-client relationship to obtain legal advice from the Board's General Counsel. Following the second of Regent Boettcher, the motion carried. Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Robinson and General Counsel Miller. At approximately 12:45 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Shank adjourned the meeting of the Board at 12:45 p.m.

Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO

Donna L. Shank, Chair