

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

### **April 17, 2013 Minutes**

The Kansas Board of Regents' Governance Committee met on Wednesday, April 17, 2013. Chairman Tim Emert called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Proper notice was given according to law.

Members Present:       Tim Emert, Chair  
                                  Fred Logan

Member Absent:       Ed McKechnie

Others Present:       President Scott, PSU; President Schulz, KSU; Chancellor Gray-Little, KU; President Bardo, WSU; Andy Tompkins, KBOR; Julene Miller, KBOR; and Renee Burlingham, KBOR

#### CEO EVALUATION FORMS

The Committee directed staff to remove the word "Neutral" on the CEO evaluation forms for next year.

#### MINUTES

The Committee approved the March 13, 2013 minutes.

#### CHANGES TO STATE UNIVERSITY CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

President Tompkins discussed the process for informing the Board of changes to previously approved construction projects. The Committee decided that if the Board President and CEO feels the changes are significant, the project should be sent to the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee for further review.

#### STATE UNIVERSITY PEERS

The Committee asked President Schulz, President Bardo, and Chancellor Gray-Little to review their suggested and aspirational peers. President Schulz stated the Kansas State University suggested and aspirational peers are land grant institutions with no medical schools. When compiling the list, KSU looked at institutions with undergraduate FTE between 14,000 – 25,000, graduate FTE between 3,000 – 7,000, and all geographic locations in the United States.

President Bardo stated the lists of peers for Wichita State University are based on the current mission of the university and include urban universities. He believes WSU is a general purpose university in an urban location. President Bardo noted WSU is currently working on a new strategic plan, and he would like to review and modify the peers to align them with the strategic plan when it is completed in June. Committee Members agreed that this would be appropriate.

Chancellor Gray-Little stated the University of Kansas selected peers that are all AAU public institutions. The peers were chosen based on the following characteristic: faculty count, total federal research expenditures, faculty awards, first-year retention rate, six-year graduation rate, U.S. News undergraduate academic reputation, and U.S. News overall score. She explained that

the University at Buffalo and the University of Florida are listed under both current and aspirational because each has some characteristics that are above and some characteristics that are similar to KU.

### COORDINATION POLICIES

General Counsel Julene Miller reviewed the proposed changes to the coordination policies that were submitted by institutional CEOs. The Committee reviewed the recommendations and asked staff to include the following changes:

#### 2. BASIC PRINCIPLES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

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With regard to the state universities, the Board also governs them, which means that the Board has the authority to control ~~the~~ these institutions and to supervise their operation and management ~~of those institutions~~.

#### 12. MISSION STATEMENT FOR TECHNICAL COLLEGES

The mission of the Kansas technical college sector is to prepare individuals for gainful employment in technical and professional careers supporting economic development and civic responsibility. Technical colleges meet this mission through provision of technical programs, adult basic education in technical program areas, developmental education in technical programs areas, and customized training in technical program areas to assist business and industry.

Technical colleges may offer noncredit courses, customized training, technical certificates and the Associate of Applied Science degree.

Additionally, the Committee discussed qualifications of instructors teaching concurrent enrollment. This topic needs further review.

### CONCEALED CARRY ON STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES

The Committee discussed the concealed carry legislation the Governor signed, which will take effect July 1, 2013. The Committee proposed having the Board send a letter to the Kansas Attorney General before the July 1 deadline stating its intent to continue the weapons free campus policy for the state universities until such time as the Board completes a policy review to determine if revisions are necessary.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.