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KSU PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH PROCESS CONTINUES TO MOVE FORWARD

Search Committee Currently Seeking Applications From Across the Nation

(TOPEKA) – Today the Kansas Board of Regents, during its monthly meeting, received an update on the progress of the current search for the 13th president of Kansas State University (KSU).

“We have just launched this search by advertising nationally,” said Nelson Galle of Manhattan, former-Regent and Chair of the KSU Presidential Search Committee. “This is a great university and a wonderful opportunity for the right candidate. We want to inform Kansans and all stakeholders about this great opening at Kansas State University and encourage everyone who knows a potential candidate for president to nominate that individual. The committee will be receiving applications and nominations for the next 60 days.”

The requirements for the position are defined in a “Statement of Leadership Characteristics,” which says, in part, “The successful candidate will provide leadership and vision for K-State's future that will propel it to higher levels of greatness, extend its reach, and energize the university to new heights in all endeavors including the student experience, faculty and staff enhancements, research, academics and athletics.” This statement along with application information, a position profile, and other search-related documents, can be found on the Board's website at the following link: www.kansasregents.org/ksusearch.html.

“The members of the search committee have worked diligently over the past few months to identify the leadership characteristics and desired attributes of a new president and I applaud their hard work,” said Regent Donna Shank, Chair of the Board of Regents. “Now that the position is being advertised nationally, I'm confident that top-notch candidates will be attracted to this rare opportunity to lead such a nationally-recognized university.”

In May, President Jon Wefald announced that he would retire at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year after what will be 23 years of service as KSU's President. Shortly thereafter, the Board initiated the search process by selecting Galle to chair the search committee. In July, the Board selected the members of the search committee; 18 individuals representing KSU constituencies such as faculty, students, administration, staff, alumni/foundation, the Manhattan community, and the Board of Regents.

Applications and nominations will be accepted by the search committee for the next 60 days and should be sent electronically to: K-StatePresident@academic-search.com.

The Board expects a new president to be designated early in 2009, to assume the presidency at KSU on or about July 1, 2009.

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