



KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

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Statement Regarding Offensive Remarks by David Guth

(Topeka, Kansas) - Following an Executive Session meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents on Friday, September 20th, Andy Tompkins, president and CEO of the Board of Regents, issued the following statement on behalf of the Board with regard to the controversial social media comments made by David Guth, an associate professor at the University of Kansas:

“The Board of Regents expresses its disgust and offense at the statement made by David Guth. The Board also notes that these views in no way represent the views of the university or the Board of Regents. The Board wishes to reiterate the statement made by Dean Ann Brill when she said that ‘while the First Amendment allows anyone to express an opinion, that privilege is not absolute and must be balanced with the rights of others.’ The Board realizes that this matter is a legal and personnel issue for the University of Kansas and is being kept informed of the actions taken by the university. The Board expresses its appreciation for the immediate response by the Chancellor to the situation and expresses its confidence in her leadership.”

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