

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

February 11, 2015

The February 11, 2015, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chairman Kenny Wilk at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Board Office located in the Curtis State Office Building, 1000 S.W. Jackson, Suite 520, Topeka. Proper notice was given according to law.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Kenny Wilk, Chairman
Shane Bangerter, Vice Chairman
Joe Bain
Ann Brandau-Murguia
Bill Feuerborn
Fred Logan
Robba Moran
Zoe Newton
Helen Van Etten

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Newton moved that the minutes of the January 14-15, 2015 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Bain, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Martin introduced Fort Hays State University's new Vice President for Technology, Dr. Joy Hatch. Chancellor Gray-Little introduced Ryan Limbocker, a University of Kansas student who was awarded the Gates Cambridge Scholarship. The Chancellor also noted that Mr. Limbocker received the Goldwater Scholarship last year.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chairman Wilk reported he has been meeting with different groups including the Kansas Association of School Boards, the university foundations, and legislators. He thanked the government relations officers for all their work at the Statehouse.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Tompkins reported the state universities' graduate research day at the Capitol will be held on Thursday.

AMEND AGENDA

President Tompkins reported that Dr. Neal King would not be attending the meeting, and that his presentation on "Higher Education: An International Perspective" needs to be deleted from the agenda. He also requested the following items, "Act on Naming of Building – KU" and "Receive

Legislative Update,” be moved to the beginning of the discussion agenda. The Board did not object to the amendments.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Shonrock presented the System Council of Presidents’ report. The Council received an update from Board staff on the Governor’s FY 2015 allotment reductions. The presidents also received an update from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers regarding courses the Transfer and Articulation Council is reviewing for transfer. Board staff also gave an update on the progress of the Developmental Education Task Force.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Scott presented the Council of Presidents’ report. The Council received reports from the Council of Chief Academic Officers, the Council of Student Affairs Officers, the Council of Business Officers, and the University Support Staff Council. The Academic Officers gave an update on the different program requests moving through the process, and the Student Affairs Officers discussed the student death policies for the campuses. The Business Officers reported on the timeline for financial reports to the state and noted they are working with the Board’s Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee on the tuition analysis. The University Support Staff will work with the Council of Government Relations Officers regarding their concerns about KPERS funding. Additionally, the Council of Presidents approved Pittsburg State University’s request for a Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages and the University of Kansas Medical Center’s request for a Master of Science in Applied Statistics and Analytics. These two programs will be forwarded to the Board for consideration.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

The Council of Faculty Senate Presidents’ report was presented by Dr. Barut. The Council discussed online teaching practices and exchanged information on how essential institutional support is for the development and delivery of quality online and hybrid courses. The Faculty also discussed and supports the proposed amendments to the Board’s Annual and Multiple Year Appointments policy.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Reagan Kays presented the Students’ Advisory Committee report. The Students’ State Higher Education Day at the Statehouse was on Tuesday, February 10. Mr. Kays reported that approximately 120 students participated. The students met with legislators and discussed their three initiatives: 1) Lifeline 911 law, which is also known as Medical Amnesty, 2) sales tax rebate for college textbooks, and 3) funding for higher education. He also reported that the Committee continued their discussion of placing expulsion notations on student transcripts.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Moran presented the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee report. The Committee discussed and approved the proposed changes to Kansas State University’s Procedure for Review of Dismissal of Tenured Faculty. This will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. The Committee also discussed the article by Complete College America titled “Four-Year Myth,”

which discusses ways to make college more affordable by graduating students on time. It gives six pathways for success, and the Committee discussed these pathways and reviewed what the state universities are currently doing to graduate students on time. Regent Moran also reported the Transfer and Articulation Council continues to review additional courses that may be considered for systemwide transfer.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Bangerter reported the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee reviewed Wichita State University's and Pittsburg State University's annual financial reports. The reports included information on the universities current year spending compared to their budgets. The Committee also discussed the tuition setting process and received a report on the universities' mandatory cost increases for FY 2016.

GOVERNANCE

Regent Wilk presented the Governance Committee report. The Committee discussed the amendments to the Board's policies on Multiple Year Contracts and Weapons. Board staff gave a progress report on the CEO Multi-Rater Feedback surveys. Four surveys (President Bardo, Wichita State University; President Scott, Pittsburg State University; Chancellor Gray-Little, University of Kansas, and President Tompkins, Kansas Board of Regents) have been completed and each had over 50% participation rate. Regent Wilk thanked all the people who participated and noted the surveys for Kansas State University and Emporia State University will begin soon.

Regent Logan requested the Governance Committee review Board policies for potential impact of any decision the U.S. Supreme Court may make in *Deboer v. Snyder* regarding same-sex marriage. The Board had no objections.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Logan moved, with the second of Regent Bangerter, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

Fiscal Affairs & Audit

EXCHANGE OF PROPERTY WITH THE KANSAS UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT ASSOCIATION – KU

The University of Kansas received authorization to exchange property with the KU Endowment Association. This exchange of property is authorized by Section 64 of 2014 Senate Substitute for House Bill No. 2506. The University will transfer to the KU Endowment Association the vacant land adjacent to the Mississippi Street parking garage, which contains 26,183.02 square feet and is valued at \$1,309,151. The Endowment Association will transfer to the University property located at 14th Street between Louisiana and Ohio Streets, which contains 43,638.53 square feet and is valued at \$1,309,155.90. This exchange is in response to a study being conducted by the City of Lawrence to replace water towers that are across the street from the Mississippi Street property. Both properties have been appraised and are of equal value. The Board Chair is authorized to execute the legal documents associated with these transactions.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA*Other Matters***NAMING OF BUILDINGS – KU**

Chancellor Gray-Little stated McCollum Hall is being replaced with two new 350-bed residence halls and connecting the two halls is a building commons. She requested naming the north residence hall in honor of Al and Lila Self, and the south residence hall in honor of Charley Oswald. Additionally, the Chancellor requested naming the commons building Daisy Hill Commons because the commons area unites all the students living on Daisy Hill. Regent Moran moved to approve all three building names. Regent Feuerborn seconded, and the motion carried. The north hall will be named Madison A. and Lila M. Self Hall and the south hall will be named Charles W. Oswald Hall.

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, provided an update on the Board's non-budget legislative initiatives and discussed some of the strategies the Government Relations Officers have implemented this year. Elaine Frisbie, Vice President of Finance and Administration, reviewed the Governor's FY 2015 allotment reductions.

(Handout filed with Official Minutes)

*Governance***RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CANCER CENTER ADVOCACY FOR ACHIEVING COMPREHENSIVE CANCER CENTER DESIGNATION**

Dr. Girod, Executive Vice Chancellor at the Medical Center, presented a Resolution to support the University of Kansas Cancer Center's advocacy for achieving Comprehensive Cancer Center designation. Dr. Girod reviewed what NCI designation means and the requirement to achieve NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center designation. He stated a key factor for being designated is demonstrating that the state is making an impact on public health and reducing cancer incidence and related mortality. Currently in Kansas, cancer is the leading cause of death. Dr. Girod noted that lung cancer remains the number one cause of cancer deaths in Kansas and smoking is the leading cause of lung cancer. The most effective method for demonstrating that the state is making an impact on public health and reducing cancer occurrences is to combine an expanded smoking cessation and prevention program with an increase in the tobacco excise tax. The Board discussed the Resolution and it was noted that the intent of the Resolution is to support the University of Kansas Cancer Center in its efforts to achieve NCI Comprehensive Cancer Center designation. Regent Moran noted she will be abstaining from voting on the Resolution because of her position with the Midwest Cancer Alliance. Regent Logan moved to approve, and Regent Murguia seconded. The motion carried. The following Resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION OF THE KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

In order to support the effort to achieve federal *Comprehensive Cancer Center* designation, the University of Kansas Cancer Center requests the Kansas Board of Regents adopt the following resolution:

A. The University of Kansas has made National Cancer Institute (NCI) designation for the University of Kansas Cancer Center its major priority for more than a decade.

B. The state has made NCI designation one of its most important public policy priorities. The Kansas legislature has annually supported the effort to win NCI designation by approving a \$5 million annual appropriation for cancer research at the University of Kansas Cancer Center.

C. The University of Kansas Cancer Center achieved entry-level NCI designation with its first application and is now preparing to apply to renew that designation and apply for an expanded designation to a *Comprehensive Cancer Center*.

D. The designation of the University of Kansas Cancer Center as a *Comprehensive Cancer Center* would substantially improve cancer research and treatment opportunities for Kansans.

E. Demonstrating that the state is making an impact on public health and reducing cancer incidence and related mortality are major criteria for achieving *Comprehensive Cancer Center* designation.

F. The most effective methods for demonstrating that the state is making an impact on public health and reducing tobacco use and cancer occurrence is to combine an expanded smoking cessation and prevention program and an increase in the Tobacco Excise Tax. Kansas ranks 36th of the fifty states in the current level of Tobacco Excise Tax.

G. Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable deaths in Kansas and the United States. Cancer is the leading cause of death in Kansas. Cancer prevention is the most effective way to reduce cancer deaths.

I. Tobacco use is responsible for thirty-one percent of all cancer cases; payment for treatment relating to tobacco use requires a substantial commitment of state resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, in order to support the University of Kansas Cancer Center in its effort to achieve NCI *Comprehensive Cancer Center* designation and to support expanded cancer research and treatment opportunities for Kansans, the Kansas Board of Regents endorses the Cancer Center's advocacy for an expanded smoking cessation and prevention program and an increase in the tobacco excise tax.

PresentationHOW KANSAS UNIVERSITIES PREPARE STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN A GLOBAL ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

One of the Board Goals this year is to focus on the practices and trends in higher education that are designed to enhance the ability of students to compete and succeed in an increasingly global economy and business environment. Chancellor Gray-Little, President Shonrock, President Schulz, President Martin, and Wichita State University's Provost, Tony Vizzini, discussed how each of their campuses are preparing students to compete in the global economy and environment. It was noted that international exposure for students has increased over the years. All of the campuses have student and faculty exchanges with multiple countries and many of the campuses have seen an increased enrollment of international students. The campuses are also incorporating international components into their undergraduate curriculum when appropriate.

BREAK

The Chairman called for a break at 3:20 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Academic AffairsANNUAL ADULT EDUCATION REPORT

Susan Fish, Director of Adult Education, presented the annual Adult Education report. Dr. Fish stated the target population for adult education are adults with less than a high school diploma and adults with limited proficiency in English. In Kansas, there are 279,224 individuals that fall within this population and adult education served 8,609 adults (3%) in 2013-2014. Dr. Fish noted it is difficult to attract and enroll students in this target population. She reviewed the demographic of individuals enrolled in adult education and provided data on employment, which shows that as individuals attain more education, their chances of being employed increase. Dr. Fish stated the Accelerating Opportunity: Kansas (AO-K) program has allowed adult students to pursue both a high school diploma and a college credential at the same time. She reviewed the impact of the AO-K initiative and provided information on the number of adult learners who have transitioned to college.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

NEW DEGREE GRANTING AUTHORITY FOR POST UNIVERSITY

Gary Alexander, Vice President for Academic Affairs, introduced Post University's application for a Certificate of Approval with new degree granting authority for fifteen degrees that will be offered online. Regent Moran moved to approve, and Regent Logan seconded. The motion carried. Post University is authorized to offer the following degrees:

- 1) Master of Business Administration
- 2) Master of Education
- 3) Master of Public Administration
- 4) Master of Science in Accounting
- 5) Master of Science in Human Services
- 6) Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

- 7) Bachelor of Science in Child Studies
- 8) Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems
- 9) Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- 10) Bachelor of Science in Sport Management
- 11) Associate of Science in Accounting
- 12) Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education
- 13) Associate of Science in Legal Studies
- 14) Associate of Science in Management
- 15) Associate of Science in Marketing

Ph.D. IN ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCE – KU

Vice President Alexander introduced the University of Kansas' request to offer a Ph.D in Atmospheric Science. He noted no additional resources are required to support this program. The program request has been scrutinized in accordance with Board policy and has been recommended for approval. Regent Murguia moved to approve. Following the second of Regent Bain, the motion carried.

ACCREDITATION REPORT

Vice President Alexander presented the annual Accreditation Report. The report indicated each university is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition, selected programs at the universities are accredited, approved, licensed, registered or certified by the appropriate specialized accrediting bodies. The report indicates that all accredited programs at the state universities are in good standing. Regent Moran moved to accept the report. Regent Van Etten seconded, and the motion carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE BOARD'S ANNUAL AND MULTIPLE YEAR APPOINTMENT POLICY

Vice President Alexander presented proposed amendments to the Board's Annual and Multiple Year Appointment policy. He stated the Board's current policy on annual and multiple year appointments of non-tenure track faculty is for specific categories of faculty unique to the University of Kansas Medical Center and Kansas State University (KSU). In December, Kansas State University submitted proposed amendments to expand the categories of non-tenure track faculty at KSU who would be eligible for multiple year appointments to include positions that are not unique to that university. To provide the same opportunity to the other campuses, Board staff drafted a generic policy. Regent Bangerter moved to approve, and Regent Moran seconded. Regent Wilk offered a substitute amendment for the policy that the Governance Committee reviewed. He moved to approve the substitute policy and Regent Feuerborn seconded. General Counsel Miller explained that the substitute policy would leave the current policy language intact, but it would add a new section for non-tenure track faculty appointments. Appointments made using this new section must be limited to 1, 2, or 3 years and cannot be rolling. General Counsel Miller also stated the substitute requires the Board to review in 2019 the new generic section of the policy and its impact on the universities. The Board voted on the substitute motion, which carried, and then voted on the original motion, as amended by the substitute policy, which carried.

(Substitute Policy filed with Official Minutes)

Other MattersAMEND AGENDA

The Chairman amended the agenda to make the “Update on the Kansas Bioscience Authority” the next agenda item.

UPDATE ON THE KANSAS BIOSCIENCE AUTHORITY

Jerry Boettcher, former Regent and current Regents’ appointee to the Kansas Bioscience Authority (KBA), presented an update on the KBA. The KBA was established by the Kansas Legislature in 2004 to help grow the bioscience sector. Mr. Boettcher reviewed how the KBA has evolved over the years including changes in staff and funding. He noted that state funding for the KBA has declined over the years.

REPORT FROM KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Blake Flanders, Vice President for Workforce Development, reported that the U.S. Department of Education is conducting a targeted monitoring visit in April to examine the Board’s Carl D. Perkins program. He also reported the Technical Education Authority received a progress report on the tiered and non-tiered course designations and adopted the recommended process chart. The course designations will be presented to the Board for consideration next month.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Andy Tompkins, President and CEO

Kenny Wilk, Chair