

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

February 15, 2017

The February 15, 2017, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Zoe Newton 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: Zoe Newton, Chair
 Dave Murfin, Vice Chair
 Joe Bain
 Shane Bangerter
 Ann Brandau-Murguia
 Bill Feuerborn
 Dennis Mullin
 Daniel Thomas
 Helen Van Etten

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Thomas moved that the minutes of the January 18, 2017 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Van Etten, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Scott shared the Pittsburg State University Student Life annual report. He also recognized and thanked John Patterson, PSU's Vice President for Administration and Finance, for his many years of service to the State of Kansas and the Kansas system of higher education.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Newton thanked the House Appropriations Committee for its endorsement of a bill that addresses the current budget deficit without cutting higher education. She reiterated the Board's position of stable funding for higher education. Chair Newton noted later this evening the Board will meet with the Washburn Board of Regents to discuss coordination and the goals of *Foresight 2020*, and then Thursday morning the Board will have breakfast with the Students' Advisory Committee. The Chair also announced a new taskforce that will focus on how to reach, enroll, and retain first generation college students. Regents Bangerter and Murguia will work with President Flanders to create this taskforce and will provide more information on the taskforce at the March Board meeting.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Flanders announced that undergraduate research day at the Statehouse was held today and that graduate research day at the Statehouse will be held on March 10. These events allow Legislators to see some of the student research being conducted on the campuses.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Krull presented the System Council of Presidents' report. The Council received an update from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers regarding transfer and articulation and credit for prior learning. The Academic Officers also noted the annual faculty review of courses being considered for transfer will be held at Washburn University on October 13, 2017.

The System Council of Presidents received the Performance Agreement Working Group recommendations. The group was charged to consider ways to streamline the performance agreement process, consider how the agreements can be better aligned with the Board's *Foresight 2020* goals while at the same time allowing the institutions to set unique goals, and consider ways in which data already collected by the Board office can be better utilized in the process. The group conducted a survey on all the campuses and concluded there was no clear mandate to propose specific changes to the overall structure of the current process. The Working Group determined that the current process aligns with *Foresight 2020* and allows for institutional flexibility.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

Chancellor Gray-Little presented the Council of Presidents' report. The Council received reports from the Working Group of Title IX Coordinators, Council of Chief Academic Officers, Council of Business Officers, Council of Government Relations Officers, Council of Chief Student Affairs Officers, and University Support Staff Council. The Title IX Coordinators have met twice since the Board created their group last year and plan to meet two more times this year. A full report on their activities will be presented to the Board in May. The Academic Officers reviewed academic programs and received an update from the faculty on the implementation of the Credit by Examination policy. The Business Officers are researching the cost of developing a common online application for state universities and continue to evaluate ways to enhance efficiencies at the universities. The Student Affairs Officers gave an update on the mumps and flu outbreaks. The Government Relations Officers reported on legislative activities, and the University Support Staff discussed collecting information on staff earnings to show how increased benefit costs have affected pay in recent years.

Chancellor Gray-Little reported the Council of Presidents continued its discussion on non-resident tuition policies and strategies. The Council adopted the following statement:

Recognizing that every Regent university has tuition policies that discount out-of-state rates in particular areas, members of the Council of Presidents agree to consult with each other before proposing an out-of-state tuition rate that may affect one or more of the other universities and their recruitment of out-of-state students. The consultation and subsequent discussion will take place during a monthly COPs meeting and constitute a review of the proposal. COPs will report to the Board of Regents the substance of its discussion on the proposal.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Pam Keller presented the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents' report. The Council discussed the changes to the GED and invited Board staff to attend a future meeting to continue this discussion. Work on implementing the Credit by Examination policy continues to move forward. Faculty in specific disciplines are discussing AP scores with regard to the distinction between major and non-

major course credit. In the past these courses may have had different scores awarded and now the faculty are working to establish a systemwide score. The Council also discussed the implementation of concealed carry on the campuses.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Students' Advisory Committee report was presented by Stephonn Alcorn. Approximately 80 students from the state universities and Washburn University attended student higher education day at the Statehouse on February 1. The students met with Legislators and the Governor to discuss stable funding for higher education, amending the Personal and Family Protection Act to allow the Board to authorize the university CEOs to designate areas on their campuses where concealed carry may be permitted, and creating a statewide affirmative consent law. The students are hoping to partner with some legislators to get a bill introduced for the statewide affirmative consent law. Additionally, the Committee submitted a proposal to the Board regarding student representation on the Board standing committees. This proposal will allow students to serve as a liaison between the standing committees and the Students' Advisory Committee.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Van Etten presented the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee report. On their January 31 conference call, the Committee reviewed 18 performance agreements and discussed the academic items that are on the Board's consent agenda. At today's meeting, the Committee discussed proposed amendments to the Board's Annual and Multiple Year Appointment policy and received the private postsecondary education report.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Bain reported the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee received BKD's external management review of Wichita State University. There were no findings of improper payment or conflict of interest over the five-year review period. The Committee received an update on Wichita State University's innovation campus and reviewed the annual financial reports from Kansas State University, Fort Hays State University, and Pittsburg State University. Next month, the Committee will receive the Composite Financial Index report on all six universities.

GOVERNANCE

Regent Feuerborn presented the Governance Committee report. At the May Board meeting, the Council of Presidents will report on the progress of the Working Group of Title IX Coordinators. The Committee provided some guidance on their expectations for this report. Board staff shared with members an example of how some *Foresight 2020* data will be incorporated in the Board's CEO assessment tool. The Committee also received the annual security reports for Kansas State University and Pittsburg State University and discussed the timeline for reviewing any buildings or areas of buildings where the universities wish to prohibit concealed carry. The Committee wants to receive all such requests at its April meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Van Etten moved, with the second of Regent Bain, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

*Academic Affairs***MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP
– KU**

The University of Kansas received approval to offer a Master of Science in Business and Organization Leadership. Over a three-year period, the average cost of the program will be \$345,276, which will be funded with tuition and fees.

**DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS OFFERED BY COFFEYVILLE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

Coffeyville Community College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (67 credit hours) in Medical Laboratory Technology (51.1004). The cost to implement the program is approximately \$38,000, which will be funded with student fees and the College's local budget.

Wichita Area Technical College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (64 credit hours) and a Technical Certificate C (48 credit hours) in Electronics Technology (15.0303). The estimated cost to deliver the program is approximately \$24,000, which will be funded with institutional funds.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA*Academic Affairs***PANEL DISCUSSION ON STATE UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS**

Jean Redeker, Vice President of Academic Affairs, reported the six state universities in Kansas use qualified admissions standards, which the Legislature authorized the Board to set in 2009, to admit students. Beginning in the summer of 2016, the University of Kansas, with Board authorization, began using different admission standards than those used by the other five universities. Vice President Redeker introduced Dr. Pat Bosco, Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students at Kansas State University; Dr. Joey Linn, Vice President for Student Affairs at Fort Hays State University; and Dr. Matt Melvin, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management at the University of Kansas. The panel members were asked to provide information to answer previous Board questions on factors affecting enrollment, barriers to enrollment, and reasons students choose to attend an institution.

The panel discussed enrollment and provided data on Kansas high school seniors enrolling in a Kansas higher education institution. Since 2012, the data indicates a ten percent decrease in the number of Kansas high school seniors pursuing higher education in Kansas. Possible reasons for the dip include an improving economy, rising tuition costs, and higher admission standards. The panel also discussed why students choose to attend a college or university. The consensus was that most students look at affordability, proximity to their home, and programs offered. Regent Bangerter stated the admissions' factors could be reviewed by the task force that is being created to recruit and retain first generation college students.

(Handouts filed with Official Minutes)

BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 2:35 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Other Matters

UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS CHANCELLOR SEARCH

Dave Dillon, Chair of the University of Kansas Chancellor Search Committee, reported the Search Committee has met twice since it was formed by the Board. The search consultant, R. William Funk & Associates, gathered information from students, faculty, and staff on the Lawrence and Medical Center campuses and worked with the Chancellor Search Committee to draft the leadership statement. Chair Dillon noted while meeting with the different constituents, the following two qualities were consistently mentioned: 1) the new chancellor should be able to effectively communicate the value of higher education with state and local public officials, and 2) the new chancellor should have a deep appreciation for the role of a major public research institution and medical center. Chair Dillon stated the application deadline is March 30 and that the Search Committee hopes to forward candidates to the Board for consideration sometime in May. The Board thanked Chair Dillon and the Committee for their work on the chancellor leadership statement. This statement will be used to advertise for the University of Kansas Chancellor position. Regent Murfin moved to approve the chancellor leadership statement. Regent Bangerter seconded, and the motion carried.

(Chancellor Leadership Statement filed with Official Minutes)

UPDATE ON UNIVERSITY RESEARCH GRANTS

Dr. Roy Jensen, Director of the University of Kansas Cancer Center, presented an update on the NCI-designated Cancer Center. Recently, the KU Cancer Center announced forming a new partnership with Children's Mercy Hospital that will focus on transforming pediatric oncology. Dr. Jensen spoke about the Midwest Cancer Alliance, the research being conducted at the Center, and the funding streams. He noted that the total institutional and regional commitment for the Cancer Center is \$453 million. By 2020, the projected regional economic impact of the Center will be \$2.55 billion; however, the biggest impact is that cancer patients in Kansas and Missouri can stay closer to their homes while being treated. Dr. Jensen noted the next step for the Cancer Center is to receive Comprehensive Cancer Center designation, which is the NCI's highest designation.

Dr. Peter Dorhout, Vice President of Research, and Dr. Tammy Beckham, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, presented updates on Kansas State University's Global Food System and the Veterinary Medical Center. The Global Food System conducts research in crop protection, animal health, and food safety. Dr. Dorhout spoke about the System's partnerships with farmers and businesses and discussed some of the research being conducted. Dean Beckham reported the targeted enhancement funding to the College of Veterinary Medicine has allowed the College to hire additional faculty members, which has increased research productivity. Faculty resources and research are two of the factors that are reviewed during the school ranking process. Additionally, Dean Beckham noted the College recently adopted a new strategic plan that focuses on exceptional

teaching, impactful research, outstanding service, and extraordinary graduates. The Board asked questions regarding tuition and slot availability. Dean Beckham stated the College is reviewing its funding model and working on increasing its scholarship endowment.

Dr. John Tomblin, Wichita State University's Vice President for Research & Technology Transfer, presented an update on the Kansas Aviation Research and Technology Growth Initiative. The state enhancements that WSU receive are used for research programs, which increases Kansas' competitiveness in the global market. The initiative's economic impact for the state includes the creation of 30,700 direct aerospace jobs and 113,690 indirect jobs with an average wage of \$70,381. However, Dr. Tomblin noted the employment growth for the aviation industry in Kansas has declined since 2010. During that same timeframe, other states, including Georgia, North Carolina, and Oklahoma, have seen increases in employment growth. He stated this trend is troublesome and needs to be reversed if the Kansas aviation industry wants to continue to prosper.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, reported the Legislature has been in session for 38 days. Both chambers are working on budget and tax proposals. He also noted the Board's non-budgetary legislative items continue to move forward in the legislative process.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 3:00 p.m., Regent Murfin moved, followed by the second of Regent Feuerborn, to recess into executive session for 30 minutes starting at 3:10 p.m. to discuss matters relating to security measures pursuant to K.S.A. 75-4319(b)(13). Participating in the executive session were members of the Board, President Flanders, Vice President Elaine Frisbie, and designated university staff. At 4:40 p.m., the meeting returned to open session. Regent Murfin moved to extend 15 minutes, and Regent Murguia seconded. The motion carried. At 4:55 p.m. the meeting returned to open session.

REGENT CEO SUBCOMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

At 5:00 p.m., Regent Thomas moved, followed by the second of Regent Murguia, to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Participating in the executive session were Regent Thomas, Regent Murguia, Regent Murfin, Chancellor Gray-Little (for a portion), and Interim President Tompkins (for a portion). At 5:30 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

At 4:58 p.m., Regent Mullin moved, followed by the second of Regent Newton, to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Participating in the executive session were Regent Van Etten, Regent Newton, Regent Mullin, President Garrett (for a portion), and President Myers (for a portion). At 5:28 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

At 5:00 p.m., Regent Bain moved, followed by the second of Regent Bangerter, to recess into executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel. Participating in the executive session were Regent Feuerborn, Regent Bain, Regent Bangerter,

President Scott (for a portion), and President Bardo (for a portion). At 5:30 p.m., the meeting returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Zoe F. Newton, Chair