

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

January 17, 2018

The January 17, 2018, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Dave Murfin at 1:45 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:

- Dave Murfin, Chair
- Dennis Mullin, Vice Chair
- Joe Bain
- Shane Bangerter
- Ann Brandau-Murguia
- Bill Feuerborn
- Zoe Newton
- Daniel Thomas
- Helen Van Etten

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Newton moved that the minutes of the December 20, 2017 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Van Etten, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

President Flanders introduced two new Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority members, Dong Quach from the Kansas City Board of Public Utilities and Bret Spangler from the Mars Wrigley Confectionery in Topeka. President Bardo introduced Wichita State University's Interim Provost, Richard Muma. It was also announced that the Kansas Senate confirmed Regent Bangerter's, Regent Murguia's, and Regent Van Etten's reappointment to the Board.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Murfin reported that he and several other Regents attended the Governor's State of the State address last week and that Board staff will give an overview of the budget recommendations later in the agenda. On Tuesday night, Chair Murfin attended the Midwestern Higher Education Compact dinner. He noted that the Board had a productive lunch meeting with the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents and is looking forward to tonight's dinner with the community and technical colleges. He also reminded everyone that Thursday is higher education day at the Capitol.

REPORT FROM PRESIDENT AND CEO

President Flanders reported that today the Board will act on adding five more courses to systemwide transfer. This will bring the total number of courses that can transfer seamlessly among any university or college in the system up to 84. He thanked the faculty who participated in the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups and the members of the Transfer and Articulation Council. He noted the importance of this work and how it positively impacts students in the system.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Barwick presented the System Council of Presidents report. The Council received a report from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers and an update on the Governor's budget recommendations.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Myers presented the Council of Presidents' report. The Council received reports from the Council of Chief Academic Officers, Council of Business Officers, Council of Government Relations Officers, and the University Support Staff Council. The Academic Officers reviewed and approved programs and several degree titles. The Business Officers continue to work on the Board's efficiency goal, and the Government Relations Officers discussed the importance of staying unified as a system through the legislative process. The Support Staff Council provided an update on its staff morale survey.

The Council of Presidents approved Pittsburg State University's Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education Unified (K-6) and Master of Professional Accountancy. These programs will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. President Scott also shared with the Council that the Health Insurance Taskforce continues to gather information on the State Employee Health Plan.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Brian Lindshield reported that the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents met with the Board over lunch. The group discussed alternative math pathways and the use of alternative educational resources, which are educational materials that can be accessed online. Dr. Lindshield noted the faculty will continue to discuss the use of alternative resources because using them can reduce the cost of educational resources for students and faculty.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jack Ayres presented the Students' Advisory Committee report. As a follow-up to last month's report, Mr. Ayres stated that the Committee is working with an attorney to file an amicus brief in the school finance case. He noted that the Committee continues to work on their student enrollment initiative and on the students' higher education day at the Capitol, which is scheduled for February 7.

REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY SUPPORT STAFF COUNCIL

The University Support Staff Council report was presented by Carrie Fink. The Council is in the process of developing a survey to gather information on issues that impact university support staff. The survey will be conducted in the spring, and the Council plans to report the results to the Board in September. The Council is also monitoring the Legislature's response to the school finance ruling and are concerned about the potential budgetary impact it may have on higher education. The Council continues to discuss the state's health insurance benefit and are gathering information on how the new plan options (J, Q, and N) are working for employees.

REPORT FROM UNCLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL

Michelle Ginavan Hays presented the Unclassified Staff Council report. The Council discussed and finalized a monthly meeting schedule, which will give the campuses more opportunity to collaborate. The Council expressed its concerns with the rising health insurance cost to employees but also noted that the unclassified staff are thankful for the benefits they do receive. Ms. Hays noted that the unclassified staff will also be monitoring the legislative budget process.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

President Barwick presented the report for the community colleges. The community colleges are thankful that the Governor's budget recommendation for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 included additional money to fully fund the Excel in Career Technical Education initiative. President Barwick also thanked the Concurrent Enrollment Taskforce for including the community colleges in the discussions and workgroups.

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

President Schears presented the technical colleges' report. The technical colleges also thanked the Governor for recommending additional money to fully fund the Excel in Career Technical Education (CTE) initiative. This program has been successful but the funding in recent years has not kept up with the demand. President Schears stated the technical colleges are also thankful for being included in the concurrent enrollment discussions and noted that the Governor has outlined a plan to offer 15 credit hours of concurrent enrollment at no cost to high school students taking the courses. The technical colleges support the spirit of the Governor's plan and want to continue to be involved with shaping the concurrent enrollment initiative as it moves forward, but are concerned with adding another initiative that may not be fully funded by the state. The technical colleges believe the Excel in CTE should be fully funded by the State before taking on new programs like the concurrent enrollment initiative. Regent Newton asked President Schears to clarify the technical colleges' position on funding for the concurrent enrollment initiative. President Schears stated the technical colleges are not in favor of supporting the concurrent enrollment initiative until the state fully funds the Excel in CTE initiative. The Board asked the community colleges for its position, and President Barwick stated that the community colleges strongly support the concurrent enrollment initiative.

REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY CEOS

President Scott reported that Pittsburg State University's football team had a successful year both on and off the field. The team finished the season 8-4 and 68 players finished the semester with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. He announced that the PSU nursing students who took the 2017 spring nursing exam had a passing rate of 94.29% and contributed the high passing rate to the excellent faculty who teach in the School of Nursing. President Scott reported that he welcomed 100 new international students to campus for the 2018 spring semester and noted that there are still challenges associated with international students securing student visas. For example, only 21% of students in India who are admitted to PSU are receiving visas and this low percentage is true for most countries. He noted the process is complex and it affects international student enrollment. Additionally, President Scott reported that the construction of PSU's Block22 project is on schedule and that PSU was selected to host the 2018 NCAA Division II Indoor Track Championship at the Robert W. Plaster Center.

President Bardo reported that according to National Science Foundation data, Wichita State University is second in the percentage of industry-sponsored research as a percent of total research. The University has seen an increased interest in its applied research especially among federal agencies. He noted that a delegation of faculty members and the Interim Provost will meet with the Brookings Institutions to discuss the following questions: 1) What would a program in sustainable regional development look like? and 2) What kinds of programs lead to an innovative economy in a metropolitan area? President Bardo also reported that WSU's internship model is receiving national attention.

President Garrett reported that Emporia State University has entered into an agreement to offer four college concurrent enrollment courses in the Emporia high school. The courses will be taught by qualified high school teachers and will begin in February 2018. She congratulated Rob Rice, an ESU student who received the Farvolden Award from the National Groundwater Association, and reported that the University hosted The Hult Prize Competition, which encourages young people to solve difficult social challenges. Additionally, President Garrett announced that the ESU nursing students who took the 2017 spring nursing exam had a passing rate of 96%.

President Mason announced that Fort Hays State University received a five-year grant through the Kansas Masonic Foundation. The grant allows faculty members and graduate students to administer free hearing screenings for adults in western Kansas at the community's local Masonic lodge. So far, the University has visited eight communities and screened nearly 300 adults. President Mason reported the University also received a \$185,000 equipment grant from the Hansen Foundation, which will provide the necessary tools for hands-on learning. Fort Hays has also partnered with local school districts to entice local teachers to pursue masters degrees. This cost sharing program is between the University, school administrators, and the teacher.

Chancellor Girod announced that Dr. Robert Simari was named the new Executive Vice Chancellor of the University of Kansas Medical Center and that Reggie Robinson was named the new Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs. He noted the University is currently conducting national searches to fill the Vice Chancellor of Research and the General Counsel positions. Chancellor Girod reported that the University of Kansas received a \$25 million renewal grant from the National Institute of Health that will fund Frontiers: University of Kansas Clinical and Translational Science Institute. This is a five-year grant and is currently the largest grant at the University.

President Myers reported that Martin Luther King III, the oldest son of the late Martin Luther King Jr., will give a lecture on January 25 in Forum Hall. He noted that the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke at Kansas State University 50 years ago. Also coming to the University as part of the Landon Lecture Series is the former president of Malawi, Joyce Banda. President Myers announced that the University was renewed by the Department of State to host the Mandela Fellows, young leaders from Africa who are devoted to public service. These young leaders visit the campus to exchange ideas that will help advance their leadership skills.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT**

Regent Mullin presented the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee report. The Committee received an update from the University of Kansas Medical Center on the Cancer Center. Since 2004, KUMC has increased the Center's funding from approximately \$20 million to an excess of \$60 million. The \$5 million annual investment from the state has been key to the Center's success. The Center has a direct economic impact on the region by creating thousands of jobs and bringing in extramural funding. The Center has already been designated a National Cancer Institute and is seeking to attain the Comprehensive status. The Committee also received updates from the internal auditors of Kansas State University, the University of Kansas, Wichita State University, and Fort Hays State University. Emporia State will report to the Committee in March. The Committee also reviewed the draft crowdfunding policy.

GOVERNANCE

Regent Murfin presented the Governance Committee report. Staff provided an update on the strategic planning process and presented a timeline for the university CEO evaluations. President Flanders will provide the evaluation timeline to the CEOs. The Committee also received security updates, in executive session, from the University of Kansas and Fort Hays State University.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

*Fiscal Affairs and Audit***TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – KSU**

Kansas State University received authorization to transfer the University's ownership interest in the property listed in the Settlement Agreement of the James F. Lindley Trust estate to the KSU Foundation.

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR RENOVATION PROJECT – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to amend its Capital Improvement Plan to renovate the Behavioral Neuroscience Laboratory Research Core facility located in Bluemont Hall. The estimated cost of the project is \$874,000, which will be funded with the National Institutes of Health grant, departmental sponsored research overhead dollars, and rehabilitation and repair funds allocated to Arts and Sciences.

*Academic Affairs***PERFORMANCE REPORTS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2016**

The Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee's recommendations for the 2016 academic year performance reports were approved. Thirty-three institutions are

awarded 100% of any new funds and one institution is awarded 90% of any new funds for which it is eligible.

ADDITIONAL COURSES FOR SYSTEMWIDE TRANSFER

The following five courses were approved for systemwide transfer effective summer 2018: Environmental Science – Lecture, Environmental Science – Lab, Environmental Science – Lecture and Lab, Financial Accounting, and Managerial Accounting. There are now 84 courses that transfer seamlessly among any university or college in the Kansas Board of Regents System.

Other Matters

DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAM SUBMITTED BY SALINA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Salina Area Technical College received approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science degree (60 credit hours) and a Technical Certificate C (45 credit hours) in Police Science (43.0107). The initial cost to deliver the program is approximately \$7,700, which will be funded by tuition and the College's general budget.

APPOINTMENTS TO EPSCoR PROGRAM REVIEW COMMITTEE

The following individuals were appointed to serve on the EPSCoR Program Review Committee:

- Donna Johnson (*Four-year Term*)
- Scott Bishop (*Three-year Term*)
- Tim Dawsey (*Two-year Term*)
- Sam Campbell (*Four-year Term*)
- John Parfet (*Three-year Term*)
- Stan Ahlerich (*Ex Officio Member*)
- Jean Redeker (*Ex Officio Member*)

Terms were assigned to current as well as new non-ex officio members and begin with academic year 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

AMEND AGENDA

Regent Murfin amended the agenda to make the Presentations from the State Universities on the Student Experience the next agenda item.

BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 2:49 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 3:03 p.m.

Board ThemePRESENTATIONS FROM THE STATE UNIVERSITIES ON THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The student experience presentations were presented by the following individuals: President Bardo, Wichita State University; President Scott, Pittsburg State University; President Garrett, Emporia State University; DeAngela Burns-Wallace, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies, the University of Kansas; Joey Linn, Vice President for Student Affairs, Fort Hays State University; and President Myers, Kansas State University. The student experience relates to how students are engaged within a university environment and encompasses both academic and social experiences. All the universities have programs, especially for freshmen, to encourage students to get involved in different activities and organizations. These programs help with student retention because the students feel more connected to the campuses. The universities have also incorporated active learning environments in both academic buildings and residence halls to encourage collaboration. It was noted that all the state universities assess the student experience by using multiple tools like the National Survey on Student Engagement. The feedback the campuses receive from these surveys allow them to identify what is working well for students and any areas that may need more attention.

(PowerPoints filed with Official Minutes)

BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 4:28 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

AMEND AGENDA

The Chair amended the agenda to table the annual *Foresight 2020* Progress Report to the February Board meeting. He also reordered the agenda to have the items under Section D be considered next, followed by the items under Sections A and B.

Other MattersINFORMATION ON PARTIAL TUITION WAIVER – ROCK CHALK SCHOLARSHIP

Provost Bendapudi gave an update on how the University of Kansas is modifying its current Rock Chalk Scholarship to a tiered tuition waiver. KU received Board approval for the Rock Chalk Scholarship proposal in 2012. The scholarship was implemented to allow the University to be more competitive with attracting high ability out-of-state students. Modifying the program from a scholarship to a tuition waiver will enable KU to more effectively respond to changes in the market and will reduce the amount of institutional gift aid currently being allocated to support the scholarship, which will allow the University to provide additional need-based aid to Kansas students. The waiver is designed to be revenue neutral for the Lawrence campus. Provost Bendapudi reviewed the tiers, which are outlined below, and stated that to be eligible for the waiver students must be new non-resident freshmen and meet all the University's admission requirements and deadlines. The waivers are renewable for four years as long as the student completes 30 credit hours annually at KU and maintains a GPA of 3.25 or above.

- Tier I: 30 ACT/3.75 HS GPA would provide waiver making tuition equivalent to 100% of in-state tuition (Estimated Award Value: \$15,768)

- Tier II: 28/3.5 HS GPA would provide waiver making tuition equivalent to 125% of in-state tuition (Estimated Award Value: \$13,313)
- Tier III: 24/3.25 HS GPA would provide waiver making tuition equivalent to 150% of in-state tuition (Estimated Award Value: \$10,859)

REPORT FROM KANSAS POSTSECONDARY TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Chair Ray Fredrick presented the Kansas Postsecondary Technical Education Authority Report (TEA). The TEA welcomed two new members, Dong Quach and Bret Spangler, and thanked Joseph Glassman, who has stepped down, for his years of service. Mr. Glassman has served on the Authority since its inception and was the first Chair. The TEA received an overview of the Governor's budget recommendations and were thankful for the inclusion of additional funds for the Excel in Career Technical Education initiative. The TEA also received reports on Skills USA, Carl Perkins awards, and military articulation efforts. Chair Fredrick also noted that the TEA members are busy visiting the two-year institutions.

LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, reported that the 2018 Legislative Session began on January 8. Higher Education Day at the Statehouse is scheduled for Thursday and all sectors of higher education are participating. Director Casey noted that the Government Relations Officers will continue to host a legislative breakfast every Wednesday while the Legislature is in session. These events are well attended and help increase communication between higher education officials and legislators. Director Casey stated the Governor's budget recommendations did include targeted enhancements throughout the higher education system but did not include the system's top priority of restoring the FY 2017 allotment. Director Casey emphasized the importance of staying unified as a system through the legislative process.

INFORMATION ON CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT TASKFORCE RECOMMENDATIONS

Regent Newton reported that last June the Board received a report from the First Generation Taskforce recommending expansion of concurrent enrollment programs (CEP) in the state to open access and reduce costs for first generation students. During that same time period, the Board also received a letter from Senator Molly Baumgardner, Chair of the Senate Education Committee, encouraging the Board to create a taskforce to identify opportunities to expand concurrent enrollment in the state. At the August retreat, the Board prioritized the review of concurrent enrollment as one of its goals. The Kansas Board of Education and the Kansas Board of Regents Coordinating Council agreed to serve as the Taskforce to take up this issue. Regent Newton reported that the Taskforce met multiple times and received testimony from Senator Baumgardner, USD superintendents, and college and university representatives on how concurrent enrollment is delivered throughout the state and the issues surrounding access. At its final meeting on January 8, the Taskforce voted to form working groups to make recommendations to the Board President and CEO and the Commissioner of Education on the following issues:

- Identification of five courses offered for statewide delivery,
- Establishment of standardized eligibility requirements for students,
- Agreement on a common rate for tuition/fees, and
- Identification of alternative delivery methods.

The working groups will have representatives from each sector of higher education as well as superintendents representing secondary education. Regent Newton noted that she was pleased with the open dialogue at the meetings and that the report will be presented to the Legislature in the near future.

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

DISTRIBUTION OF STATE FUNDS FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION (EXCEL IN CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND AO-K PROVISIO) POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION PERFORMANCE BASED INCENTIVES FUND (GED ACCELERATOR)

Elaine Frisbie, Vice President of Finance and Administration, presented the proposed distribution of state funds for Technical Education (SB 155 and the Accelerating Opportunity-Kansas proviso) and the Postsecondary Education Performance-Based Incentives Fund (GED Accelerator). She noted the amounts are based on enrollment and the level of appropriations that are available to finance the programs. Based on last year's enrollment report, it appears that the legislative appropriation is inadequate to finance the student enrollments in these programs. Vice President Frisbie stated that the distribution amounts presented for approval have been reduced by 15 percent so that the colleges will not have to return funds to the Board office in late June. (In the past, funds had to be returned so that the last distribution can be made in late June after the final enrollments are reported.) She also noted that if additional funds are appropriated for the programs, the colleges will receive in the June distribution the full amounts due for actual enrollment. Regent Mullin moved to approve, and Regent Thomas seconded. The motion carried. The following distributions will be made:

Excel in Career Technical Education (Secondary Students) Amounts for Distribution			
Institution	Reconcile FY 2017	Tuition for FY 2018 Enrollment	85% Net Distribution
Allen Community College	\$442	\$427,828	\$364,096
Barton Community College	\$9	\$219,557	\$186,632
Butler Community College	(\$85)	\$358,683	\$304,796
Cloud County Community College	(\$1,855)	\$133,300	\$111,450
Coffeyville Community College	\$959	\$528,778	\$450,420
Colby Community College	(\$14,901)	\$107,434	\$76,418
Cowley Community College	(\$6,896)	\$388,577	\$323,394
Dodge City Community College	(\$48)	\$190,062	\$161,505
Flint Hills Technical College	(\$95)	\$622,809	\$529,293
Fort Scott Community College	\$9,773	\$357,986	\$314,061
Garden City Community College	\$ --	\$71,163	\$60,489
Highland Community College	\$1,739	\$679,106	\$578,979
Hutchinson Community College	\$4,118	\$1,454,317	\$1,240,287
Independence Community College	(\$6,781)	\$30,279	\$18,956
Johnson County Community College	(\$3,605)	\$930,787	\$787,564

Kansas City Ks Community College	(\$36,566)	\$968,150	\$786,361
Labette Community College	(\$1,700)	\$160,355	\$134,602
Manhattan Area Technical College	(\$1,128)	\$209,532	\$176,974
Neosho County Community College	(\$4,816)	\$495,361	\$416,241
North Central Ks Technical College	(\$334)	\$133,777	\$113,376
Northwest Kansas Technical College	\$397	\$429,413	\$365,398
Pratt Community College	(\$2,548)	\$164,264	\$137,076
Salina Area Technical College	(\$6,346)	\$355,954	\$296,215
Seward County Community College	(\$12,435)	\$420,369	\$344,879
Washburn Institute of Technology	\$39,197	\$1,855,402	\$1,616,289
Wichita Area Technical College ¹	\$10,011	\$1,893,463	\$1,619,455
Total	(\$33,494)	\$13,586,706	\$11,515,206

AOK Adult Tuition Amounts for Distribution			
Institution	Reconcile FY 2017	Tuition for FY 2018 Enrollment	85% Net Distribution
Barton Community College	\$41,691	\$79,420	\$109,198
Butler Community College	\$ --	\$2,950	\$2,507
Dodge City Community College	\$1,450	\$7,375	\$7,719
Fort Scott Community College	(\$1,450)	\$2,950	\$1,057
Garden City Community College	(\$11,366)	\$4,425	(\$7,605)
Highland Community College	\$4,194	\$17,394	\$18,979
Hutchinson Community College	(\$3,455)	\$7,422	\$2,854
Kansas City Ks Community College	\$ --	\$16,574	\$14,088
Neosho County Community College	(\$2,894)	\$5,869	\$2,095
Salina Area Technical College	(\$915)	\$11,763	\$9,084
Seward County Community College	(\$7)	\$6,460	\$5,484
Washburn Institute of Technology	\$3,376	\$226,551	\$195,944
Wichita Area Technical College	\$2,870	\$21,537	\$21,176
Total	\$33,494	\$410,690	\$382,580

¹ Wichita Area Technical College's name has now changed to Wichita State University Campus of Applied Sciences and Technology.

GED Accelerator Tuition Amounts for Distribution			
Institution	Reconcile FY 2017	Tuition for FY 2018 Enrollment	85% Net Distribution
Barton Community College	\$19,071	\$8,340	\$26,160
Dodge City Community College	\$2,431	\$170	\$2,575
Fort Scott Community College	(\$1,133)	\$ --	(\$1,133)
Garden City Community College	(\$514)	\$4,510	\$3,319
Highland Community College	(\$387)	\$ --	(\$387)
Hutchinson Community College	(\$361)	\$1,000	\$489
Johnson County Community College	(\$1,198)	\$ --	(\$1,198)
Kansas City Ks Community College	(\$129)	\$670	\$440
Neosho County Community College	(\$1,030)	\$840	(\$316)
Salina Area Technical College	(\$1,556)	\$4,670	\$2,413
Seward County Community College	(\$4,053)	\$170	(\$3,909)
Washburn Institute of Technology	(\$12,319)	\$29,390	\$12,662
Wichita Area Technical College	\$1,178	\$ --	\$1,178
Total	\$ --	\$49,760	\$42,293

MODIFY TUITION AND FEES – PSU

President Scott presented Pittsburg State University's request to modify the tuition and fee rate for its online Masters of Business Administration program. The rate will be reduced from \$369 per credit hour to \$365 per credit hour for all students. Regent Newton moved to approve. Regent Thomas seconded, and the motion carried. The new rate for this program will take effect March 1, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Murfin adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

David Murfin, Chair