

KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS

MINUTES

December 18, 2019

The December 18, 2019, meeting of the Kansas Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Shane Bangerter 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:

Shane Bangerter, Chair
Bill Feuerborn, Vice Chair
Ann Brandau-Murguia
Cheryl Harrison-Lee
Mark Hutton
Shelly Kiblinger
Jon Rolph
Allen Schmidt
Helen Van Etten

WELCOME

Chair Bangerter welcomed and wished everyone a happy holiday season. He also welcomed President Golden to his first Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regent Murguia moved that the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting be approved. Following the second of Regent Van Etten, the motion carried.

INTRODUCTIONS

Vice Chancellor of Academic and Student Affairs, Robert Klein, introduced the University of Kansas Medical Center's Student Governing Council President, Lauren Arney.

GENERAL REPORTS

REPORT FROM CHAIR

Chair Bangerter reported earlier this month many Regents participated in fall commencement ceremonies at the state universities. He thanked them for their time and congratulated all the graduates and their families. He also noted the Board is looking forward to tomorrow's breakfast with the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents.

REPORT FROM SYSTEM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Trzaska presented the System Council of Presidents report. The Council received an update from the System Council of Chief Academic Officers on the activities of the Transfer and Articulation Council and the Open Educational Resource Steering Committee. The Academic Officers reviewed a proposed amendment to the Board's degree policy that would allow the colleges to offer Associate in Fine Arts degrees and received an update on the Apply Kansas initiative. In the next couple of months, the Academic Officers will be reviewing potential high

impact practices for the Board's new strategic plan. The System Council of Presidents discussed the importance of moving forward with program articulation and it was noted that the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee will be reviewing what is currently being done in the system.

REPORT FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGES

President Trzaska presented the report for the community colleges. He highlighted some of the unique programs and activities that are occurring on the college campuses. Garden City Community College is partnering with John Deere on its Agricultural Equipment Technology program. Students who enroll in this program learn the basic theories behind John Deere systems in the classroom and work on John Deere equipment in a lab. The students then have the opportunity to intern for a John Deere dealer. Butler Community College's Cyber Security program has been designated a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education. Cloud County Community College recently broke ground on its new agriculture facility. This facility was funded by private gifts and will benefit the College and Cloud County.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF PRESIDENTS

President Garrett 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, the Council of Student Affairs Officers, and the University Support Staff and Unclassified Councils. The Academic Officers discussed program review, reviewed Fort Hays State University's request to offer a Master of Science in Athletic Training, and received information on the Wichita State University and Kansas State University partnership to start a satellite nursing program at Kansas State. It was noted through this partnership students will enroll in KSU's College of Health and Human Sciences for the first three years and, if accepted into WSU's nursing program, will be WSU students on the KSU campus for the following two years. Students who complete both programs will receive dual degrees from KSU and WSU. It was also reported that the Kansas State Board of Nursing has approved this program offering. The Business Officers met with the Secretary of Administration, DeAngela Burns-Wallace, and discussed several topics including the State Employee Health Plan. The Business Officers also discussed the state's oversight of IT projects and the Board's deferred maintenance initiative. The Government Relations Officers continue to meet weekly to discuss the upcoming legislative session. It was reported that the Governor's State of the State address is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15. The Student Affairs Officers reported they are working with the Students' Advisory Committee regarding the challenges associated with meeting the needs of students who are seeking mental health services. President Garrett also reported that the Council of Presidents received a report from the University Support Staff and Unclassified Staff Councils regarding their morale survey, but the Board will receive this information later in the agenda.

REPORT FROM COUNCIL OF FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENTS

Greg Schneider reported that the members of the Council of Faculty Senate Presidents are looking forward to tomorrow's breakfast with the Board. He also reported that the Council continues its work on its freedom of expression resolution. Members plan to gather feedback from the faculty on the campuses regarding the resolution.

REPORT FROM STUDENTS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul Frost presented the Students' Advisory Committee report. The Committee plans to work with the Council of Student Affairs Officers on the challenges associated with student mental health services. The students are reaching out to their local legislators to discuss their legislative priorities. Mr. Frost also thanked the Kansas Board of Regents Office for the donations to Emporia State University's Corky's Cupboard, which is a food pantry for students.

REPORT FROM THE TECHNICAL COLLEGES

President Genandt presented the report for the technical colleges. He reviewed some of the activities happening on the college campuses, which included Washburn Tech's Recycled Rides program that allows students in auto collision and auto service technology to work with licensed technicians to refurbish cars for families in need, Northwest Kansas Technical College's partnership with Green Apple Labs on its electrical program, and Manhattan Area Technical College's work with Habitat for Humanity.

REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY CEOS

Chancellor Girod presented an update on the University of Kansas. He highlighted the University's 2019 fall enrollment data. The University is down 87 students from last year with the greatest decline in undergraduate international student enrollment and graduate student enrollment. He noted the University one-year retention rate is 86.2 percent, four-year graduation rate is 49.8 percent, and the entering freshman class average GPA was 3.64. The Chancellor also reported the University of Kansas Medical Center saw its 15th consecutive year of enrollment growth this year. He then highlighted some academic achievements of the following University students: senior, Alex Murray, received the George J. Mitchell Scholarship; graduate student, Samuel Steuart, received the Marshall Scholarship; and senior, Catalina Wedman, earned the Charles B. Rangel Fellowship. It was also noted that the University's women's soccer team claimed the 2019 Big 12 Soccer Championship title and advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA tournament.

President Garrett reported that Emporia State University's Kansas Small Business Development Center provides entrepreneurs and small business owners with tools and resources to enhance their success. This is one of eight centers located in Kansas. She noted any small business located within the ESU Center's service area, which contains eleven counties, can receive assistance. President Garrett stated the Center at ESU is funded by the state through the Kansas Department of Commerce, the University, and U.S. Small Business Administration. The total investment in the Center is under \$250,000 a year. President Garrett stated the Center has a positive impact on the local and state economy by helping people start up new businesses and expanding established businesses. President Garrett also reported that the University received two grants totaling more than \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Education. The grants will be used by ESU's Counselor Education Department to support students interested in working with deaf and hard of hearing people or individuals with autism spectrum disorders.

STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Schmidt reported that the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee received an update on the Kansas Health Science Center, which is a private postsecondary institution that will be located in Wichita. This institution received its Certificate of Approval to operate in Kansas earlier this year and representatives from the Center provided an update to the Committee on its facility, student admittance, and accreditation requirements and process. The Committee then received information from Fort Hays State University and Butler Community College on their advising practices and strategies. Emporia State University and Kansas State University then provided information on the programs that will move through the Board's strategic program alignment process. It was noted that Fort Hays State University will present programs for this process in January. These programs will then be forwarded to the Board for consideration. The Committee also reviewed the performance funding for Cloud County Community College, Dodge City Community College, and Pratt Community College and discussed Emporia State University's request to offer a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies in Ethnic, Gender, and Identity Studies. The Committee recommended placing the proposed program on the Board's consent agenda in January. Regent Schmidt reported that he plans to arrange a meeting with leaders in other Kansas agencies to discuss the challenges and opportunities within the direct support professional fields.

FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Hutton presented the Fiscal Affairs and Audit report. The Committee reviewed the fiscal and facility items on today's Board agenda. Wichita State University provided additional information on their process related to the NetApp ground lease and the universities provided additional context on their food service costs. The Committee discussed the FY 2020 budgets of the 19 community colleges and how they compare to FY 2018 and FY 2019. Information was also shared on the colleges' mill levies, indebtedness, and assessed valuation. Regent Hutton noted the Board does not oversee the colleges' budgets, but the Committee found the information helpful. The community colleges also presented information on the costs they incur to operate they believe are not covered by the cost model. The Committee received background information on the Educational Building Fund and concurred that the three-year time limit on spending the EBF allocation should be extended as one piece of the future deferred maintenance initiative. Regent Hutton noted the state's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report was finalized for FY 2019 and the Committee was advised that this year's financial audit has no findings for the state universities.

Regent Hutton announced that when the Board discusses the capital project for Wichita State University's NIAR facility addition that he will recuse himself because Hutton Construction has been given notice of award as the construction manager at risk for this project. Regent Hutton disclosed this contract award per Board policy.

GOVERNANCE

Regent Bangerter reported the Governance Committee granted authority for President Flanders to enter two contracts on behalf of the Board dealing with GED data storage and credential management. These contracts were brought to the Committee because of a new Board policy that was adopted last year. The conflict of interests disclosed by Regent Hutton and Regent Kiblinger were reviewed and will be acted on by the Board later in the agenda. The Committee also reviewed proposed amendments to the Board's alcohol policy, which were brought forward by the Council of Presidents, and received the annual campus safety and security reports from Pittsburg State

University and the University of Kansas. Regent Bangerter noted these reports were presented in executive session.

BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 2:23 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

Academic Affairs

CREATION OF SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL STUDIES – KU

The University of Kansas received authorization to create a new School of Professional Studies at the Edwards Campus. The School will oversee undergraduate degree programs in American Sign Language & Deaf Studies, Biotechnology, and a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Health Sciences, as well as a graduate program in Project Management. Creation and operation of the School will not require additional state resources. The funding for any new programs added under the School will be supported by student tuition and fees.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN BUSINESS ANALYTICS – KU

The University of Kansas received approval to offer a Master of Science in Business Analytics. The estimated cost for the first year of the program is \$470,400, which includes a start-up cost of \$2,500. The estimated cost for years two and three is \$467,900 each year. The program will be funded with student tuition and fees.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN AVIATION MAINTENANCE – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to offer an Associate in Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance at the KSU Polytechnic Campus. The estimated cost for the first year of the program is \$261,939. In years two and three, the University is expecting enrollment growth that will require faculty positions to move from half-time to full-time, which will increase the cost of the program \$305,5596 and \$349,253 respectively. The University plans to use student tuition to fund the program.

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE IN PROFESSIONAL PILOT – KSU

Kansas State University received approval to offer an Associate in Applied Science in Professional Pilot at the KSU Polytechnic Campus. The estimated cost of the program is \$119,942 annually, which will be funded by student tuition.

MASTER OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN – KSU

Kansas State University received authorization to offer a Master of Industrial Design. The estimated cost of the program in year one is \$166,842. The estimated cost for years two and three will increase to \$450,259 and \$717,393, respectively,

because the University expects enrollment growth, which would require additional faculty to be hired. The program will be funded by student tuition and fees and other sources.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN DIAGNOSTIC SCIENCE – KUMC

The University of Kansas Medical Center received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Science. The total number of semester credit hours for this degree is 120. The estimated cost to offer the program for year one is \$236,902. The operational costs, which include accreditation costs and equipment, are expected to increase in years two and three, bringing the costs for those two years to \$337,339 and \$354,393 respectively. The primary source of funding for this program will be student tuition and fees.

Fiscal Affairs & Audit

AMEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE REPLACEMENT GENERATORS AT AKERS ENERGY CENTER – FHSU

Fort Hays State University received approval to amend its FY 2021 Capital Improvement Plan and Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan to include a project to replace the generators at Akers Energy Center. The estimated cost of the project is \$2 million, which will be funded with FHSU's Educational Building Fund appropriation.

AMEND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND APPROVE ARCHITECTURAL PROGRAM STATEMENT FOR INNOVATION CAMPUS SCHOOL OF BUSINESS BUILDING – WSU

Wichita State University received approval to amend its FY 2020 Capital Improvement Plan to include the Innovation Campus new School of Business Building. The estimated cost of the project is \$60 million. The project is anticipated to be funded with private gifts and bonding, which will be paid for by a reallocation of existing university funds. The Architectural Program Statement was also approved.

Other Matters

APPOINTMENTS TO THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION AUTHORITY

Mike Johnson and Rita Johnson were each appointed to their second term on the Technical Education Authority. Their second term begins in January 2020 and runs to the end of December 2022.

CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA

Presentations

INCOME SHARE AGREEMENTS

Brian Edelman, President of the Purdue Research Foundation, provided an overview of Purdue's Back a Boiler income share agreement (ISA) program. An income share agreement is a contract between an education institution and a student that provides an alternative method of financing the cost of education. At Purdue students receive funding from the Purdue Research Foundation for the cost of attendance and complete the agreement by paying back a percentage of their salary upon graduation over a standard payment term of nine years or less. All students receive a six-month grace period post-graduation before payments begin, and once a recipient makes payments for the prescribed term of the contract, no additional payments are required even if the recipient paid less than the amount of funding received. Mr. Edelman stated only sophomores, juniors, and seniors who are enrolled full-time, have declared a major, and are in good standing with the University are eligible to receive an ISA. The income share percentages and term periods of an ISA vary based on expected post-graduation income by major. Maximum annual funding also varies by program and class level. President Edelman reviewed examples of two different majors and noted that students entering into ISAs are proportional to the Purdue undergraduate population. The Board asked about funding and default rates for the program. President Edelman stated the Foundation has raised funds from a diverse pool of investors that will support the program for the next three years. He also noted the program is too new to have enough data on default rates. Regent Bangertter thanked President Edelman for the information and taking time to present to the Board.

(PowerPoint filed with Official Minutes)

REPORTS FROM THE UNCLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL AND UNIVERSITY SUPPORT STAFF COUNCIL

Joel Ewy, Unclassified Staff Council President, Douglas Cushenbery, University Support Staff Council President, and Michael Walker, with the Docking Institute, presented findings from the University Support Staff and Unclassified Professional Staff Satisfaction Survey. The survey was conducted last spring by the Docking Institute to gather feedback on employee morale at the state university campuses. Nearly 3,000 support and unclassified staff at Emporia State University, Fort Hays State University, Kansas State University, Pittsburg State University, and Wichita State University completed the survey. It was noted the University of Kansas did not participate because its employees had recently completed their own climate survey. Michael Walker reviewed the process of creating the survey and indicated that each campus received reports specific to their employees.

Joel Ewy reported on some of the key findings in the survey. Many employees (62 percent) reported they have high morale and enjoy their work. However, the biggest concern among employees is that salaries have remained fairly stagnant while costs of living continue to increase. It was noted in the survey that 36 percent of respondents have a second job and another 42 percent are considering a second job to help provide for their families. Employees also noted that university budget cuts have impacted their workload. Over two-thirds of respondents indicated that their duties have increased as a result of not filling open positions. Respondents were also concerned about the rise in health insurance costs for employees and expressed their frustration with the state's HealthQuest system.

Douglas Cushenbery reported that members of the two Councils have begun working with their shared governance groups and university administrators to analyze the individual campus results. The next step for the campuses is to create an action plan to address some of the key findings. The Councils are also recommending that the university CEOs consider conducting an employee morale survey every three years to determine if progress is being made on their action plans. Additionally, the Councils are asking the Board to continue to advocate for increased state funding and to work with the Kansas State Health Care Commission on the issues surrounding the state's health insurance plan.

Regent Bangerter thanked the Councils for the update. Board members encouraged the university employees to reach out directly to their local legislators to express their concerns about the university budget cuts and communicate how those cuts have impacted them and their families.

BREAK

The Chair called for a break at 3:46 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Academic Affairs

COURSES FOR SYSTEMWIDE TRANSFER

Daniel Archer, Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented nine courses that the Transfer and Articulation Advisory Council recommended to be included in systemwide transfer effective summer 2020. With these nine courses added, the system will have 100 courses that seamlessly transfer. Regent Schmidt noted that the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee reviewed these courses and recommends they be approved. He also noted the next step for the Board is to look at how courses transfer into programs. The Board members concurred and Chair Bangerter asked the Academic Affairs Committee to collect information on what is currently transferring into programs and report back to the Board in May or June. Following discussion, Regent Hutton moved to approve the nine transfer courses. Regent Van Etten seconded, and the motion carried. The following courses were approved for systemwide transfer:

- Creative Writing
- Introduction to Exercise Science
- New Testament
- Piano I
- Piano II
- Principles of Management
- Three Dimension Design
- Two Dimension Design
- Voice & Diction

Governance

BOARD MEMBER CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES AND ACTUAL OR APPARENT CONFLICTS

General Counsel Julene Miller stated that since the September meeting, when the Board last acted on Board member conflicts, Regent Hutton and Regent Kiblinger have disclosed additional

conflicts of interest. Regent Hutton has an ownership and employment interest in, and his son is the majority stockholder and CEO of, a construction company (Hutton Construction) that has recently been awarded the construction management at risk contract for the NIAR building renovation/addition project at Wichita State University. Regent Hutton has also disclosed that Hutton Construction has been notified by the K-State Foundation of its intent to award a construction management at risk contract for renovations to Memorial Stadium for the K-State marching band. Regent Kiblinger's spouse has been approached to supervise 4-5 student teachers for Pittsburg State University in accordance with the University's routine arrangements for such services. General Counsel Miller stated the Governance Committee reviewed the disclosed conflicts and discussed amending the Board's policy to require a Board member to disclose transactions with affiliated corporations. She noted under the current policy a contract with a foundation like the one Regent Hutton reported is not required to be disclosed. However, Regent Hutton wanted to report it to be transparent and because it may become a university contract. Regent Schmidt moved to direct Regent Hutton and Regent Kiblinger to excuse themselves from participating on behalf of the Board in matters involving or related to their respective disclosed interests. Regent Rolph seconded, and the motion carried.

Fiscal Affairs and Audit

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR NIAR RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT – WSU

Regent Hutton reported he has a conflict with the NIAR Renovation project at Wichita State University and left the Board room before the discussion began. Nelda Henning, Director of Facilities, presented Wichita State University's request to amend its Capital Improvement Plan to increase the NIAR project budget from \$5,250,000 to \$8,750,700. The project is funded from a combination of restricted use funds that are generated by private industry from training, testing and certification, and federal grants. The increased project costs will be funded from additional federal grants along with Department of Defense contracts that will be made possible with the capabilities of the equipment being secured as part of this project. NIAR will be responsible for the cost of future maintenance and operations. Regent Feuerborn moved to approve and Regent Rolph seconded. Regent Bangerter asked Director Henning to describe the process that Wichita State University used to select the contractor for the construction management at risk contract. She stated the universities generally use the State Building Advisory Commission selection process. In this process a university submits its Request for Proposal (RFP) to the Office of Facilities and Procurement Management (OFPM), which is in the Kansas Department of Administration, and works with the Office on the bids. The university advertises the RFP and the Advisory Commission collects proposals on behalf of the university and selects three to five firms that meet the terms set out in the RFP to be interviewed by a negotiating committee. Director Henning stated the negotiating committee consists of three voting members – one from the university, the Director of Facilities in the Board Office, and a representative of OFPM. After the interviews the negotiating committee ranks the firms in order. Director Henning noted that at the time of the interviews the negotiating committee does not have access to the financial bid information that the firms submitted. This information is provided to the committee after the interviews. The Regents discussed the RFP process and wanted more information on the RFP for the NIAR project. Regent Feuerborn withdrew his motion to approve, and Chair Bangerter moved this item to the end of the agenda so staff can collect additional information.

FY 2021 HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE RATE ADJUSTMENT PROPOSALS – STATE UNIVERSITIES

Elaine Frisbie, Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the FY 2021 housing and food service rate adjustment proposals for the state universities. It was noted the Board had a first read of these rates last month. Several of the Regents expressed concerns about the rising costs of housing and food services and how it may be impacting access. Regent Rolph requested a taskforce be formed to review housing and food rates to determine if there are efficiencies that can be put into place to reduce cost. Chair Bangerter asked President Flanders to form a taskforce that should include representatives from all the universities. Regent Murguia requested that at least one member be a university CEO. Following discussion, Regent Rolph moved to approve the FY 2021 housing and food service rates for the state universities. Regent Murguia seconded, and the motion carried.

(FY 2021 Housing and Food Rates filed with Official Minutes)

FY 2019 EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND SPENDING REPORT – SYSTEM

Director Henning stated in 2017 the Legislature altered the appropriation from the Educational Building Fund (EBF) to provide the Board with greater control over how the Fund is allocated across the state university system. To improve flexibility for the universities, the Board implemented a new process that allows the universities to report annually to the Board on how the funds were used rather than the Board approving a specific project list in advance. She noted the funds are still allocated to the universities based on the adjusted square footage formula.

(FY 2019 University Project Reports filed with Official Minutes)

ALLOCATION OF FY 2021 EDUCATIONAL BUILDING FUND APPROPRIATION – SYSTEM

Director Henning presented the proposed allocation of the FY 2021 Educational Building Fund appropriation. Regent Murguia moved to approve, and Regent Schmidt seconded. It was noted some funds were being held back to pay for the space utilization study associated with the Board's deferred maintenance initiative. Regent Hutton stated as part of the deferred maintenance initiative he would like the Board to review the allocation formula for the EBF so universities will no longer be disadvantaged by razing buildings. Following discussion, the motion carried. The following allocations were approved:

**Allocation of Funds for Rehabilitation and Repair Projects for Institutions of Higher Education as Appropriated to the Kansas Board of Regents
FY 2021 - \$41,000,000 (EBF)**

Adjusted gross square feet (EBF-Eligible Buildings Only):

	<u>Gross Sq. Feet</u>	<u>% of Total</u>	<u>Allocation</u>
University of Kansas	5,488,301	26.87	\$11,016,700
University of Kansas Medical Center	2,297,176	11.25	4,612,500
Kansas State University	6,105,374	29.90	12,259,000
Wichita State University	2,243,148	10.98	4,501,800

Emporia State University	1,232,601	6.04	2,476,400
Pittsburg State University	1,507,841	7.38	3,025,800
Fort Hays State University	<u>1,548,171</u>	<u>7.58</u>	<u>3,107,800</u>
Total	20,422,612	100.00	\$41,000,000

WSU GROUND LEASE TO WSIA AND WSIA GROUND SUBLEASE TO MWCB, LLC FOR NEW PARTNERSHIP BUILDING – WSU

General Counsel Miller stated NetApp, Inc. wants to develop and occupy a partnership building on the Wichita State Innovation Campus. The ground lease for this project covers no more than 373,000 square feet of ground located on the attached map. In order for this to occur, Wichita State is requesting authority for the following: 1) WSU to enter a ground lease with the Wichita State Innovation Alliance, Inc. (WSIA), which is a controlled affiliate of WSU, 2) WSIA to enter a ground sublease to MWCB, LLC (the Developer), and 3) MWCB and NetApp enter a space or ground sub-sublease. General Counsel Miller noted the land transactions would involve a 65-year ground lease and MWCB will pay WSIA a lease rate of \$.50 per square foot of useable square footage in the building. WSIA will then pay an annual lease rate of \$1.00 to WSU for the term of the leases. She also noted the leases will contain restrictions on what the buildings should look like and how they will be used. Regent Hutton moved to approve, and Regent Schmidt seconded. The motion carried.

(WSU Campus Map filed with Official Minutes)

Other Matters

NON-BUDGETARY LEGISLATIVE ITEM

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, reported at the November meeting the Board reviewed a proposal to amend the Kansas Private and Out-of-State Postsecondary Educational Institution Act. The request is to clarify and strengthen the Board's authority over private and out-of-state institutions operating in Kansas to allow for additional consumer protection. Regent Murguia moved to approve. Regent Van Etten seconded, and the motion carried.

HONORARY DEGREES – KU

Chancellor Girod nominated Bill Kurtis to receive an honorary degree from the University of Kansas. Regent Schmidt moved to approve and Regent Murguia seconded. The motion carried. Chancellor Girod also nominated Roger Shimomura to receive an honorary degree. Regent Schmidt moved to approve, and Regent Harrison-Lee seconded. The motion carried. Both honorary degrees will be bestowed by the University at its May 2020 Commencement.

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE DR. BERNADETTE GRAY-LITTLE CHANCELLOR EMERITA

Chancellor Girod presented a Resolution nominating Dr. Bernadette Gray-Little as Chancellor Emerita at the University of Kansas. Regent Harrison-Lee moved to approve, and Regent Van Etten seconded. The motion carried.

(Resolution filed with Official Minutes)

NAMING OF A BUILDING – KU

Chancellor Girod requested approval to name the new Integrated Science Building in the Central District in honor of Dr. Bernadette Gray-Little. Regent Harrison-Lee moved to approve. Regent Van Etten seconded, and the motion carried. Regent Feuerborn voted no on the motion. The building will be named Gray-Little Hall.

AMENDMENT TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR NIAR RENOVATION AND ADDITION PROJECT – WSU

Regent Bangerter noted that the discussion on this item was tabled earlier in the agenda and asked Regent Hutton to again excuse himself from the room. Regent Bangerter then stated he is not comfortable with the current process on construction projects that involve Regents because the Board is not informed of the Regent's conflict until late in the process. The Board discussed the process and asked Board staff to gather more information on how the process can be improved. Following discussion, Regent Murguia moved to approve amending WSU's Capital Improvement Plan to increase the budget for the NIAR renovation project. Regent Rolph seconded, and the motion carried. Regent Bangerter voted no on the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bangerter adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Shane Bangerter, Chair