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**Kentucky State University  
Board of Regents**

**2011-2012 Academic Affairs Committee**

**Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson  
Regent Mindy Barfield  
Regent Edwin Conner  
Dr. Mac A. Stewart, Staff**

**Kentucky State University  
Board of Regents**

**July 27, 2012**

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**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
Regular Meeting of the  
Academic Affairs Committee  
July 27, 2012**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**The Board Room - Academic Services Building**

**Regent Karen Bearden, Presiding**

**Agenda**

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| I. Call to Order            | Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson   |
| II. Roll Call               | Dr. Mac A. Stewart<br>Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs |
| III. Opening Remarks        | Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson   |
| IV. Approval of Minutes     | Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson   |
| V. Executive Summary Report | Dr. Mac A. Stewart<br>Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs |
| VI. Discussion              | Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson   |
| VII. Adjournment            | Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson   |

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
AGENDA ITEM BACKGROUND**

To: Board of Regents	Academic Affairs Committee	Date: July 27, 2012
From:	Dr. Mac A. Stewart	
Subject:	Minutes of April 27, 2012	
Reason for Consideration: Approval		Enclosure: Yes

**Background:**

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting for April 27, 2012, require approval in order to become an official part of the committee records.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Academic Affairs Committee approve the minutes of the April 27, 2012, meeting.

**APPROVAL**

Initiator:	Dr. Mac A. Stewart Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Board Action Date:	July 27, 2012
Effective Date:	July 27, 2012

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
Regular Academic Affairs Committee Meeting**

**Board of Regents  
Academic Affairs Committee  
8:30 a.m., April 27, 2012**

**KSU Aquaculture Research Building  
Frankfort, KY**

**MINUTES**

Regent Edwin Conner served as chair in the absence of Regent Karen Bearden. Regent Edwin Conner called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee to order at 8:30 a.m. on April 27, 2012. Regent Conner asked Rita Evans, Academic Affairs, to call roll:

Regent Karen Bearden, Present  
Regent Edwin Conner, Present  
Staff, Dr. Mac A. Stewart, Present

Regent Demetrick Coleman, Absent  
Regent Mindy Barfield, Present

A quorum was declared. Dr. Stewart gave an overview of the executive report. The report affirms that Academic Affairs and Land Grant faculty and staff remain dedicated to teaching, research, and service.

Action: A motion for the approval of the Academic Affairs Committee's October 28, 2011, minutes was made by Regent Conner. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Action: A motion for the approval of the Academic Affairs Committee's January 27, 2012, minutes was made by Regent Conner. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Action: A motion for approval of the recommendations for faculty tenure and/or promotion was made by Regent Conner. The motion passed.

Action: A motion for approval of authorization for the President to confer the degrees at the May 4, 2012, commencement ceremony was made by Regent Conner. The motion passed.

Action: A motion for the approval of degree programs in: Master of Arts in Gerontology, Interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree in Agriculture, Food, and Environment, and Bachelor of Science in Nursing was made by Regent Conner. The motion passed.

A motion for adjournment of the Academic Affairs' Committee April 27, 2012 meeting was made by Regent Bearden and seconded by Regent Barfield at 9:04 am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Dr. Mac A. Stewart  
Interim Provost/Vice President for  
Academic Affairs  
Board of Regents  
Kentucky State University

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Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson  
Academic Affairs Committee  
Board of Regents  
Kentucky State University

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**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
AGENDA ITEM BACKGROUND**

To: Board of Regents	Academic Affairs Committee	Date: July 27, 2012
From:	Dr. Mac A. Stewart	
Subject:	Minutes of June 4, 2012	
Reason for Consideration: Approval		Enclosure: Yes

**Background:**

The minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee meeting for June 4, 2012, require approval in order to become an official part of the committee records.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Academic Affairs Committee approve the minutes of the June 4, 2012 meeting.

**APPROVAL**

Initiator:	Dr. Mac A. Stewart Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Board Action Date:	July 27, 2012
Effective Date:	July 27, 2012

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
Special Academic Affairs Committee Meeting**

**Board of Regents  
Academic Affairs Committee  
11:00 a.m., June 4, 2012**

**Academic Services Building, Board Room  
Frankfort, KY**

**MINUTES**

Regent Karen Bearden called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee to order at 11:00 a.m. on June 4, 2012. Regent Bearden asked Rita Evans, Academic Affairs, to call roll:

Regent Karen Bearden, Present  
Regent Edwin Conner, Present  
Staff, Dr. Mac A. Stewart, Present

Regent Demetrick Coleman, Absent  
Regent Mindy Barfield, Absent

Since there were not three or more Regents present for the committee, no quorum was declared. No action items were addressed.

The minutes from the April 27, 2012 meeting will be tabled until the July 27, 2012 meeting. The following action items will be taken to the full Board: Approval of Tenure for Dr. Joel Thierstein, Faculty Sabbatical Leaves for Dr. Tamara Sluss and Steven Gale.

The Academic Affairs' Committee meeting adjourned at 11:10 am.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Dr. Mac A. Stewart  
Interim Provost/VPAA  
Academic Affairs  
Board of Regents  
Kentucky State University

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Regent Karen Bearden, Chairperson  
Academic Affairs Committee  
Board of Regents  
Kentucky State University

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**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF REGENTS  
AGENDA ITEM BACKGROUND**

To: Board of Regents Academic Affairs Committee	Date: July 27, 2012
From: Dr. Mac A. Stewart	
Subject: Academic Affairs Report	
Reason for Consideration: Informational	Enclosure: Yes

**Background:**

The Academic Affairs Report submitted by Dr. Mac A. Stewart, Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs is presented on pages 10-12. The report covers the period from April 6, 2012 to July 27, 2012.

**Recommendation:**

**INFORMATIONAL**

Initiator:	Dr. Mac A. Stewart Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Board Action Date:	July 27, 2012
Effective Date:	July 27, 2012

**Kentucky State University**  
**Report to the University Board of Regents**  
**(Covering the period from April 6, 2012 to July 27, 2012)**  
**By**  
**Dr. Mac A. Stewart**  
**Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs**  
**July 27, 2012**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**The Office of Academic Affairs**

Dr. Beverly Downing has been appointed Interim Associate Provost of Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2012. Dr. Downing has served as the Chair of the School of Education for the past three years.

Dr. Sylvia Mason has been appointed Interim Chair of the School of Education, effective July 1, 2012. Dr. Mason is currently working on NCATE accreditation for the School of Education.

The Liberal Studies Summer Institute has recommended a revised Liberal Studies Curriculum, which will reduce the number of required liberal studies core hours from the current range of 41-53 (depending upon the student's course of study), to a standard of 36-42 credit hours, with some exceptions granted for academic programs which lead to certification. The recommendation is pending administrative approval. Reducing liberal studies core requirements is an effort to comply with CPE's recommendation for all public institutions to reduce the liberal studies core to 42 hours.

**UNIT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**College of Arts and Sciences**

Dr. George W. Shields, Professor of Philosophy, has completed an invited article titled "Whitehead and Decoherence Quantum Mechanics: Logical Issues" to appear in *Contemporary Physics and the Process-Substance Debate*, a volume forthcoming in the Series in Process Thought published by Ontos Verlag of Frankfurt, Germany (U. S. distribution by Rutgers University Press). This volume is edited by Timothy Eastman, the director of space science at NASA's Goddard Center. Dr. Shields is also completing a second invited article entitled "Whitehead and Analytic Philosophy of Mind" for the Special Focus Issue on "Whitehead and Analytic Philosophy" forthcoming in the peer-reviewed scholarly journal *Process Studies*. The Special Focus Issue is edited by Franz Riffert (University of Salzburg) and Ludwig Jaskolla (University of Munich).

Dr. Bruce Griffis, Assistant Professor of Biology, represented the state of Kentucky at the NGSS College and Career Readiness Institute, which was hosted by Achieve, Inc. the company in charge of the writing process for the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Approximately 25 of the 26 Lead Partner States in the NGSS development process were represented by teams consisting of business, state departments of education, and institute of higher education members. Members from the different Lead Partner State teams

were assigned into one of four groups: Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Life Science, and Physics. The purpose of the institute was to get professional feedback from Lead Partner State representatives in the areas of NGSS Middle School and High School Standards in one of the four aforementioned subject areas.

Dr. G. Todd Davis, Associate Professor of English and chair of the Division of Literature, Languages, and Philosophy has been invited to review two books for *Review-19: An Online Review of New Books* by the Founding Editor James Heffernan, Professor Emeritus from Dartmouth College, which are now available online at: <http://www.nbol-19.org/>. The review titles are as follow: Rev. of *Romantic Women Writers Reviewed* and Rev. of *Romanticism and the Object*.

Dr. Mara Merlino, assistant professor of psychology and sociology, gave an invited presentation titled "Validity and Reliability in Forensic Document Examination" on Thursday, June 28 at the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Laboratory in Atlanta, Ga. The presentation, which was attended by members of various forensic disciplines and graduate students working on internships in the forensic sciences, discussed the research currently being conducted by Dr. Merlino and Dr. Tierra Freeman about the reliability, validity, accuracy, and various forms of bias found in the research methodology currently used by forensic document examiners. The second phase of this research, during which forensic document examiners from across the United States are coming to Kentucky State University to participate in eye-tracking and other research-related tasks, is currently under way in the Interdisciplinary Behavioral and Social Sciences Laboratory located in Hathaway Hall. Undergraduate research assistants currently working on this project are lead project assistant Cierra Alexander, Melissa Pickett, TaJa Sneed, Kara Francis, and Nicholas Williams. The project is funded by the National Institute of Justice.

### **College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems**

Kentucky State University's College of Agriculture, Food Science and Sustainable Systems will begin offering a bachelor's degree in Agriculture, Food and Environment in the fall semester of 2012. The AFE degree program will offer four individual concentrations or options in agricultural, food, environmental and aquaculture systems. Courses to be offered in fall 2012 include AFE 116 Introduction to Agriculture, Food and Environment; AFE 217 Plant Science; AFE 311 Practicum; AFE 450 Human Health and Environment; AQU 480 Introduction to Geographic Systems; AQU 407 Fish Genetics; AQU 411 Fish Diseases; AQU 422 Principles of Aquaculture; AQU 427 Fish Reproduction and Spawning Techniques; AQU 451 Survey of Production Methods; and AQU 491 Internship in Aquaculture.

Dr. James Tidwell, chair of the Division of Aquaculture, recently had an article published titled "Current Status and Prospects of Farming the Giant River Prawn (*Macrobrachium rosenbergii*) in the United States." The paper was published in a special issue of the journal *Aquaculture Research*, which features papers from the international symposium Giant Prawn 2011, held in Kochi, Kerala, India, in January 2011. Tidwell was one of the invited speakers at the symposium.

### **College of Business and Computer Science**

Dr. Stephen Graham-Hill, a professor in the College of Business, has been certified in Lean Six Sigma in May at an Institute of Industrial Engineers workshop in Orlando, Fla. IIE is the world's largest professional society dedicated solely to the support of the industrial engineering profession and individuals involved with improving quality and productivity. Earning Lean Six Sigma certification means that an individual has proven proficiency in certain areas.

### **Blazer Library**

Paul G. Blazer Library has a new Web page containing the University's yearbooks from 1916 through 2005. **Sharon McGee**, Blazer Library's Archives Records Manager, designed the page as a portion of a project she initiated to have the University's most requested items in Paul G. Blazer Library's Special Collections and Archives Department digitized. The yearbooks begin with the *Students Bulletin*, a publication that includes the years, 1916 through 1920, and continues with the *Thorobred*, which starts in 1948 and continues to 2005. The project is still ongoing and it includes the digitization of KSU's *Thorobred News* newspapers (1929 - 2004), and the *Catalog* (1894 - 2002). The Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives is the agency that was selected to perform the digitization. The page is available at [http://www.kysu.edu/academics/library/KSU\\_Yearbooks.htm](http://www.kysu.edu/academics/library/KSU_Yearbooks.htm).

Sheila Stuckey, Director of Libraries just completed serving a three year term on the HBCU Library Alliance Board. The HBCU Library Alliance is a consortium that support the collaboration of information professionals dedicated to strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their constituents. The purpose of the HBCU Library Alliance is to ensure excellence in HBCU libraries through the development, collaboration, coordination, and promotion of programs and activities to enhance members' collections and services.