

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents
1:15 p.m., October 26, 2012
Julian Carroll Academic Services Building, Frankfort, Kentucky
Regent Karen W. Bearden, Presiding

MINUTES

I. Call to Order:

Vice Chair Karen Bearden called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents to order at 1:25 p.m. on October 26, 2012.

II. Roll Call:

Vice Chair Bearden asked Lori Davis, Secretary to the Board, to conduct the roll call:

Regent Banks, *Present*

Regent Barfield, *Present*

Regent Bearden, *Present*

Regent Conner, *Present*

Regent Franklin, *Present*

Regent Guarnieri, *Present (arrived after the Roll Call)*

Regent Henry, *Present*

Regent Lysonge, *Present (after the administration of the Oath of Office)*

Regent Reddy, *Present*

Regent Whitehead, *Present*

Regent Williams, *Present*

Eleven Regents were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

III. Opening Remarks:

Vice Chair Bearden called the meeting to order and requested Provost Thierstein to introduce the university's recently appointed faculty, staff and administrators. The following individuals were introduced:

- Mr. Mark Tollefsen, Department of Music
- Mr. Vincent Davis, Department of Music
- Mr. Scott Ross, Department of Art
- Dr. Kirk Pomper, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems
- Dr. Maifan Silitonga, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems
- Dr. John Sedlacek, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems

- Dr. George Antonius, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems
- Dr. Javiette Samuel, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems
- Dr. Joanne Bankston, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems
- Dr. Marion Simon, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems
- Dr. Jim Tidwell, College of Agriculture, Food Sciences and Sustainable Systems
- Dr. Abdul Turay, Chair, College of Business and Computer Science
- Dr. Jens Hannemann, College of Business and Computer Science

Vice Chair Bearden welcomed the newly appointed members of the KSU staff.

IV. Administration of the Oath of Office:

Board Secretary Lori Davis administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ekumene Lysonge, the newly appointed regent. Vice Chair Bearden welcomed Mr. Lysonge to the Kentucky State Board of Regents.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Regents meeting held on July 27, 2012 was made by Regent Reddy and seconded by Regent Whitehead. The motion passed 11-0.

VI. Election of New Officers/Committee Assignments:

Vice Chair Bearden asked Lori Davis to conduct the Election of Officers. Ms. Davis opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Chair since the term of the former Chair, Ms. Laura Douglas had expired.

Regent Conner nominated Regent Bearden for the Office of Chair. No further nominations were made. Thereafter, Regent Bearden was elected Chair of the Board by acclamation.

Since Regent Bearden was elected as Chair, the Office of Vice Chair became vacant. Ms. Davis opened the floor for nominations for the Office of Vice Chair. Regent Banks nominated Regent Whitehead as Vice Chair. Regent Franklin nominated Regent Henry. Regent Henry declined the nomination. No additional nominations were made. Thereafter, Regent Whitehead was elected Vice Chair of the Board by acclamation.

Regent Bearden expressed her appreciation to the Board for electing her as Chair and she pledged to continue the success of KSU. Regent Bearden further advised the board that she would advise the board of committee appointments at a later date.

Regent Whitehead also thanked the board for selecting him as Vice Chair of the Board.

VII. Closed Session:

Action: Motion was made to convene a closed session to discuss individual personnel matters and pending litigation pursuant to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The motion was made by Regent Lysonge and seconded by Regent Henry. The motion passed, 11-0 at 1:45 p.m.

The Board discussed pending litigation and personnel matters. The Board took no action in Closed Session.

VIII. Open Session:

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 3:57 p.m.

IX. Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs:

Regent Bearden presented the Academic Affairs Committee report. Regent Bearden stated that KSU continues to display high levels of scholarship across all academic disciplines. A complete report of academic accomplishments were included in the Board minutes.

Action: Motion was made to confer degrees upon those students who have completed degree requirements as of December 8, 2012 as recommended by the President and the University Faculty. The motion was made by Regent Williams and seconded by Regent Guarnieri. The motion passed, 11-0.

Student Affairs:

Regent Williams provided an overview of the activities completed by the Office of Student Affairs as specifically outlined in the Board Book. An Executive Summary prepared by Dr. Lorenzo Esters was included in the Board materials. Dr. Esters discussed the focus of his Division for the past few months. There were no action items reported.

Finance and Administration:

Regent Henry presented the Finance and Administration Committee report. The Fiscal Year 2012 was completed by the external auditing firm and the university received an unqualified opinion.

Action: Motion was made to approve the 2012 Audit Report. The motion was made by Regent Henry and seconded by Regent Whitehead. The motion passed, 11-0.

Regent Henry also reported that there were recent changes in the federal Pell Grant program and the Parent Plus Loan requirements that have negatively impacted the university's enrollment.

External Relations and Development:

Regent Whitehead presented the External Relations and Development Committee report. Regent Whitehead stated that the university received contributions of approximately \$ 580,000 from 53 contributors during the first quarter of the Fiscal Year 2013. The KSU Capital Campaign has raised more than \$4 million thus far.

Regent Whitehead also reported that Housing Occupancy is at 82% at this time. Capital Planning has 23 major projects pending. Media and Communications have reported a high percentage of positive stories.

There were no action items reported.

Audit:

Regent Barfield presented the Audit Committee report. Regent Barfield stated that Mark Ferm, the university's internal audit has been reviewing various areas of the university and anticipates his next review will focus upon Student Financial Aid.

There were no action items reported.

X, President's Report:

President Sias provided the following report:

Introduction of New Employees:

President Sias introduced new staff members, Dr. Lorenzo Esters, Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Management; Ms. Anita Lockridge, Vice President, Finance and Administration and Dr. Mary Spor, Associate Vice President, Grants and Sponsored Programs. Each new staff person was welcomed and permitted to make brief biographical information to the Board.

Board Retreat Information:

President Sias provided the Board with the date of the 2013 Board Retreat and Meeting. The Board Retreat will be held January 23-24, 2013 and the Regular Board meeting will be held on January 25, 2013. Board members were asked to share potential retreat agenda topics. Additional details regarding location will be forwarded to board members at a later date.

Green2Gold Program:

President Sias reported that 106 students participated in the *Green2Gold* program to pay down their tuition bill by working on or off campus. Participating students receive an amount up to a maximum of \$3,600 to offset their financial

balances owed to the university. President Sias informed the board that the university has made a presentation about the *Green2Gold* program to the United States Department of Education (USDOE). USDOE is considering the use of the *Green2Gold* program as a model for other higher education institutions.

Risk Management Committee:

President Sias stated that the University's Risk Management Committee met last week and reported that the KSU Fraud and Abuse Hotline, "*Tell-It*," had been in place but had not received any calls. Risk Management is reportedly reviewing: 1) operations of the Police Department; 2) HR "Return-to-Work" policies; and 3) Emergency Preparedness policies. Dr. Griskell, Director of Risk Management and Compliance, is also developing a Request for Proposals for insurance brokerage services.

University Reorganization Plan:

President Sias offered her recommendation to the Board to reorganize university departments at the Cabinet and Senior staff levels. President Sias distributed copies of her recommended plan and orally highlighted the following items:

- New positions added include, a Chief Information Officer, Director of Marketing and Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Management
- The Student Success and Enrollment Management Department was divided into subcomponents, including Advising/Retention; Enrollment Management and Student Development

Regents were provided an opportunity to review the recommended reorganization document and ask questions.

Action: Motion was made to approve the University Reorganization Plan as submitted by the President. The motion was made by Regent Reddy and seconded by Regent Henry. The motion passed, 11-0.

President Sias provided a written report to the board entitled, "***What's Not Changing At KSU.***" President Sias also shared a video of selected facility improvements that the university completed including, installation of new equipment, relocation of the Police Department to the Rosenwald Building, renovation of the Old Federal Building, refurbishment of the Bradford Hall Auditorium, construction of the Aquatic Vessel and the installation of the New KSU Entrance Archway.

President Sias also discussed a *PowerPoint* presentation outlining the following:

- KSU's ongoing commitment to Quality and Excellence because it stands ready to help students "*Enter to Learn, Go out to Serve*" despite enrollment declines at HBCU's and other universities across the nation

- Recently added federal Financial Aid rules relating to Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Review of alternatives to traditional learning materials such as books
- Progress towards moving all baccalaureate programs to a maximum of 120 credit hours for completion
- Changes to the Liberal Arts Core Course requirements to a maximum of 36-42 credit hours depending upon major
- Increase the number of transfer students from KCTCS to KSU
- Review of KSU's approach to Supplemental (Developmental) Education
- KSU's increased reliance upon metrics to assess progress toward strategic goals

XI. Adjournment:

Action: Motion was made to adjourn the Board meeting by Regent Henry and seconded by Regent Williams. The motion passed 11-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

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General Counsel
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Karen W. Bearden, Chair
Board of Regents
Kentucky State University

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