

**REPORT TO THE
BOARD OF REGENTS**



April 25, 2014

Regents Committee Meetings Schedule

April 25, 2014

9:00—10:00	External Relations & Development
10:00 -- 10:45	Finance & Administration
10:45—11:15	Student Success & Enrollment Management
11:15—12:00	Academic Affairs Committee
12:00—12:30	Audit Committee
12:30—1:10	Lunch, President's Dining Room
1:15 -	Board Meeting

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents
1:15 p.m., January 24, 2014
Board Room, Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building
Frankfort, Kentucky
Regent Karen Bearden, Presiding

A G E N D A

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER | Regent Karen Bearden, Chair |
| II. | ROLL CALL | Atty. Lori Davis, Secretary |
| III. | OPENING REMARKS | Regent Karen Bearden |
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| IV. | APPROVAL OF MINUTES | |
| | Action Item: Approval of Minutes from the January 24, 2014 Meeting | |
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| V. | PRESIDENT'S REPORT | |
| | A. President's Updates | |
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| VI. | COMMITTEE REPORTS | |
| | A. Academic Affairs | Regent Karen Bearden, Chair |
| | Action Item: Faculty Emeriti | |
| | Action Item: Program Approval | |
| | B. Finance and Administration | Regent Lavaughn Henry, Chair |
| | C. Student Affairs | Regent Phyllis Williams, Chair |
| | D. External Relations and Development: | Regent Charles Whitehead, Chair |
| | E. Audit Committee: | Regent Mindy Barfield, Chair |
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| VII. | CLOSED SESSION | |
| | A. Pending Litigation (KRS 61.810 (1)(c)) | |
| | B. Personnel Matters (KRS 61.810 (1)(f)) | |
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| VIII. | CLOSING REMARKS | |
| IX. | ADJOURNMENT | |

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Special Meeting of the Board of Regents
1:15 p.m., February 24, 2014
Board Room, Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building
Frankfort, Kentucky
Regent Karen W. Bearden, Presiding

MINUTES

I. Call to Order:

Chairperson Karen Bearden called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents to order at 3:17 p.m. on February 24, 2014.

II. Roll Call:

Chairperson Bearden asked the Secretary to conduct the Roll Call:

Regent Barfield, *Present*
Regent Bearden, *Present*
Regent Guarnieri, *Absent*
Regent Haskins, *Present*
Regent Henry, *Absent*
Regent Jeter-Davis, *Present*
Regent Lysonge, *Present*
Regent McFayden, *Present*
Regent Reddy, *Absent*
Regent Whitehead, *Present*
Regent Williams, *Present*

Eight Regents were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

III. Opening Remarks:

Chairperson Bearden welcomed the attendees to the meeting. She asked President Sias to provide her report.

IV. President's Report:

President Sias commended KSU upon its focus on heart health this month.

Financial Aid Cohort Default Rate:

President Sias discussed the Cohort Default rate and displayed a Powerpoint presentation. KSU receives \$21 million in federal funds through federal loans and other aid for its students. Approximately 82% of KSU students receive some type of aid, equaling \$11.9 million in loans. Some former KSU students have not been fulfilling their repayment terms and as a result, KSU's cohort loan default

rates have been increasing. KSU cohort defaults vary between 18-29%. The current rate is 25.04%. KSU strives to keep its rate below 18% and plans to focus on increased financial literacy for students to ensure that students understand repayment terms and options, including face-to-face counseling for students.

V. Committee Reports

Academic Affairs:

Regent Bearden asked Dr. Thierstein to provide information regarding the following action items:

Master's in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Studies Program Proposal

Dr. Thierstein introduced Dr. Mara Merlino and Dr. Tierra Freeman, of the KSU Psychology Department to present the new program proposal for a Masters of Arts in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Sciences. This program would be a science-based program to move students into future Ph.D. programs.

As a result of increased growth in the fields of law and psychology as interdisciplinary study, Drs. Merlino and Freeman maintain that a Master's program would benefit KSU students and offer significant opportunity for growth for the university. The proposed program would be 45 hours (thesis option and non-thesis option) and could be completed in two (2) semesters plus summer. Applicable course work would include forensic counseling, theories of offending, trial consulting and advanced statistics.

Dr. Freeman and Dr. Merlino would serve as faculty for the new program and additional adjuncts will be added as needed. Twelve full-time and six part-time students are anticipated, with a course cap at 20 students. Many students currently at KSU have expressed interest in pursuing this type of program. The closest university offering a similar program is in Illinois. Another program is located in Florida, however, the proposed KSU program would be the only one offered by a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) in the United States.

Completion of a Master's in Arts in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Sciences would be considered as a terminal degree in many instances.

Action: Motion was made by Regent Barfield and seconded by Regent Whitehead to approve the Master's in Arts in Interdisciplinary Behavioral Studies program request. The motion passed 8-0.

Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program Proposal

Dr. Thierstein also asked Dr. Sandra Holmes, Interim Chair of the College of Nursing and Dr. Constance Hendricks (Visiting Presidential Scholar, Auburn University) to present the program proposal for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice.

Dr. Hendricks stated that KSU has been granted Level 5 status from the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities (SACS) which allows KSU to offer a limited number of doctoral programs. KSU proposes to offer a Doctorate of Nursing Practice Program focusing on advanced clinical practice with emphasis upon gerontology and applied research. The emphasis upon gerontology is very relevant as individuals are living longer. The Kentucky Board of Nursing has approved the program plan and has given KSU 18 months to provide a detailed proposal and approval from the Council on Postsecondary Education's (CPE) is pending, though KSU received letters of endorsement from other Kentucky public universities with schools of nursing.

KSU's proposal anticipates program implementation beginning Fall 2014. The program will be an online program with a minimum of five (5) students. Students are expected to complete the program in 72 hours or 9 semesters. Program faculty will include a Program Director and two other faculty members (with doctoral credentials). The students will complete their clinical preparation in a location near their residences.

Tuition will support the new program, though there will be some initial startup costs. These costs may be supported through KSU's HBCU grants (Title 3 and Title 7). The program is expected to become self-sustaining by Year Four.

Action: Motion was made by Regent Whitehead and seconded by Regent Williams to approve the Doctorate in Nursing Practice program request. The motion passed 7-1. Regent Jeter-Davis voted against the motion.

Bylaws Committee:

Regent Whitehead stated that the Bylaws Committee met on February 24, 2014 to review additional changes to the bylaws. The committee will meet again to review additional changes. No action items were reported.

Executive Committee:

Regent Bearden presented the Executive Committee report. The Executive Committee met on February 24, 2014. No action items were reported.

VI. **Closed Session:**

Action: Motion was made to convene a closed session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation pursuant to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The motion was made by Regent Williams and seconded by Regent McFayden. The motion passed, 8-0.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 6:37 p.m. No action was taken.

VII. **Adjournment:**

Action: Motion was made to adjourn the Board meeting by Regent Williams and seconded by Regent Haskins. The motion passed 8-0.

The meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

Lori A. Davis, Secretary
General Counsel
Kentucky State University

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

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