

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents
1:15 p.m., April 25, 2014
Board Room, Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building
Frankfort, Kentucky
Karen W. Bearden, Chair

MINUTES

I. Call to Order:

- a. Chairperson Karen Bearden called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents to order at 1:16 p.m. on April 25, 2014.

II. Roll Call:

- a. Chairperson Bearden asked the Secretary to the President to conduct the Roll Call:
 - b. Regent Mindy Barfield, *Absent*
 - c. Regent Karen Bearden, *Present*
 - d. Regent David Guarnieri, *Present*
 - e. Regent Travis Haskins, *Present*
 - f. Regent LaVaughn Henry, *Present*
 - g. Regent Julian Jeter-Davis, *Present*
 - h. Regent Ekumene Lysonge, *Present*
 - i. Regent Elgie McFayden, *Present*
 - j. Regent Syamala H.K. Reddy, *Absent*
 - k. Regent Charles Whitehead, *Present*
 - l. Regent Phyllis Williams, *Present*
- m. Nine Regents were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

III. Opening Remarks:

- a. Chairperson Bearden welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Chair Bearden requested that the meeting proceed to the next order of business.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Regents meeting held on April 11, 2014, was made by Regent Henry and seconded by Regent Whitehead. The motion passed, 9-0.

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Regents meeting held on February 24, 2014, was made by Regent Barfield and seconded by Regent Whitehead. The motion passed, 9-0.

V. **President's Report:**

Student Government Association Executive Board:

President Sias introduced the incoming members of the Student Government Association's Executive Board for 2014-15. Ms. Breana Smith, President-Elect; Robert Willis, Chief of Staff-Elect; Sylvia Valentine, First Vice-President-Elect were welcomed.

Ms. Smith was invited to briefly discuss her platform. The theme of her platform was "Choice, Chance and Change."

Service Awards:

President Sias presented Regent Elgie McFayden, Jr., with an award for his 15 years of service as a faculty member at KSU.

Website Demonstration:

President Sias asked Mr. Bergquist to provide an overview of the new website. Mr. Bergquist stated that the website now has a positive marketing message for the university. The new website was designed from a mobile perspective with a consistent layout, singular lines and columns. Fresh new content has been added and a rotating banner of "what makes KSU special" has been included. Approximately 20-25,000 visitors view the website each week.

Legislative Update:

President Sias and Mr. Stephen Mason, Sr., Chief of Staff provided an overview of the actions of the 2014 Kentucky Legislative Session. KSU's FY 2015 and FY 2016 approved budget appropriations are \$23,429,600 annually. This amount is \$107,800 below the FY 2014 appropriation. The Capital Budget for 2014-16 includes projects for the Boiler Plant (state bonds) at \$10.4 million; construction of a pedestrian bridge across U.S. 60/Main Street (State Road Funds); and KSU Athletic Complex (agency bonds) at \$5.4 million.

Land Grant Match: Kentucky is required to match 100% of federal land grant funds appropriated to KSU. Minimally, 50% must be matched by the state. Kentucky's current match is approximately 15%. For this reason, KSU will request a waiver of the match requirement from the federal government. As most of KSU's capital funding has come from federal land grant monies since 2008, KSU does not want to be out of match compliance. KSU receives \$6.3 million for extension and research purposes.

According to Mr. Mason, KSU, unlike the University of Kentucky, Kentucky's other Land Grant institution, has no taxpayer funds to support its match requirement. Clearly, KSU does not wish to harm UK's funding. KSU also received \$50,000 for 2014-15 for the KSU Health Initiative Trust Fund.

Senate Resolution 93 by Senator Gerald Neal recognized KSU and Simmons College for their historic roles in the education of African-Americans in Kentucky.

KSU Golf Team:

The board congratulated the members of the KSU Golf Team for winning the 2014 Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SIAC) Championship by 5 strokes. Regent Jeter-Davis was a member of the team.

Third Party Consultant/Graduation Rate:

Corrections to the cohort data was made for the category of first-time freshmen students who were accepted to KSU, but never attended. As a result of this correction, the 2008-14 cohort of students had a graduation rate of 18.4% instead of 13.4%. KSU is also reviewing the current and past cohort numbers to insure that the graduation rates were recorded accurately.

Tuition Model/Flat Rate (15 to Finish):

President Sias shared the plan to move KSU tuition to one flat rate for students taking 12-18 credit hours. This change is expected to help completion rates, as student accounts would not have to be adjusted if a student added or dropped courses within 12-18 credit hours. The change would also have a positive impact on students as they would most likely pay less in tuition. KSU has communicated with CPE about its intent to move to the flat rate.

Doctoral Program in Nursing Practice:

The approval KSU's Doctoral Program in Nursing Practice will be considered at CPE's next meeting on April 28, 2014. If CPE approves KSU's program, the university will begin accepting students in the Fall Semester. Auburn University, University of Alabama at Birmingham and Prairie View A&M University have agreed to provide consultative support for KSU's program development.

Campus Safety:

KSU plans to hire a Risk Management professional as a result of Dr. Griskell's departure from the university last year.

Campus security upgrades have been implemented on campus and the university has spent approximately \$75,000 on security cameras.

Active Shooter Training was held in the Fall and will be offered to faculty, staff and students again.

KSU Gala:

KSU held its annual scholarship gala two weeks ago and it was a wonderful event. Congratulations were extended to Mr. Hinfred McDuffie and his staff for coordinating the event.

Dr. Gus Ridgel, a former KSU faculty and staff member, attended the Gala and presented the university with its largest single gift by an individual. Dr. Ridgel contributed \$100,000 in honor of his wife, Gertrude.

Mr. Samuel Delaney also presented a large gift to the university. He contributed \$40,000 to the scholarship fund.

Other gifts were presented as well. KSU appreciates all of the contributions made.

Honorary Degree Recipients:

Dr. Mary Smith Stowe, former KSU president, will receive an honorary degree from KSU at the May 2014, Commencement Exercises. Dr. Arnetta Young Boswell, educator and civil rights activist, will be honored with an honorary degree, posthumously. Dr. Boswell's brother is former alumnus, Whitney M. Young, Jr.

VI. Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs:

Regent Bearden presented the Academic Affairs Committee report. Regent Bearden commented upon the extensive work and research in which the faculty has been engaged since the last reporting period as evidenced by the oral and written reports provided to the Committee.

Action: Motion was made by Regent Lysonge and seconded by Regent Williams to approve the conferral of degrees to Spring 2014 candidates for degrees: (in Open Session after Closed Session):

The motion passed 9-0.

Action: Motion was made by Regent Lysonge and seconded by Regent Williams to approve faculty Tenure and/Promotion of the following individuals (in Open Session after Closed Session):

- 1. Danny Collum, Promotion to Professor**
- 2. Minerva Cruz, Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor**
- 3. G. Todd Davis, Promotion to Professor**
- 4. Beverly Downing, Tenure and Promotion to Professor**
- 5. Arthur Hayden, Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor**
- 6. Fariba Nowrouzi-Kashan, Early Tenure**
- 7. Narayanan Rajendran, Promotion to Professor**
- 8. Reba Rye, Promotion to Professor**
- 9. Debra Tate, Promotion to Assistant Professor**
- 10. Michael Unuakhalu, Promotion to Professor**

The motion passed 8-0-1. Regent McFayden abstained from this vote.

Finance and Administration:

Regent Henry presented the Finance and Administration report. A written report was also provided.

Regent Henry stated that the Committee reviewed unaudited financial statements of the University. Regent Henry also highlighted the following:

6. The Kentucky General Assembly passed the University budget;
7. Internal Auditor will review the University's Purchasing, Personnel and Travel processes;
8. Classification and Compensation Study is underway with an anticipated completion date of July 2014; and
9. The external audit firm, Dean, Dorton and Allen have made a pre-audit visit to the University.

No action items were reported.

Student Success and Enrollment Management:

Regent Williams presented the Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee report. She provided an update on Student Life Activities, Health Services utilization, Career Placement, Enrollment Management, and Admissions. A written report was also provided to the Board.

Regent Williams reported that the university experienced an increase in campus visits by prospective students. Recruitment efforts, including transfer, have increased as well for the 2014-15 school year. Approximately 242 persons participated in the Open House. New Student Orientation will be held in June and July 2014. Generally, 92% of attendees will attend KSU.

No action items were reported.

External Relations and Development:

Regent Whitehead presented the External Relations and Development report. A written report was also provided to the board.

Regent Whitehead updated the board by reporting that there were 561 newspaper articles and 145 television news stories featuring KSU. The majority of these were positive. Over 92 press releases were issued and 83 electronic messages were posted on KSU's electronic sign board.

KSU is at 80% housing occupancy.

In the last quarter, KSU received \$725,859 from 439 contributors to the Capital campaign.

No action items were reported.

Audit Committee:

Regent Barfield presented the Audit Committee report. Regent Barfield advised the board that the Internal Audit firm, Tronconi and Associates had completed a review of the Financial Aid area. Additional review of grants will be undertaken as well.

No action items were reported.

VII. Closed Session:

Action: Motion was made to convene a closed session to discuss personnel matters, pending litigation and property acquisition pursuant to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The motion was made by Regent Henry and seconded by Regent Williams. The motion passed, 9-0.

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


The Board reconvened in Open Session. No action was taken.

VIII. Adjournment:

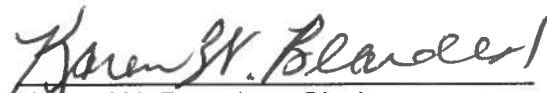
Action: Motion was made by Regent McFayden and seconded by Regent Lysonge. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Submitted by:



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General Counsel
Kentucky State University



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

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