

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents
2:15 p.m., October 24, 2014
Board Room, Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building
Frankfort, Kentucky
Karen W. Bearden, Chair

MINUTES

I. Call to Order:

Chairperson Karen Bearden called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents to order at 2:15 p.m. on October 24, 2014.

II. Roll Call:

Chairperson Bearden asked the Secretary to the Board to conduct the Roll Call:

Regent Mindy Barfield, *Present*
Regent Karen Bearden, *Present*
Regent Elaine Farris, *Present*
Regent David Guarnieri, *Present*
Regent Travis Haskins, *Present*
Regent LaVaughn Henry, *Absent*
Regent Ekumene Lysonge, *Present*
Regent Elgie McFayden, *Present*
Regent Syamala H.K. Reddy, *Absent*
Regent Breana Smith, *Present*
Regent Charles Whitehead, *Present*

Nine Regents were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

III. Opening Remarks:

Chairperson Bearden welcomed the attendees to the meeting. Chair Bearden requested that President Burse provide his remarks after the Committees reports.

IV. Approval of Minutes:

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Regents meetings held on July 25, 2014, and September 12, 2014, was made by Regent McFayden and seconded by Regent Whitehead. The motion passed, 9-0.

V. Board Officer Election:

Action: Motion to approve Deborah Martin as Board Treasurer was approved by the Board by acclimation.

VI. Committees Reports:

Academic Affairs Committee:

Regent Bearden presented the Academic Affairs Committee report. Written reports were provided to the Committee prior to the meeting. Regent Bearden stated that the Committee had long and extensive discussions regarding many areas of academics. She stated that the current status of *Academics with Attitude* program was reviewed, including, the student success metrics regarding the performance of students in this program.

She reported that Provost Downing had shared information about the number of students classified by majors and faculty course loads. The conversation was healthy and Committee members expressed their concerns about many areas on the academic side of the house. Further, with assurance from President Burse, the Board understood that additional continued detailed conversations about the academic performance of our students will occur and that the level of accountability will increase across the University, including, in the academic affairs area.

Action: Motion to approve the conferral of degrees to students completing degree requirements for the Fall Commencement in December 2014 was made from the Academic Affairs Committee. The motion passed 9-0.

Finance and Administration and Audit Committees:

Regent Whitehead presented the Finance and Administration and Audit Committees reports. Written reports were provided to the Committees.

No action items were reported for the Finance and Administration Committee.

Regent Barfield also stated that the Audit Committee was presented information about a recent random audit conducted by the External Internal Auditor. Ten student files were selected for review across 35 areas of the university. No final report was made available, but there were several systemic gaps noted which may require future board action.

Action: Motion to adopt the 2013-14 University Audit Report was made by Regent Lysonge and seconded by Regent Haskins. The motion passed 9-0.

Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee:

Regent Lysonge presented the Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee report. Regent Lysonge introduced Ms. Carmella Conner as Interim Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Management.

He reported that there were 1,889 students currently enrolled and KSU has received 1,040 applications from prospective students for the 2015-16 school year. The University does not yet have an established target for enrollment of new students, although President Burse would like to see the enrollment exceed 2,400 students. Student recruitment will take a Kentucky-centric focus. The minimum admission standards will be a minimum grade-point average of 2.5 and a minimum ACT composite score of 18.

Regent Lysonge also reported that KSU will take a more customer-focused approach to interactions with students.

No action items were reported.

External Relations and Development Committee:

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

Mr. Max Maxwell was introduced as the Interim Vice President of External Relations for KSU. Regent Whitehead stated that he expected great things from him.

Regent Whitehead stated that everyone has seen President Burse on major nationwide television and that KSU could not have purchased better advertising coverage. He has received calls from people from California and Bermuda who have commented on President Burse's donation to employees. This has been the best advertising that KSU has ever received in its history.

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 Barfield and seconded by Regent Farris. The motion passed, 9-0. The Board went into closed session at 2:25 p.m.

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

VIII. Open Session:

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 4:23 p.m.

Regent Smith stated that "today I pay tribute to the generations of faculty, staff and students who have called KSU home and I acknowledge the unlimited possibilities for the institution's future by moving that the Kentucky State University Board of Regents name Raymond M. Burse as President of this great institution."

Action: Motion was made to name Interim President Raymond M. Burse as the permanent president of Kentucky State University. The motion was made by Regent Smith and seconded by Regent Haskins. The motion passed, 9-0.

Chair Bearden extended her congratulations to President Burse. Upon the Announcement, President Burse received a standing ovation.

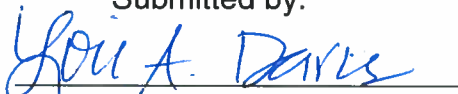
President Burse stated "the past three months and twenty-four days plus some thirty days before then have probably been a really tough time here and what's become clear and obvious to me and several of you have suggested it-- that the job to be done is not a twelve-month job, but it requires a longer period of service and I have committed to the Board to provide and do that longer period of service because I believe that the institution is worth it, the people are worth it, the students are worth it and I am pleased to be in that position again to serve Kentucky State."

IX. Adjournment:

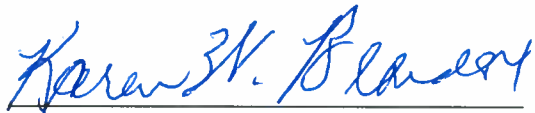
Action: Motion was made by Regent McFayden and seconded by Regent Farris. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. to attend a reception in honor of President Burse.

Submitted by:



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General Counsel
Kentucky State University



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

Approved with no corrections

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