

Kentucky State University

Board of Regents Meeting

Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee

April 25, 2014

Regent Phyllis Williams, Chairperson
Regent Syamala Reddy
Regent Ekumene Lysonge
Regent Karen Bearden

Choose an item

Dr. Lorenzo Esters, Staff

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Board of Regents
Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee
April 25, 2014
10:45 am to 11:15 am
Board Room - Academic Services Building
Frankfort, Kentucky

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order | Regent Phyllis Williams, Chairperson |
| II. | Roll Call | Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, Vice President
for Student Success and Enrollment
Management |
| III. | Opening Remarks | Regent Phyllis Williams, Chairperson |
| IV. | <u>Approval of Minutes</u> | Regent Phyllis Williams, Chairperson |
| V. | <u>Executive Summary Report</u> | Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, Vice President
for Student Success and Enrollment
Management |
| VI. | Discussion | Regent Phyllis Williams, Chairperson |
| VII | Adjournment | . |

Agenda Item Background

To:	Board of Regents Student Success and Enrollment Management	Date: April 25, 2014
From:	Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management	
Subject:	Minutes from the January 24, 2014 Meeting	
Reason for Consideration:	Approval	Enclosures: Yes

Background: The minutes from the January 24, 2014 meeting of the Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee are attached for the committee's consideration.

Recommendation: The minutes of the Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee meeting of January 24, 2014 require approval in order to become an official part of the committee records.

Approval

Initiator:	Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management
Board Action Date:	April 25, 2014
Effective Date:	April 25, 2014

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MINUTES

Regent Karen Bearden , Acting Chairperson, in the absence of Regent Williams, called the Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents to order at 10:45 a.m. on January 24, 2014. Regent Karen Bearden asked the secretary to call roll:

Karen Bearden	Present	Ekumeme Lysonge	Not Present
Phyllis Williams	Not Present	.	.
Syamala Reddy	Not Present	.	.

A quorum was not declared.

The minutes of the October 25, 2013 meeting were approved.

Action: No action item.

Correction: No corrections.

Informational:

Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters began by giving updates of programmatic activities in the areas of Enrollment Services, Retention Management and Advising Services, Student Engagement and Leadership Development and University Safety and Security Affairs.

Dr. Esters gave a presented an informational update via PowerPoint regarding Spring 2014 Enrollment, Fall 2014 Recruitment, Retention, Engagement, and Safety and Security and then proceeded to navigate through the PowerPoint and answer any questions related to it.

Enrollment Services:

Spring 2014 enrollment numbers were reported as 2,168, with a breakdown as follows:

Undergraduate	2,034
Graduate	<u>134</u>
Total	2168

- Of the undergraduate enrollment, 364 were Dual Enrolled, 54 were First-time Transfer undergraduates, 26 were first-time full-time Bachelor degree seeking, and 29 were first-time freshmen.

- Dr. Esters reported that the decrease in the spring 2014 enrollment numbers were primarily due to the enforcement of the University's non-payment plan. Dr. Joel Thierstein was asked to explain the decrease in graduate enrollment and dual credit enrollment. Dr. Thierstein attributed the decrease to the lack of a Graduate Coordinator and a Coordinator of the Dual Enrolled program.

Dr. Esters reported the fall 2014 Recruitment efforts were as follows:

- Admissions staff attended 108 recruitment events in the following states; KY, OH, MI, IN, IL, MO, TX, AZ, GA, VA, OK, TN, AL, PA, FL, NY, NJ, CA, and NV.
- The Office of Admissions has developed updated recruitment and marketing materials.
- The Office of Admissions is working closely with academic departments, i.e., 'Ride Along Program' in the recruitment of students,
- Recruitment efforts are being concentrated on Infinite Scholars Programs (i.e., where students must have a minimum composite ACT score and cumulative GPA in order to attend).

Dr. Esters reported that fall 2014 Applications and Admits were up for January 2014 as compared to January 2013 by 9.8%.

<u>Fall 2013</u>		<u>Fall 2014</u>	
Accepted	= 1320	Accepted	= 1581
Incomplete	= 2084	Incomplete	= 1869
Rejected	= 35	Rejected	= 42
Total Applications	= 3439	Total Applications	= 3492

Retention Management and Advising Services:

- New Informational brochures are being developed to assist students with the financial aid process.
- More institutional funds for grants and work-study were offered to students year-to-date as compared to 2013.
- Special workshops are being held regarding financial literacy for all our students.
- Academic Center for Excellence (ACE) reported the use of their services according to student classification as follows:
 - Graduates 1%
 - Seniors 15%
 - Juniors 13%
 - Sophomores 22%
 - Freshmen 49%
- ACE also reported students using the Center having shown increases in the following areas from last academic year 2011-2012 to academic year 2012-2013:
 - Retention or Graduation increase from 76% to 80%
 - Average GPA from 2.64 to 2.8
 - Average credit hours completed 24.13 to 26.
- The Center for Academic Persistence and Success (CAPS) staff continues to use intrusive advising efforts and is focusing on the 2008 and 2009 cohorts to ensure students graduate on time.

- The persistence rate for Student Support Services participants was reported at 82.11% (fall to fall retention)

Student Engagement and Leadership Development:

Efforts towards Student Engagement were reported as follows:

- Health Services hosted a panel and candle light vigil on World Aids Day along with the State Public Health Department.
- 75 Immunizations were provided for KSU students.
- Career Planning and Placement was able to secure jobs with Amazon.com and E-Bay during the holiday break for interested students.
- There were 5 Crisis intervention training workshops for faculty and staff during the 2013 fall semester.
- Student Life sponsored a leadership outing for our young men during the fall 2013 term.
- Game room hours during the weekends and evenings have been extended.
- Once again, the annual Student Life Angel Tree was a success.

Safety and Security Affairs:

- Two new officers were sworn in and have been hired and three more candidates are going through the certification process
- Paperwork has been submitted to secure four new vehicles for the department.
- Currently, the Police department is working on the development of a campus-mock emergency drill.

The meeting adjourned.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management

Regent Phyllis Williams, Chairperson Student Success and Enrollment Management Committee

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Agenda Item Background

To:	Board of Regents Student Success and Enrollment Management	Date: April 25, 2014
From:	Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management	
Subject:	Executive Summary	
Reason for Consideration:	Informational Item	Enclosures: Yes

Background: Executive Summary of the Vice President

Recommendation:

Informational Item

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Executive Summary

A synopsis of key division activities since the January 24, 2014 Board of Regents meeting include the following:

- The University is ahead of last year this time as it relates to the recruitment of first time freshmen for fall 2014 and has experienced an increase in applications and admits as well as an increase in the academic profile of admitted students for fall 2014.
- The University is also ahead of last year this time as it relates to the recruitment of transfer students. Transfer applications and admits are up.
- The spring 2014 Open House was successful with a total of 242 individuals in attendance.
- The Division has launched a new initiative with members of the faith community in the Greater Lexington, KY effort. The goals of the initiative are:
 - To increase the number (a minimum of 250) of academically prepared (3.0 and above & 21 and above ACT test scores) students who enroll at Kentucky State University at the undergraduate level and to increase the percentage of admitted students who actually enroll;
 - To provide a local information source for prospective students, applicants, admitted, and enrolled students and their families;
 - To facilitate communication between Kentucky State university and the churches in the Greater Lexington Area;
 - To effectively market the unique competitive academic offerings of the University through various churches in the Greater Lexington Area.
- Dr. Carlos Clark was hired as the University's Registrar effective on February 17, 2014.
- The Division continues its work on the 2008 and 2009 cohorts in an effort to ensure students are on track to graduate.
- The Division is working with Academic Affairs in an effort to re-enroll any freshmen who were not retained from fall 2013 to spring 2014 because of academic reasons and those who may have left in good academic standing.
- Divisional efforts continue in the area of health and wellness through the facilitation of HIV and sexually transmitted diseases screenings as well as through mental health and drug and alcohol trainings.
- Several student organizational programming efforts were held this semester to date to include a successful spring homecoming and hosting major speakers on campus including Congressman John Lewis.

Student Success and Enrollment Management Departmental Activity Reports

ENROLLMENT SERVICES

The Office of Enrollment Services maintains as its primary mission the planning, implementation, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of a comprehensive enrollment management plan that fosters collaboration and promotes teamwork in the achievement of an academically enriched student population. Enrollment Services consists of the Green to Gold Program, Office of Admissions, Office of Student Financial Aid, Office of the Registrar and the Student One Stop Shop.

2013/14 Programmatic Priorities

As outlined in the Division's strategic plan, the 2013/14 annual programmatic priorities for the area of Enrollment Services includes the following:

- To increase the overall institutional enrollment;
- To recruit and serve students who are an institutional fit; and
- To improve delivery of services that are responsive to students' unique needs and that promote effective learning.

Summary of Area Progress

- ***First-time Freshmen Applications and Acceptances for Fall 2014***

The university has experienced an increase in applications for admission over last year. At this time last year the Office of Admissions had a total applicant pool 4,598 as compared to 5,609 applications received this year to date. This represents a 22% increase over last year. The total number of acceptances at this time last year was 1,932 as compared to 2,459 acceptances this year to date. This represents a 27% increase. The Office of Admissions is currently focusing on incomplete applications through mailings, telephone calls and emails in an effort to increase the yield. Efforts are focused on reaching incomplete applicants and assisting them with completing the application process and assisting accepted students with the enrollment process and submission of their housing deposits, where applicable.

- ***Continued Academic Quality Among Accepted First-time Freshman Students for Fall 2014***

The University continues to observe quality among accepted prospective first-time freshmen students for fall 2014. The average cumulative high school GPA for accepted prospective first-time freshman for fall 2014 to date is 3.2 as compared to 2.9 at this time last year. The average composite ACT score among prospective accepted first-time freshmen for fall 2014 is 20.

- **Transfer Student Applications and Acceptances for Fall 2014**

The university has experienced an increase in applications for transfer admission over last year. At this time last year the Office of Admissions had a total transfer student applicant pool of 234 as compared to 311 applications received this year to date. This represents a 33% increase over last year. The total number of acceptances at this time last year was 34 as compared to 48 acceptances this year to date. This represents a 41% increase.

Spring 2014 Enrollment Services Departmental Highlights

Office of Admissions (OA)

- The university hosted Spring Open House on April 5, 2014 with a total of 242 individuals in attendance.
- OA staff has attended a total of 255 recruitment events this semester to date in the following states: KY, OH, IN, MO, NY, NJ, IL, VA, DC, MD, TX, MI, DE, PA, CA, and NV.
- OA participated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky's "Transfer Madness" virtual college recruitment event. Over 40 transfer students interested in attending KSU were served.
- OA has launched a new initiative with the ministerial alliance of the Greater Kentucky area in Lexington named PURPOSE (Populations Understanding Real Possibilities of Scholarship and Education). The goals of the new initiative are to increase the number (minimum of 250 students) of academically prepared (3.0 and above GPA & 21 and above ACT test scores) students who enroll at Kentucky State University at the undergraduate level, to provide a local information source for prospective students, applicants and enrolled students and their families, to facilitate communication between Kentucky State University and the churches in the Greater Lexington Area and to effectively market the unique competitive academic offerings of the University through various churches in the Greater Lexington Area.

Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA)

- OSFA has sent email notifications to all students regarding the availability of 2014-15 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and financial literacy awareness.
- OSFA participated in FAFSA preparation workshops and other outreach activities across the campus.
- Two staff members attended the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (SASFAA) conference in Jacksonville, FL. The FA Director attended a USA Funds Symposium on Cohort Default Rate in Washington, DC.
- OSFA has sent email notifications to all students regarding filing FAFSA, summer aid process, and availability of KSU Academic Achievement scholarships.
- The Kentucky Association for Student Financial Aid Administrators hosted a Financial Aid Call-In show on January 28, 2014 televised by KET. The KET show featured KSU FA Director, Mrs. Owens as one of the guest speakers.
- OSFA has loaded over 2200 FAFSA for students who have submitted the 2014-2015 FAFSA through January 2014. OSFA is still processing FAFSA data and will send acknowledgements

beginning in April 2014. Financial Aid Award letters & Federal Shopping Sheet information will also be sent to incoming KSU students beginning the second week in April.

Green to Gold Program (G2G)

- A total of 95 students are participating in the G2G Program this spring. These students were awarded the opportunity to receive up to \$1980.00 for a total award amount of \$182,132.00 to all participants.

Office of the Registrar (OR)

- OR is engaged in summer and fall 2014 Pre-registration (April 7, 2014 – May 1, 2014).
- OR is collaborating with the Office of the Provost in regards to spring 2014 graduation preparations.
- OR has published the academic calendars drafted by the Faculty Senate for the next two years on the University Registrar's web page.
- OR is currently collaborating with a plethora of stakeholders in order to implement the university's new degree audit system, DegreeWorks. Implementation of the new system is expected to be complete no later than December 2014.
- OR has collaborated with The National Student Clearinghouse (The Clearinghouse) to provide students and alumni with the capability to order transcripts online, as well as send electronic transcripts to schools throughout the nation. From March 11, 2014 through March 31, 2014, OR has employed the paperless process to fulfill 67 transcript requests.
- Utilizing the functionality provided by the university's new web page, OR is currently creating an online 2013 – 2014 University catalog. The project should be complete no later than June 15, 2014. The 2014 – 2015 online university catalog will be complete no later than July 31, 2014. The 2014 – 2015 online university catalog will mark a significant change in the publishing of the document. The document will be updated each semester. As policies are added and deleted throughout the semester, those items will be added to the Policy errata, thus providing students with the latest guide for information and subsequent graduation.

Student One Stop Shop (SOS)

- A total 456 students signed in for services in the SOS in January seeking assistance with Financial Aid, Bursar, Green to Gold, and to print schedules for their classes. From January through March, a total of 2361 student visits were made to SOS for assistance.
- SOS supervisor attended the Southern Association of Student Financial Aid Conference held in Jacksonville, FL. as part of professional development.
- From January through March, 2014, a total of 5148 phone calls were answered by SOS.

RETENTION MANAGEMENT AND ADVISING SERVICES

Retention Management and Advising Services (RMAS) represents one of three major areas within the Division of Student Success and Enrollment Management at Kentucky State University. The departments that comprise Retention Management and Advising Services are: Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), Center for Academic Persistence and Success (CAPS), Placement, Testing, Career Preparation, and Student Support Services (SSS). The goal of this comprehensive area is to increase student retention rates and persistence to graduation with a focus on academic success and achievement through intrusive, early intervention, academic support programming, and systematic tracking of students from matriculation to graduation. Several programmatic strategies have been instituted both by the area and individual departments in support of the institutional goals of improving student persistence, retention rates, graduation rates, and academic success.

2013/14 Programmatic Priorities

As outlined in the Division's strategic plan, the 2013/14 annual programmatic priorities for area of Retention Management and Advising Services includes the following:

- To increase student retention, progression and timely degree completion
- To decrease the number of students with academic action

Summary of Area Progress

- SSEM is working with Academic Affairs in an effort to re-enroll any freshmen who were not retained from fall 2013 to spring 2014 because of academic reasons and those who may have left in good academic standing. Current efforts include contacting those students to ensure they have a plan to get back on track academically. Staff is also reaching out to those students who left in good academic standing to see if they will consider re-enrolling.
- The University is working aggressively to implement the Course Signals software. It was not fully implemented as planned this semester but will be piloted in the summer and fully implemented in fall 2014. This system will be critical to our efforts to decrease the number of mid-term warnings.

Spring 2014 Retention Management & Advising Services Departmental Highlights

Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)

- During the months of January through March 2014, ACE served over 300 students in more than 650 one-on-one tutorial sessions and an additional 169 students in workshops and classroom presentations, in collaboration with the FRIENDS program, including: time management and goal setting, learning styles and study skills, math test-taking skills, preparing for midterms, stress management, textbook management, listening-note taking-memory, and overcoming math anxiety.

- ACE conducts regular tutor trainings to equip tutors with appropriate strategies for peer learning assistance. This semester, to date, the trainings have included:
 - January: Philosophy of the Tutoring Program, Sexual Harassment
 - February: Critical Thinking Skills, SI Responsibilities, Handling Difficult Tutoring Situations
 - March: Referral Skills, Math & English Training
- At midterm, ACE posted flyers in appropriate classroom buildings announcing times of tutor availability for courses specific to those buildings/floors. The student supplemental instructors (SI's) conducted conferences with their respective faculty to promote referrals to tutorials and study groups. The SI's also distributed ACE bookmarks to students in the classrooms so that students could record tutorial times on the bookmarks. Instructional Counselors also set up ACE information tables in Hathaway Hall and the Blazer Library.

Finding Resources in Education for Nontraditional Students (FRIENDS)

- Between the months of January and March, FRIENDS has served 91 students who have visited the center a total 191 times for various reasons including: lunch, computer usage, tutoring, workshops and group study.
- To continue to address student progress through the midterm point, the FRIENDS Program required student clientele to honor quiet hours in the center to increase student ability to focus and concentrate. CAPS and FRIENDS collaborated to assist students who need to improve one or more of the following: GPA, academic standing, class performance, and/or attendance. The workshop "Improving Academic Success" allowed students seeking assistance an opportunity to find out how departments are structured to assist them.

Center for Academic Persistence and Success (CAPS)

- CAPS staff has held 844 individual advising/counseling sessions this semester.
- Academic Persistence Officers within CAPS are conducting weekly progress reports through individualized counseling and faculty monitoring with the fall 2008 and 2009 cohort to help ensure they are on track for graduation, in an effort to impact the university's 6-year graduation rate.
- Emails were sent to students on probation and students on the mid-term DFW list. Three (3) workshops were held for students on the mid-term warning list.

Placement, Testing, and Career Preparation (CPCP)

- CPCP served 20 students for -Computer Based Tests (CLEPS, Correspondence and Miller Analogies).
- This semester, CPCP administered the state-mandated Rising Junior Assessment (CAAP) to 150 students.
- To date, approximately 264 students have attended the Testing lab, received individualized services, or attended faculty-led workshops for PRAXIS, LSAT and GRE preparation from CPCP.
- CPCP served 30 attendees for the LSAT, PRAXIS & SAT National Exams.

Student Support Services (SSS)

- Student Support Services (SSS) continues to impact the retention and graduations rates of our students at the university as we foster relationships with students through interactive counseling sessions, academic support, mentoring and programmatic activities.
- SSS has seventeen seniors of which all seventeen are on track to graduate 2014.
- In February, SSS had two scheduled workshops, Financial Literacy, 2/4 and math skills strategy on February 20th in the new (room 392) study area. On February 28th, SSS hosted grand opening/dedication of the SSS office suite and study area, room 391 and 392 Carl Hill Student Center.
- SSS is finalizing plans for its second annual “Essence of Culture Fair” scheduled for April 17, 2014. This year’s event is shaping up to be bold to include the Frankfort community as a part of the KSU Frankfort Initiative. The event will start with a parade of international flags at noon and conclude at 7p.m. The highlights of this year’s fair are a silent auction, student essay contest, and culinary exhibitions, and fashion displays from students, staff and administration.

Student Engagement and Leadership Development

Student Engagement and Leadership Development (SELD) consists of the following offices: Health Services, Career Counseling and Placement, Judicial Affairs/Director of Women, and Student Life. The current major initiatives of SELD are: to enhance student engagement outside the classroom, on and off campus; to implement early monitoring of student leaders' academic performance; to partner with local health agencies to provide health education and initiatives; and to provide leadership development and training aimed at preparing students for life after graduation. To this end, the following strategies are being implemented in an effort to reach these goals:

2013/14 Programmatic Priorities

As outlined in the Division's strategic plan, the 2013/14 annual programmatic priorities for the area are as follows:

- To ensure that undergraduates participate in 1 of 2 community service projects annually.
- To implement monthly student activities and leadership programs, including evenings and weekend programming and programs for off-campus students.
- To increase the cumulative GPA of student leaders annually.
- The current objectives for the Office of Career Placement and Planning are:
 - To increase federal job placement annually.
 - To increase in state job placement annually.
- The current objectives for the Office of Health Services are:
 - To implement educational programs related to substance abuse, physical health, and mental health, in conjunction with local health agencies.
- In the area of Student Judicial Affairs:
 - Student Code of Conduct sanctions are being revised to include less punitive and more educational sanctioning workshops to foster student development (i.e., Conflict Resolution, Decision Making, Substance Abuse, and Anger Management) while still enrolled as opposed to out of school suspensions).

Spring 2014 Student Engagement and Leadership Development Highlights

Career Counseling & Placement-(CCP)

- A resume-building seminar (February 10 & February 12) was conducted to assist students with developing effective resumes.
- The following are other events that the Career Counseling and Placement Office have conducted or will conduct:
 - February 18th University of Kentucky Graduate School visit. Six students signed up for this event and CCP provided the transportation.
 - March 25th UK/EKU Teacher Network Fair was held at the University of Kentucky where many of our Education majors had the chance to discuss teaching and educational opportunities with various educational systems all over the U.S.
 - Alumni Motivational Taskforce visits April 15-16 this is set-up for alumni to come back and motivate students by speaking of their achievements upon graduation.
 - The Annual Career Fair is scheduled for April 17th. A total of 50 employers have registered to attend.

Health Services (HS)

- HS conducted a blood drive this semester. A total of 30 individuals donated blood.
- HS conducted two HIV screenings this semesters. A total of 143 individuals were tested.
- Two Chlamydia screenings here held this semester and a total of 140 individuals were tested.
- HS conducted Epilepsy Training for 9 individuals in the University Police Department and 15 professional and student staff in Residence life
- A total of 25 students were referred to HS for Conflict Resolution workshops and two students were referred for alcohol or drug counseling.

Student Life (SL)

- Seneke, a West African Percussion Ensemble, presented at Kentucky State University on February 22nd in Bradford Hall Auditorium.
- Black History Month Speaker, Mr. Jerry Gore, presented a captivating lecture on the Underground Railroad Experience.
- Black History Quiz Bowl, was held in the Student Center Cafeteria, the participation was excellent. This event was more than just a question and answer session, but also a chance for open dialogue amongst the students about Black History.
- The 13th Annual Women's Conference was a success this year. The theme was Growth; The Gift of Renewal and Regeneration. We were able to reach out to the Frankfort Community in a variety of ways such as, hosting a Tea and Tiara's party with young ladies in Frankfort on Sunday afternoon. As well as a Sisterhood Workshop that occurred in Kentucky Hall later that evening. During the week, women from the Frankfort Women's Shelter were invited to a night of Spa Pampering with the females of KSU. A large variety of toiletries were donated to the shelter. KSU Alumna Tisha Norman was the featured convocation speaker.

- The Office of Student Life in collaboration with Ms. Irma Johnson was instrumental in helping to organize the commemorative March on Frankfort. A total of 120 students participated at the march.
- Spring Fest 2014 was held in collaboration with the Student Government Association was held March 21-23, 2014. Activities included a concert, a party in the Student Center, and a Fashion show.

Student Judicial Affairs

- There were a total of 58 cases referred for violations to the Student Code of Conduct from January 1 – April 1, 2014. The violations were addressed as follows:
 - Suspensions: 18
 - Community Service Hours: 8
 - Expulsions: 0
 - Conflict Resolution: 27
 - Anger Management: 5

University Safety and Security Affairs

The University Safety and Security Affairs Department is committed to creating an environment in which learning, living, research, and teaching may flourish. The Department holds steadfast in which learning, living, research, and teaching may flourish. The Department holds steadfast in promoting a positive community environment while upholding and enforcing the law and minimizing risks to ensure the safety of students, faculty, staff and the guests at Kentucky State University. All Departmental personnel strive to maintain excellence and integrity in respecting the rights and dignity of all persons with whom they make contact.

Spring 2014 Programmatic Highlights

- The University has secured four new vehicles to include:
 - 3 Ford Interceptor Cruisers
 - 1 Ford SUV Police Vehicle
- Two new Patrol Officers have been hired. A third officer had been hired, but he resigned for personal reasons
- The Department is conducting a background check on one male and is looking at recruiting and planning to send a female to the Police Academy. The female candidate is graduating from KSU in May with a degree in criminal justice.
- The Department is recruiting and attempting to hire a police dispatcher, a parking attendant and a parking administrative clerk.
- The Department is stepping up patrols, establishing more walking beats in residence halls and the Student Center.