

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING**

***** Meeting Was Conducted in Person and by
videoconference *****

Thursday, December 4, 2025

2:00 p.m. EDT

**Board of Regents Room
Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building
2nd Floor 400 East Main Street
Frankfort, Kentucky
40601**

MINUTES

I. Call To Order

The Board of Regent's Chair, Regent Tammi Dukes, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The Board's Secretary, Nicole Sergent, called the roll:

Regent Edward Fields	Present
Regent Robert Ramsey, Sr.	Not Present
Regent Toni Stringer	Not Present
Regent Tammi Dukes	Present
Regent Edward Hatchett	Present

Three (3) Regents were in attendance and present at roll call. A quorum was therefore established.

III. **Approval of the Agenda.**

- Regent Dukes moved the committee to approve the agenda. Seconded by Regent Hatchett.

IV. **Presentation by Dr. Stephanie Mayberry**

- Dr. Mayberry said they are in the recruitment season for FY26. In Spring 26, they are bringing in 65 to 75 students.
- There are 1,300 applications for the fall semester and 949 of those are complete.
- 908 students have been accepted for Fall 2026.
- The admissions teams have been at college fairs all around the state and in surrounding states.
- At this time last year, they had accepted 519 students and this year they are at 908.
- Looking at different ways to get the 90% retention rate, including the affordability of the institution, followed by belonging at the institution and the student experience. This includes what happens in the classroom and outside the classroom.
- The first year, they focus on good academics and good study habits.
- Sophomore year, they add a work-based learning experience.
- Junior year, focus on leadership so students can be prepared for graduate school or workforce.
- Senior year, getting them prepared for what's next for life after KSU, whether graduate program at KSU or somewhere else or the workforce.
- Also have an enrollment management committee and looking at different strategies to track the students this year by program.
- Implementing new things: Bred Cinema, where students can watch a movie; intramural sports, wrestling team and some student versus staff games such as dodgeball.
- Looking at OSA Legacy Unit, which is the connection to alumni chapters.
- They have KSU Keys to Sisterhood and Keys to Brotherhood, which are affinity groups.
- With housing, Chandler Hall renovation is moving forward and is scheduled to open in Fall 2026 as well as Hunter Hall. When the spring semester ends, Kentucky Hall will undergo renovation.
- A student cross country athlete was acknowledged for her sports and academic achievements. Other students were acknowledged for their academic achievements as well in various competitions.
- Female student recognized for wanting to start a wrestling club team.
- Regent Hatchett asked the single biggest hurdle to retention and Dr. Mayberry responded that tuition and fees has outpaced the funding from the federal

government. So it's the unmet needs that students have of being able to afford college.

- Regent Hatchett asked the strategic plan and Dr. Mayberry said they have scholarships available, particularly Thorobred Promise. It targets Kentucky residents that have a 2.5 or below student aid index. They will be able to come to Kentucky State at no cost.
- Dr. Mayberry responded to Regent Hatchett that the GPA is not causing a retention problem and said they don't have many after the first year that are not academically eligible to return.
- Regent Fields asked about the enrollment committee and Dr. Mayberry said it is going really well.
- Regent Fields recommended, if possible, a flowchart – a systems chart of the different steps or different activities or strategies that the team members are working on so that there are no duplicate efforts. He said the systems flow would be nice so that everybody would have a better view of their part in that.
- Dr. Mayberry responded that they have a Teams channel where they put all their documentation, flyers and graphics.
- Regent Hatchett asked how the physical plant at KSU figures into the student well-being and retention issues. Dr. Mayberry responded that they are doing some work to improve the physical plant and the renovations will help tremendously.
- She responded that they are ready to hit the 3,000 target.
- She said because of the renovations, they are not having to raise prices with the new residence hall.
- Regent Hatchett asked if there are many vacancies in residence halls and she responded not very many. The few vacancies will be filled in January.
- There was a general discussion on housing off campus.

V. Adjournment.


- Regent Dukes made motion to adjourn the meeting. Regent Hatchett seconded the motion.
- Meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Submitted by:

Signed by:

EC9E515D6666427...

Nicole Sergent, Secretary
Board of Regents
Kentucky State University

Signed by:

F9BD75AF4304448...

Regent Tammi Dukes, Chair
Board of Regents
Kentucky State University

_____ X _____ Approved with no corrections

_____ Approved with corrections