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Excerpts from January Meeting Minutes  
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**Additional information:** Excerpts from Kansas Board of Regents Meeting Minutes January 20, 2016; January 14-15, 2015, January 15-16, 2014.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Regent Van Etten presented the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee report. The Committee discussed an option to revise the performance funding model for determining annual performance funding allocation. The Committee decided to retain the current model, which provides the Board with two choices for allocating new state funding – 100 percent or 90 percent. The Committee received information on the “First Generation Student Conference.” The conference will bring first generation students together across the state to network and share information. Additionally, the Committee received updates on Credit for Prior Learning, the Higher Learning Commission’s requirements for faculty credentials, and changes to the Qualified Admissions precollege curriculum.

### **FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT**

Regent Feuerborn presented the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee Report. The Committee received BKD’s Board policy required non-public funds management audit report on President Shonrock’s term at Emporia State University. The auditors found no evidence of inappropriate disbursements and reported that potential conflicts of interest appear to be properly managed and monitored. Additionally, the state university internal auditors presented their audit plans for the upcoming year to the Committee.

Regent Feuerborn stated last month the Board directed the Fiscal Affairs and Audit Committee to review the plan to implement the postsecondary tiered technical education state aid. The Committee heard from Ray Frederick, Chair of the TEA; Rita Johnson, Vice President of Workforce Development; President Inbody, representing community colleges; and President Burks, representing technical colleges. The majority of the colleges do not wish to proceed with re-centering until new state funding is added to the tiered technical education state aid fund. The Committee also heard from two colleges, Wichita Area Technical College and Washburn Institute of Technology, whose representatives spoke in favor of re-centering existing funds.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Regent Van Etten moved, with the second of Regent Mullin, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

#### *Academic Affairs*

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INTERIOR DESIGN – PSU**

Pittsburg State University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. PSU already has the faculty in place to support the program, and no addition funding is needed beyond the one-time start-up cost of \$125,000-\$150,000.

### **CONSIDERATION OF DISCUSSION AGENDA**

#### *Presentation*

universities. The Committee developed a charge for itself that states: “The Students’ Advisory Committee shall serve as the primary advocate for the collective student interests of represented institutions of the Students’ Advisory Committee.” The Committee also updated their by-laws, which had not been updated since 1989. Mr. Kays stated the Students’ State Higher Education Day at the Statehouse is scheduled for Tuesday, February 10. The students will be talking to legislators about their three initiatives: 1) Lifeline 911 law, which is also known as Medical Amnesty, 2) sales tax rebate for college textbooks, and 3) funding for higher education.

#### REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY SUPPORT STAFF COUNCIL

Ali Levine presented the University Support Staff Council’s report. She stated the Council meets monthly and represents 4,000 individuals across the university campuses. A major concern of the University Support Staff (USS) is the proposed budget cut to KPERs. Ms. Levine stated KPERs is the only retirement option for many of the USS employees. Ms. Levine also reported that the campuses continue to work on the conversion process and that the USS Council will begin giving monthly updates to the Council of Presidents in lieu of the Day on the Hill.

#### REPORT FROM UNCLASSIFIED STAFF COUNCIL

Brett Morrill presented the Unclassified Staff Council’s report. The Council is working with the University Support Staff Council on the compensation and classification study. Mr. Morrill also gave an update on the different activities that are happening on each campus.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

##### ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Regent Moran presented the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee report. The Committee discussed Credit for Prior Learning and how it is handled on the campuses. Board staff gave an update on transfer and articulation. The Transfer and Articulation Council approved outcomes for ten additional courses to be recognized for transfer across the system. These courses are on the Board’s Thursday agenda for consideration. Additionally, the Committee will be discussing how to assess academic rigor across the system.

##### FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT

Regent Bangerter presented the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee report. The Committee met with the state university internal auditors and reviewed the internal audit plans. Board Staff also gave an overview of the Inventory of Physical Facilities and Space Utilization report and the State University Deferred and Annual Maintenance report.

##### GOVERNANCE

Regent Wilk stated the Governance Committee completed its review of the state university campus security reports. The Committee also reviewed proposed amendments to the Board’s Annual and Multiple Year Appointment policy.

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Regent Moran moved, with the second of Regent Murguia, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS**

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Regent Moran reported the Board Academic Affairs Standing Committee reviewed thirty-four performance agreements. These agreements are on Thursday's agenda for Board consideration. The Committee also received a staff update on the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement.

### **FISCAL AFFAIRS AND AUDIT**

Regent McKechnie presented the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee report. The Committee met with the state universities' internal auditors and reviewed their audit reports. The Committee worked on guidelines for this year's tuition proposals. The proposals will have a similar format and information as last year, but the university CEO's presentation to the Board should be broken into three categories: 1) existing operations – amount of tuition increase necessary to fund existing basic operations; 2) salary increases – amount of tuition increase necessary to fund any salary increases; and 3) other institutional enhancements – amount of tuition increase necessary to fund anything else. The Committee also noted the proposals should include enrollment projections and a break out of the projected revenue. Additionally, Regent McKechnie reported the Committee will be discussing debt in April.

### **GOVERNANCE**

Regent Logan stated the Governance Committee finished reviewing the annual campus safety reports. The Committee was very impressed with the quality and extent of the work being done on each campus. He stated there is engagement on this issue at the highest levels of each university.

### **AMEND AGENDA**

Regent McKechnie stated the Board Fiscal Affairs and Audit Standing Committee would like to move Kansas State University's request to purchase property from consent to discussion. There were no objections.

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Regent Edwards moved, with the second of Regent Bangerter, that the Consent Agenda be approved. The motion carried.

#### *Academic Affairs*

#### **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PERSONAL FINANCIAL PLANNING (CIP 52.0804) – KSU**

Kansas State University received approval to offer a Bachelor of Science in Personal Financial Planning (CIP 52.0804). No new funding is needed to offer the program.

#### *Fiscal Affairs & Audit*