

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
QUARTERLY MEETING
Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.**

***** Meeting Was Conducted In-Person and by Teleconference*****

Board of Regents Room
2nd Floor Julian M. Carroll Academic Services
Building Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
(Primary Physical Location)

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Elaine Farris, Ed.D. called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Regent Roger Reynolds, Board Secretary, conducted roll call:

Regent Ron Banks	Present
Regent Carolyn Burns, MD	Present
Regent Elaine Farris, Ed.D.	Present
Regent Edward Fields	Present
Regent Paul Harnice, Esq.	Present
Regent Dalton Jantzen	Present
Regent Rahul Reddy, MD	Absent
Regent Roger Reynolds	Present
Regent Jason Robinson	Present
Regent Herman Walston, Ed.D.	Present

Nine Regents were in attendance. Quorum was established.

III. Introduction of New Staff Regent

Mr. Edward Fields was sworn in as the new Staff Regent before the meeting was called to order. Mr. Fields gave a brief introduction of his background at the beginning of the meeting and stated that he is looking forward to advancing KSU in this new role.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION by Regent Burns:

Move the Board to adopt the agenda of the December 2, 2021 Quarterly Meeting.
Seconded by Regent Fields and passed without dissent.

V. Closed Session

MOTION by Regent Reynolds:

Move the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation (KRS 61.810 1)(c)) and individual personnel matters (KRS 61.810 (1)(f)).

Seconded by Regent Jantzen and passed without dissent.

VI. Open Session

MOTION by Regent Reynolds:

Move the Board to reconvene in open session.

Seconded by Regent Robinson and passed without dissent.

VII. Approval of the Consent Agenda

MOTION by Regent Reynolds:

Move the Board to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2021 Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Regents and the minutes of the October 19, 2021 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Regents with a correction to the October 19, 2021 minutes, adding “Ed.D.” after Regent Walton’s name.

Seconded by Regent Banks and passed without dissent.

VIII. Bred of the Quarter Recognition

The nominees for Bred of the Quarter include: Jessica Burton, Jack Wollman, Andy Ong, Keymia Herve, Melvin Nichols, Rebecca Persons, Isaac Yett, Roderick Mozee, Adrian Douglas, Jameelah Means, and Nathan Cochran.

Rebecca Persons was the September Bred of the Month, Nathan Cochran was the October Bred of the Month, and Roderick Mozee was the November Bred of the Month.

IX. Campus Updates

A. Faculty Senate: The report of Dr. Phillip Clay, Faculty Senate President, is entered into the record as an attachment to these minutes.

B. Staff Senate: The report of Ms. Danielle Barber, Staff Senate President, is entered into the record as an attachment to these minutes.

C. Student Government Association: The report of Regent Jason Robinson, SGA President, is entered into the record as an attachment to these minutes.

X. Acting President’s Updates (Written Report)

The written report of Acting President Clara Ross Stamps is entered into the record as an attachment to these minutes.

XI. Information Items

A. Residence and Dining Hall Construction Project Update

Mr. Greg Rush, Vice President for Finance and Administration/CFO, introduced Mr. Craig Turner of CRM to provide an update on the new residence hall construction. Mr. Turner stated that KSU was able to secure an excellent rate when the bonds were sold. In fact, he said that it was the best financial package he has ever sold among all of the P3's he has worked with. Additionally, the same construction package bought today would be eight to ten million dollars more due to rising costs of materials. All in all, everything went very well.

Mr. Turner provided a visual demonstration of what the residence halls will look like upon completion. There will be 410 beds and 300-350 person capacity in the dining hall. The dorms are being constructed to be as energy efficient as possible. The first payment will not be due until March of 2024 which will give the University some time to build up revenue. He stated that construction is on schedule with completion expected in November 2022 and move-in projected to occur in December 2022.

B. Presidential Search Update

Hon. Travis Powell, General Counsel and Vice President of CPE, reported that the Search Committee had an excellent first meeting. Kenny Daugherty from Myers McRae provided an overview of the search process for the Committee and the Committee had productive conversations about how the search process would work. For anyone interested, these meetings can be viewed live on zoom or at a later time on the University's YouTube channel.

Mr. Powell stated that there is no formal timeline for the search process. Currently, the Committee is gathering information for the leadership profile which is scheduled for approval on December 17, 2021. The Committee members will then compile all of the candidate information and meet in closed session at the end of March to discuss the candidates. From that pool, the Committee will pick 12-13 candidates to invite to a zoom interview. After the zoom interview, they will choose five to six candidates to meet in person in an undisclosed off-campus location to maintain confidentiality. The Committee will then take action on two to three candidates for Board consideration and will continue the search process if they don't get the right candidate.

Mr. Powell reiterated that all constituent groups will have the opportunity to participate in this process.

C. Management and Improvement Plan Update

Dr. Aaron Thompson, President of CPE, commenced the update by stating that the Management and Improvement Plan has been approved by the CPE Board and it will now go to the Governor. CPE has also presented the outcome of the financial analysis to the Governor. The next part of the process will be restructuring the budget.

Mr. Powell reported that some focus areas of the Management and Improvement Plan will be more complete than others by the time the plan is put in place, as certain components such as financial controls are an immediate need. Conversations and meetings have occurred regarding all of the focus areas.

Regent Farris requested updates on progress of the focus areas. Dr. Thompson stated that he can provide a project plan with milestones and deliverables.

D. Finance and 2022-23 Operating Budget Update

Mr. Rush shared that the University is in a better financial position and has not had to take any draws on the Revenue Anticipation Note. He stated that he had hoped that he wouldn't have to dip into the January allotment but it has become necessary because of timing. There are still some lingering issues but bills are being paid on time and the average balance is down. The \$23 million requested from the legislature will just get the University back to zero.

Regent Walston asked what will happen with students who haven't paid their balance and Mr. Rush stated that they want them to pay as early as possible but they will still have time to clear their balances. Regent Reynolds asked how serious the students' notices are and Mr. Rush stated that they are serious but financial counseling will be offered. Regent Robinson stated that he is working with CFO Rush and President Stamps to assist students with financial difficulties to apply for grants.

Regent Harnice said that he hoped that CPE will assist KSU in projecting the pension liability in the five year budget plan. Mr. Rush replied that KSU currently pays a fixed amount which is subject to change based on the pension situation and it will have to be worked into the budget each year.

Regent Farris asked if Mr. Rush would be bringing a budget structure broken down by units. Mr. Rush stated that he is working on the budget structure and it will be brought to the Board at a Special Called Meeting on February 3rd.

E. Student Housing and Facilities Update

Mr. Rush stated that accommodating students is still a challenge and anticipates using three floors of the Capital Plaza Hotel in the Spring. Keeping students in one hotel is more efficient and helps operations run smoother. One wing of the Best Western is being reserved for COVID isolation and quarantine which will be funded by CARES money.

Mr. Rush reported that KSU's pool in Exum Gym has closed due to a failed boiler and faulty infrastructure. The repairs are estimated to cost \$150,000 to \$200,000. The Asset Preservation Fund could potentially be used for repairs if the \$23 million request is approved by the General Assembly. The project will have to be taken to CPE and, if approved, the pool realistically won't be open until next fall.

Regent Walston inquired about turning Hillcrest back to the former status as the President's house. Mr. Rush responded that the Board would have to make that decision. Regent Farris stated that the Board approved the change from the

President's House at a meeting and it can be brought back for consideration. General Counsel Lisa Lang recommended waiting until there is a Presidential candidate due to a tax issue that needs to be negotiated.

Regent Banks inquired about Russell Court Apartments and Mr. Rush stated that Russell Court could potentially be handled through the Asset Preservation Fund and needs to be addressed in the Master Plan.

F. Overview of Fall Semester and spring 2022 Admissions and Enrollment Update

Dr. Leroy Hamilton Jr, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, updated the Board on Academic Affairs matters. He stated that 1,097 students enrolled in the Fall and 192 new students are currently enrolled for the Spring Semester. Enrollment continues to increase while full-time faculty has declined. Discussions are underway about how to address this issue.

Dr. Hamilton reported that 2,229 students had a balance at the beginning of the Fall Semester. By the end of the semester, 57 percent had fully resolved their balance and 637 of those students pre-registered for the Spring. Overall, pre-registration for the Spring has increased.

G. Faculty Workload and Course Offerings for 2022 Spring Semester Update

Dr. Hamilton shared that 12 students need to be enrolled in a course in order for the course to break even financially. Academic Affairs is exploring several options to address this issue including customized registration, reducing the number of multiple courses offered at the same time, avoiding carry-over from semester to semester, and utilizing the entire workday to maximize course offerings.

All final exams will be held online again and this process has received a lot of positive feedback. Dr. Hamilton stated that online exams have not had a negative impact on students' final grades.

Regent Farris requested the amount that KSU has paid in adjuncts due to low course enrollment. She stated that this amount is interrelated to the Board's guiding principles as they consider the new budget. Dr. Hamilton stated that he has access to this information and can bring it back.

H. University Policies and Procedures Review Update

Attorney Lang reported that she spoke with President Stamps and Mr. Powell regarding a two-fold approach to the policies and procedures process, including pulling together all University policies to ensure alignment with state law and University polices and creating a policy process.

Regent Burns asked if the policies would undergo annual review and Ms. Lang stated that she would like that to be part of the procedure.

XII. Action Items

**Regent Robinson was not present for voting on all action items **

A. Approve Personnel Actions

MOTION by Regent Fields:

Move the Board to approve the personnel actions.

Seconded by Regent Walston and passed without dissent.

B. Approve the Purchase of a Cabinet X-Ray Irradiator System

MOTION by Regent Burns:

Move the Board to approve the purchase of a cabinet x-ray irradiator system.

Seconded by Regent Reynolds and passed without dissent.

C. Approve the Stakeholder Agreement with UK Research Foundation

MOTION by Regent Fields:

Move the Board to approve the Stakeholder Agreement with UK Research Foundation.

Seconded by Regent Walston and passed without dissent.

D. Approve the Purchase of a Hydroponic System

MOTION by Regent Burns:

Move the Board to approve the purchase of a hydroponic system.

Seconded by Regent Banks and passed without dissent.

E. Approve Registry Agreement

MOTION by Regent Fields:

Move the Board to approve the Registry agreement.

Seconded by Regent Janzen and passed without dissent.

F. Approve Bluegrass Inn Contract

MOTION by Regent Walston:

Move the Board to approve the Bluegrass Inn contract.

Seconded by Regent Fields and passed without dissent.

G. Approve Amendment to Ellucian Contract

MOTION by Regent Fields:

Move the Board to approve the amendment to the Ellucian contract.

Seconded by Regent Robinson and passed without dissent.

H. Approve KORT Contract

MOTION by Regent Burns:
Move the Board to approve the KORT contract.
Seconded by Regent Banks and passed without dissent.

I. Approve Replacement Chiller for the Halls

MOTION by Regent Reynolds:
Move the Board to approve the replacement chiller for the Halls.
Seconded by Regent Banks and passed without dissent.

J. Approve Roof Replacement Project

MOTION by Regent Fields:
Move the Board to approve the roof replacement project.
Seconded by Regent Banks and passed without dissent.

XIII. Adjournment

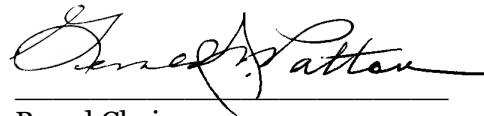
MOTION by Regent Reynolds:
Move the Board to adjourn.
Seconded by Regent Fields and passed without dissent.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by:



Board Secretary
Kentucky State University
Board of Regents



Board Chair
Kentucky State University
Board of Regents

Approved with no corrections

Approved with corrections

**FACULTY SENATE
REPORT**

Faculty Senate Report

December 2021 Board Meeting

Dr. Phillip H. Clay Jr. - Senate President

Items worked on and approved in committee's:

The Academic Policy Committee has begun discussions on:

- Central advising and how this model will be implemented and monitored.
- Academic Calendar, and making sure it was up to date
- Reviewing the new Federal Holidays to be implemented in 2022 & impact on contact hours
- Streamlining the learning outcomes and the evaluation process, of which will include more faculty interaction with the assessment committee
- Finalized and implemented a survey based on a 4 vs. 5 day class schedules
- Lastly, how to improve transcript evaluation for transfer students

The Budget and Academic Support Committee began discussions on:

- The impact of the Departmental and Classroom Survey spreadsheets of which each academic unit was to complete, to highlight the needs and wants of each academic unit.
- The committee also continued discussions on strategies for writing grants and bringing scholarships to the university.
- The committee held discussions with EVP Rush on the current financial status of the university
- The committee had further discussions concerning Indirect Cost Recovery Incentive Programs, which led to manual revisions/updates of which will carry over into the current semester.
- The committee discussed the percentage of the instructional budget and how it compares with other institutions of similar size

The Curriculum Committee has begun discussions and reviewing:

- Actions items from last semester and have they been implemented
- Reviewed Action Items from the English and Business Departments
- Procedures for proposals for program and/or program changes
- The importance of curriculum content being available online.

The Professional Concerns Committee continued discussions, reviewed and worked on:

- Stakeholders/Administrators coming to the committee to address the State of the University
- The current status of academic facilities and how the lack of janitorial staffing is impacting offices and classrooms
- How the faculty will be impacted by the current financial struggles of the university
- Requesting that programs keep faculty aware of the status of EPAF's for review and accuracy purposes
- Constructed Resolutions for the purpose of transparency

Items under discussion and events within the Executive Committee:

- Continued Discussions on Student Trauma and the impact on student learning & engagement during the Covid-19 epidemic
- The committee continued to involve the SGA President in the meetings to have a voice on how to improve faculty and student relations, instruction, and communication
- The committee had extensive discussions on the planning and process for face-to-face instruction and how faculty and students will be able to stay healthy within compacted classrooms
- The committee held discussions on student and staff evaluations, and the importance of those evaluations taking place this academic year
- The committee discussed the importance of locating action items that were approved by the senate and Academic Affairs, awaiting Previous Administrative approval. The committee has decided to resubmit the action items to Academic Affairs for approval and delivery to Administration
- Lastly, the committee has had discussions on the current state of the university and the efforts needed to put the university in a positive light with surrounding communities and stakeholders
- **Faculty Senate as a body:**
- The Senate continued discussions with Advising & Registrar's office on how to improve communication between their office and Academic Departments, and the processes on how students get registered and advised.
- The Senate just completed an election for faculty representatives for the Presidential Search Committee of which was won by Dr's Jenn Hanneman and Peter Smith.
- The Senate continued discussions on the process and planning for whole faculty vaccinations and the impact vaccinations and masking will have on face-to-face learning.

- The Senate continues to provide Administrators and Directors across campus a platform during bi-weekly meetings to give updates and share ideas on how to move the university forward, and to improve cross campus communication.
- The Senate has begun discussing topics that are of need to be addressed during the Spring 2022 semester, and which Action-Items need to be edited or tracked.

From the desk of the Faculty Senate President:

Currently, I am working with Academic Affairs on progressing various Action Items approved by the Senate during the spring and fall 2021 semesters. In addition, I have had discussions with the Provost on the development and purpose of the Five Year Strategic Plan Committee There were also conversations on the importance of faculty receiving professional development opportunities that can improve faculty instruction, grant writing and mentoring. Furthermore, I have continued to emphasize the importance of faculty becoming more involved in student and university programming/events for relationship development, and cultural understanding.

Closing:

In closing, I would like to say that the faculty is excited to close out the Fall semester, and continue developing plans to move the university forward through a transition. In addition, to continue preparing our students to be change agents, and competitive in the profession of their choosing.

That is my report, is there any questions.....

**STAFF SENATE
REPORT**



To: KSU Board of Regents
From: KSU Staff Senate
Danielle Barber, President
cc: KSU Interim President
Clara Ross Stamps
Date: December 2, 2021
Re: Staff Senate Report to Board of Regents (12/2/2021)

Meeting Dates Announcement

1. Our next meeting will be this Tuesday, December 7th @ 2pm via Zoom

Committee Updates and Announcements

- **Elections and Credentials Committee:** Elections occurred on November 16th. At which point the following people were elected: Edward Fields (staff regent), Jameeca Alexander, Chris Cribbs, Micah Glenn, Louis Milligan, Brian Walker, Ashley Abshire Rhodus, T'Ebony Torain, Keymia Herve, Katrina English, Amy Olds, Leiandra Lee, Jeffrey Hunter, Calvin Jackson, Eric Robinson (senators), Isaac Yett, Barbara Hayes (staff advocates)
- This will be my last board report. I chose not to run for reelection. The new staff senate will take over on January 11th, 2022, and they will elect new officers.
- **Staff Morale Committee:** The fall festival occurred on 10/28 and was a huge success. This committee also sent out "we appreciate you" cards to all staff members.
- **Outreach Committee:** Bred basket collected over 500 items; canned food drive collected almost 200 cans to donate to the food pantry.
- **Staff Relations Committee:** This committee worked with HR and added an "internal applicants apply" message on positions, as well as a PowerPoint slide for the new employee orientation PowerPoint. This committee held 4 financial literacy workshops with Dr. Stratton. This committee had a professionalism workshop with Dr. Love which covered email/phone etiquette, meeting facilitation, workplace communication, and workplace attire. This committee is also working with Auxiliary services and Sodexo to implement Thoro-Dash (a food delivery service from the student center to offices across campus).

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION
REPORT**

Date: Dec. 2021

Subject: Student Government Association Update

From: Student Government Association

Action Item: No

Background: The Fall semester at Kentucky State University is the initial introduction into campus life. It sets the standard for how the University will be publicized and treated for the upcoming year. This past fall semester, the introduction into the esteemed university was less than adequate. Through review and committee reports several areas are in dire need of review and improvement:

SGA December Report

Stated from committee report the following:

1. Necessary update in advising is necessary curriculum
 - * Duplicate Courses Being Added
 - * Severe changes to course names
 - * Need to promote/disperse curriculum ladder prior to senior year
2. Dormitory Update/ Mold Precedence
 - * Extreme Presence of mold in dormitories
 - * Molded Items insurance follow through
3. Financial Discrepancies
 - * Miscellaneous Finances
 - * Travel Fees
4. Food Service Issues
 - * Lack of Variety
 - * Food Service falling short of food

**ACTING PRESIDENT'S
WRITTEN REPORT**

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
Acting President Clara Ross Stamps Written Report
Thursday, December 2, 2021
Academic Services Building | 1 p.m.

The Office of Governor Andy Beshear released the Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) Assessment of Kentucky State University on Friday, November 5. The final report was distributed to the Kentucky State University campus community and printed copies were mailed to the Kentucky State University Board of Regents.

Kentucky State University has continued to work in partnership and transparency with CPE and external entities to provide accurate and thorough data as it relates to the financial health of the institution.

Meetings, hearings, and presentations for the quarter include, but are not limited to the following:

- Weekly meetings with John McCarthy
- 1 p.m., Sept. 1, meeting with Rep. Derrick Graham
- 4 p.m., Sept. 1, meeting with Sen. Gerald Neal
- 4:30 p.m., Sept. 1, meeting with Rep. James Tipton
- 9:30 a.m., Sept. 3, meeting with Rep. Jason Petrie
- 9:45 a.m., Sept. 7, meeting with Sen. Steve West
- 9 a.m., Oct. 7, Interim Joint House and Senate Agriculture Committee
- 5 p.m., Oct. 7, KSU Foundation Board Meeting
- 2 p.m., Oct. 8, KSUNAA General Assembly Meeting
- 9 a.m., Nov. 5, meeting with Sen. Steve Meredith
- 10 a.m., Nov. 5, meeting with Rep. Matt Koch
- 11 a.m., Nov. 16, Budget Review Subcommittee on Education of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue
- 10 a.m., Nov. 17, meeting with Rep. George Brown
- 4 p.m., Nov. 18, meeting with Sen. Adrienne Southworth
- Upcoming Dec. 6, meeting with St. Joseph Hospital
- Upcoming Dec. 15, meeting with Kentucky Black Legislative Caucus

University officials held several meetings with students to provide updates and address student concerns, including a townhall, a meet and

greet on the campus plaza, and a student leadership luncheon, which **Chairwoman Farris** attended and spoke with students. University officials also held an appreciation dinner for student leaders, members of the concert choir and residence halls facility staff prior to the Thanksgiving break. Students were encouraged to stay focused on finishing the semester strong and stay safe until they returned to campus in the spring.

The Kentucky State University Foundation continues to provide scholarships and financial support to Kentucky State University students. The Foundation has assisted more than 100 students this semester in closing the financial gap. We appreciate their continuous support of our students.

Acting President Stamps presented remarks at the **HBCU National Center** dedication in Washington, D.C., founded to provide access and opportunities for students enrolled in the nation's HBCUs.

Three Kentucky State University students served as interns on Capitol Hill: **sophomore Anyiah Chambers, senior Brionna Greer and sophomore Nina Jones**. The students were recognized during the dedication of the HBCU National Center.

Director Daryl Love and his team in the Career Services and Professional Development Office should be commended for working with our student interns.

COVID-19

In response to the ongoing public health concern of COVID-19, the Kentucky State University Green and Gold Task Force keeps the campus community informed about important developments, guidance and actions related to COVID-19.

The total student cases for the Fall 2021 term: 73. There are no active cases. The total employee cases for the Fall 2021 term: 19. There is one active employee case.

Overall, Kentucky State University managed COVID-19 protocols well. Student cases this semester compared to Fall 2020 decreased by 42 and employee cases, to date, are tied at 19.

The **experts** report that **Omicron variant** has the most mutations of any variant seen thus far. Experts think the mutations make it more contagious

than Delta, but won't know for several more weeks. Symptom monitoring has not changed. A doctor out of South Africa reported that college students that tested positive had **mild symptoms, mainly headache, muscle aches, scratchy throat and dry cough**. Experts are also concerned that Omicron will lead to COVID reinfection for anyone who has had COVID in the past. Again, it will take anywhere from two to eight weeks to determine what Omicron's characteristics look like.

COVID vaccines are still recommended as the best way to prevent severe illness and hospitalization for any COVID variant. The **CDC** now strongly recommends that anyone 18+ who is eligible for a booster receive a booster.

As of today, U.S. citizens are not banned from international travel due to the Omicron variant. The CDC strongly encourages anyone travelling internationally be fully vaccinated prior to leaving the U.S. **President Biden plans to announce travel guidance Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021.**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND LAND GRANT

Dr. Carrie Castille, the new USDA-NIFA Director, toured the Kentucky State campus and met with administrators, faculty, and staff on October 28.

Agricultural Commissioner **Dr. Ryan Quarles** and several Kentucky representatives and senators met with administrators and staff to discuss a range of topics involving KSU on November 15. The group also toured the Betty White Health Center building.

Dr. Pomper presented to the Interim Joint House and Senate Agriculture Committee and gave an update on Land Grant Programs on October 7.

Dr. Marion Simon and **Dr. Jerusha Lay** received a grant from the 2501 Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Grant Program entitled "*Working Together to Improve the Opportunities for Kentucky's Socially Disadvantaged, Veteran, Beginning, and Small Farmers and Ranchers*" for \$750,000.

The KSU Hunter Hall renovation is proceeding with a goal for a completion date of the summer of 2022. The renovated building will house Environmental Science programming and Family and Consumer Sciences programming.

The **Small, Limited-Resource, Minority Farmers Conference** was held the third week of November and 195 people attended virtually on Facebook.

Mr. Travis Cleaver was announced at the conference as our 2021 Small Farmer of the Year! Along with his family, Travis operates Cleav's Family Market in Bonnieville and Hodgenville. This announcement went viral and 77,263 people were reached on Facebook with 13,205 engagements.

The November **Third Thursday Thing Program** topic was sustainable agriculture. A vaccine clinic was also held during Third Thursday Thing as part of our **SKIP-COVID Initiative**. SKIP-COVID, or Successful Kentucky Immunization Project, is an initiative funded by the CDC and USDA-NIFA's EXCITE Program with the aim of encouraging vaccinations, particularly among minority populations. The Project Director is Dr. Allison Young.

BRAND IDENTITY AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

This quarter, our top post on **Twitter and Instagram**, was the **Thoroughbred victory over Benedict College in the Circle City Classic** earning over 7k impressions on Twitter and more than 1,700 media interactions on Instagram.

Over 2k fans reacted, commented or shared **about our nursing students** earning a 100 percent pass rate on the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) on Facebook. On YouTube, viewers favored the video, "Stand with Kentucky State University," with almost 200 views.

Good news shared included Kentucky State University receiving nearly \$1.4 million in USDA funding for research; the installation of new highway signs denoting the institution's federal designation as one of the nation's Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU); and, Kentucky State University being named a best college for veterans among regional colleges in the South by U.S. News and World Report.

\$1.4 million in USDA

funding: <https://www.kysu.edu/news/2021/08/kentucky-state-university-to-receive-a-total-of-nearly-1.4-million-in-federal-funding.php>

New highway signs: <https://www.kysu.edu/news/2021/10/kentucky-state-university-highway-signs-signifying-hbcu-status-installed-on-i-64.php>

U.S. News and World

Report: <https://www.kysu.edu/news/2021/09/kentucky-state-university-named-a-best-college-for-veterans%20.php>

The **generosity of alumni and donors** can enable endless possibilities for Kentucky State University students, allowing them to build a bright future and make an immeasurable impact on the communities they serve. At Kentucky State, students benefit from the generosity of alumni and donors.

We are grateful to 821 Donors+1,639 Gifts = \$1,960,594.13

To support our students, visit kysu.edu/givenow

The KSUNAA has launched a giving campaign to support Kentucky State. Investing in Kentucky State University is about more than simply giving back to your alma mater. It's about giving others the opportunity to benefit from the unique KSU experience too. **True Green: The Alumni Campaign to Raise \$1 Million launched November 18, 2021 to support our 2,400+ enrolled students and will end on May 18, 2022.**

To support this campaign visit, ksunaa.org

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT AND CAMPUS LIFE

Student Health provided student **clinics for flu shots**, administering a total of 50 flu vaccinations. This unit also sponsored a **campus-wide blood drive**, with a focus on Sickle Cell Anemia, which disproportionately affects African Americans. **The goal was to collect 25 units of blood; we had a total of 32 donations which equates to saving 96 lives.**

Five vaccination clinics in collaboration with Wild Health were hosted in the Exum Center on home game days; this yielded **46 vaccinations**; clinics were open for the campus and the community at large. COVID-19 testing days were held on Fridays in the Student Center and testing was available for students prior to returning home for Thanksgiving Break.

ATHLETICS

The **KSU Football team** concluded the 2021 Season with a 7-4 record and a 4-2 Conference record. The 4-2 Conference record tied the record for the SIAC West Division making Kentucky State University Co- Champions of the SIAC West.

The KSU Volleyball team concluded the 2021 Season with a record of 19-12 overall and 15-3 in conference play.

The KSU Women's Basketball is currently 3-3 and 1-1 in conference play. The next home game is Monday, December 6, at William Exum Center at 6 p.m.

The KSU Men's Basketball is currently 3-2 and 1-1 in conference play. The next home game is Saturday, December 4 at the William Exum Center at 3 p.m.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Academic Calendar](#)

(https://www.kysu.edu/documents/registrar/spring_session_2022.pdf)

Spring Encampment, Monday, January 10, 2022 | 8 a.m.

Dr. Martin Luther King Assembly, Thursday, January 13, 2022 | 11 a.m.

KSU Legislative Day, Thursday, February 10, 2022 | 11 a.m.

Heritage Assembly, Thursday, February 24, 2022 | 11 a.m.

Legislative Fish Fry, Thursday, February 24, 2022 | 5 p.m.

Women's History Month Assembly, Thursday, March 17, 2022 | 11 a.m.

Atwood Day Assembly, Thursday, March 24, 2022 | 11 a.m.

Academic Honors Convocation, Tuesday, April 5, 2022 | 11 a.m.

Baccalaureate Assembly, Thursday, May 12, 2022 | 11 a.m.

Commencement, Friday, May 13, 2022 | 10 a.m.