

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

**\*\*\* Meeting Was Conducted in Person and by Teleconference \*\*\***

**Thursday, January 30, 2025  
11:00 a.m. EST**

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

**MINUTES**

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**I. Call To Order**

The Committee's Chair, Regent Herman Walston, EdD, called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The Board's Secretary, Zachary Atwell, called the roll:

Regent Herman Walston, EdD, Chair	Present
Regent Charles Moyer, PhD, Co-Chair	Present
Regent Edward Fields	Present
Regent Edward Hatchett, Esq.	Not Present
Regent Aury Rios-Alcantara	Not Present

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

**III. Approval of the Agenda**

**MOTION** by Regent Moyer:

Move the Committee to approve the agenda of the January 30, 2025, regular meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee.

Seconded by Regent Fields and passed without dissent.

**IV. Information Items**

All information agenda items were presented by Dr. Michael D. Dailey, Provost and VP, Academic and Student Affairs. Dr. Dailey explained that all of the day's presentations would be aligned with the strategic plan that was presented to the Regents during the Fall of 2024.

#### **A. Reaffirmation of Accreditation**

Dr. Dailey stated that this information item aligns with Strategic Priority 3: Equitable/Intentional Student Success. President Akakpo joined Dr. Dailey in presenting this item. The University remains an accredited University and has made tremendous strides in correcting the issues that led to a warning being issued by SACSCOC. The initial sixteen findings have now been reduced to five, all of which are related audit completion. The October site visit by SACSCOC and the December annual meeting were both successful. Further, KSU was approved for three new programs during the December SACSCOC meeting.

Chair Walston inquired into the Fifth Year Report deadline and whether SACSCOC would conduct another site visit soon. He also requested the status of the music program's reaccreditation.

#### **B. KYSU Online Enrollment and Offerings**

This information item aligns with Strategic Priority 1: Affordable Access. Enrollment in the online program has grown significantly and now has 225 students, up from 146 at the end of the Fall 2024 semester. Dr. Dailey discussed distinctive programs and pathways between the online and residential campuses, as well as online graduate program offerings.

Chair Walston posed a question regarding issues experienced last fall with registering students in online and residential campus classes.

Regent Moyer requested that Dr. Dailey provide perspective regarding the number of students enrolled in each online class, in terms of whether the class sizes were large enough to cover the cost of faculty members needed to teach those classes.

Chair Walston queried whether the growth of the online program would result in an increase of financial funds to allow the program to increase its offerings as enrollment increases. He also asked whether the undergraduate psychology program is being revamped.

#### **C. Academic Performance of Students During Fall 2024**

Dr. Dailey explained that while more information would be forthcoming in a subsequent report regarding this topic, the University has taken positive steps to achieve the goal of a 90% retention rate and 70% graduation rate. Currently, the return rate from the Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 semester is 82%. He discussed strategies being implemented in the classroom to engage students and ultimately increase the return rate.

Chair Walston inquired into the relationship between [KSU class] 186 and the increased return rate. Dr. Dailey responded that the 186 class is gone.

Regent Fields requested a geographical breakdown of the global campus, and where students are located.

#### **D. Faculty Evaluation/Post-Tenure Review Update**

This information item aligns with Strategic Priority 3: Equitable/Intentional Student Success. Dr. Dailey reported that in the Fall 2024 semester, President Akakpo announced the reinstatement of the tenure and promotion process for faculty members. Faculty members will receive notifications regarding training access to Interfolio, and the timeline for tenure and promotion and how the process will work will be communicated to faculty members. Dr. Dailey further explained the faculty annual evaluation process.

#### **V. Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Regent Fields:  
Move the Board to adjourn.  
Passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Submitted by:



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Zachary Atwell, Secretary  
Board of Regents  
Kentucky State University