

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF REGENTS
Annual Retreat of the Board of Regents**

**Thursday, September 5, 2019, 8:00 a.m.
Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm
1525 Mills Lane
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

**Thursday, September 5, 2019, 11:30 a.m.
USDA Cooperative Extension Building Kentucky State University
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601**

MINUTES

I. Environmental Education Research Center Update

Dr. Kirk Pomper, Director of Land Grant Programs, presented an update regarding the Environmental Education Research Center to the Board. Dr. Courtney Owens, Ms. Nancy Calix, Dr. Christina McManus, Dr. Robert Durborow, Dr. Avinash Tope, Dr. Kenneth Andries, and Dr. James Tidwell assisted in the presentation. Topics discussed included Chappell Pawpaw, the Goat Program, hemp research, new products related to fermentation, activities at the EERC in Henry County, shrimp production, and Kentucky State University's aquaculture programs.

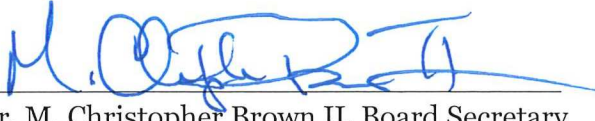
II. Campus Buildings Tour

The Campus Buildings Tour began on South Campus at Old Young Hall where the attendees were shown the current dorms and the site of the future dormitory complex. The tour then moved to the Student Center which demonstrated several campus improvements in process, including the Thorobred Learning Center, the Game Room, the Campus Bookstore, and the dining facilities. The final stage of the tour occurred at ASB, where the Board was shown the newly renovated University College, and Exum Center, where the Board was shown improvements to the gym facilities.

III. New Resident Concept: A Virtual Tour

At the USDA Cooperative Extension Building, CRM Companies presented a virtual demonstration of the new residence complex. The demonstration provided information regarding some of the amenities of the new dorms, including a dining area, a recreational facility, and a multimedia room. The buildings will be constructed with concrete instead of wood to provide lasting durability. The new complex will include 408 beds and each room will have its own door. At the conclusion of the presentation, the Regents were invited to wear VR goggles to visualize the future of the new dorms.

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