

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents**  
**1:15 p.m., January 28, 2011**  
**Board Room, Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building**  
**Frankfort, Kentucky**

**MINUTES:**

**I. Call to Order:**

Chairperson Laura Douglas called the meeting of the Kentucky State University Board of Regents to order at 1:17 p.m. on January 28, 2011.

**II. Roll Call:**

Chairperson Douglas asked the Secretary to the Board to conduct the roll call:

Regent Banks, *Present*  
Regent Barfield, *Present*  
Regent Bearden, *Present*  
Regent Conner, *Present*  
Regent Douglas, *Present*  
Regent Fuller, *Present*  
Regent Guarnieri, *Absent*  
Regent James, *Absent*  
Regent Reddy, *Absent*  
Regent Whitehead, *Present*  
Regent Williams, *Present*

Eight Regents were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

**III. Opening Remarks:**

Chairperson Douglas began the meeting by welcoming attendees to the Board meeting and extending New Year's greetings. Chairperson Douglas also provided an overview of the pending action items.

**IV. Approval of Minutes:**

**Action: Motion to approve the minutes from Board of Regents meetings held on October 22, 2010 and November 5, 2010 was made by Regent Whitehead and seconded by Regent Williams. The motion passed.**

**V. President's Report:**

President Sias welcomed the regents to the first board meeting of the New Year and distributed a written report entitled, *Developmental Education and HBCU's: Charting a Course for the Future*.

Association of Governing Boards Annual Conference:

President Sias shared information with the Board regarding the upcoming Association of Governing Boards (AGB) Spring Conference scheduled for April 3-5, 2011.

125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Kentucky State University:

President Sias recounted the historical mission of the university: *Historically Black and College and University; Land Grant; and Liberal Arts* as she discussed the upcoming activities for 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

2010 Police Chief of the Year, KY Association of Chiefs of Police:

President Sias announced that KSU Chief of Police, Stephanie Bastin, was awarded the 2010 Police Chief of the Year award from the KY Association of Chiefs of Police. Chief Bastin is the first woman and the second university police chief to receive this distinguished honor. President Sias extended her congratulations to Chief Bastin on the receipt of this recognition.

KSU Athletics:

President Sias congratulated the KSU Volleyball Thorobrettes as the 2010 SIAC Volleyball Champions.

KSU Athletic Director, Dr. Denisha Hendricks, introduced Volleyball Head Coach Kyetta May, Assistant Athletic Director/Senior Woman Administrator Jamie Moore, and the members of the Volleyball Team. Team members and coaches presented regents with signed game balls.

Dr. Hendricks announced that Mercedes Parker and Brittany Stewart were named First-Team All-Conference. Ms. Stewart was also recognized as 2010 Setter of the Year and of the Tournament. Coach May was recognized as the 2010 Tournament Coach. Dr. Sias also presented gifts to Brittany Stewart and Coach May.

Dr. Hendricks recognized former KSU Women's Basketball player Latrice Watkins, as one who personifies the "student-athlete." Ms. Watkins, a former Basketball Team Captain, was awarded a NCAA post-graduate scholarship. Ms. Watkins was also recognized by

the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in its blog about her successful summer internship at the Kentucky USDA Rural Development State Office.

Dr. Hendricks also provided an overview of the Athletics Department's "*Athletics Academic Game Plan*." This plan outlined the activities and outcomes that support the academic progress of KSU student-athletes. Dr. Hendricks unveiled the new KSU Athletics logo and poem to advance the cohesiveness of the athletic teams.

Danielle Wright, KSU Sports Information Director was introduced and recognized for designing the new website for KSU athletics. Dr. Hendricks stated that the website is the best in the conference.

President Sias also announced that former KSU athlete, Joe Kendall, will be inducted in the National Black College Hall of Fame. Other former KSU athletics, Travis Grant, Rod Hill and David Whitney will also be recognized as outstanding athletes within the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), KSU's former conference.

#### National 4-H Award:

President Sias announced that Morgan Billingslea-Walker, junior at South Oldham High School, and a participant in the *Creating Opportunities for Leadership, Transformation and Scholarship (COLTS)* program and the *Research and Extension Apprenticeship Program (REAP)* received a National 4-H Award for producing a video featuring the nutrition and bio-technology programs conducted at KSU. Miss Billingslea-Walker will accept her award on March 30, 2011 in New York City.

#### 2011 Clinton Global Initiative Conference:

Five *Scholarship for Education and Economic Development (SEED)* program participants at KSU have been invited to attend the Clinton Global Initiative Conference at the University of California, San Diego from April 1-3, 2011. The students include: Giovanna Macias (Mexico) Dinora Garcia Cua (Guatemala) and Doneyda Canales (Nicaragua). The Conference will allow attendees to discuss the education of marginalized populations and to develop partnerships that will allow positive exchanges.

#### CPE Diversity Initiative Update:

Dr. Kimberly Holmes provided an overview and update on the Council for Postsecondary Education's (CPE) diversity policy and proposed administration regulation. Postsecondary institutions must develop a campus-based diversity plan to seek an increased level of campus student and employee diversity. KSU is in the initial stages of developing its diversity plan. A draft diversity plan must be developed and submitted to CPE by March 15, 2011, unless CPE grants an extension.

President Sias emphasized the importance of the Diversity Planning and that the Board will have an opportunity to review the university diversity plan by its June meeting.

President Sias also congratulated Dr. Holmes for her nomination as Vice Chair of the Southern Rural Development Center at Mississippi State University.

*Banner Update:*

Mr. Whit Whitaker updated the Board on the progress of the Banner conversion. The Banner conversion is progressing well and anticipated problems have been addressed. The implementation has been within budget.

Mr. Whitaker stated that 2 of the Banner modules have “gone live” and that full implementation is anticipated in August 2011. Regent Whitehead requested information as to KSU’s ability to upgrade the Banner system in future years. In response, Mr. Whitaker stated that the system technology is flexible and that the vendor, Sungard, will provide the university with future software updates. The Banner system hardware should last 5 years.

*Risk Management/Compliance Update:*

Dr. Ivory Griskell reported that he presented an overview of the *Clery* and *Minger* Acts during the university’s Faculty Institute. Dr. Griskell has been working to develop a comprehensive Crisis Management Plan for the university. Dr. Griskell and members of the Behavioral Threat Assessment Team recently obtained training to assist in the identification of potential threats to the university environment.

*Faculty Handbook Update:*

Lori Davis, General Counsel updated the Board regarding potential changes to the Faculty Handbook. Ms. Davis reported that she has undertaken a review of the potential changes and will provide a recommendation to the Board at either the March or April 2011 board meetings.

*Introduction of New Staff:*

President Sias introduced new members of her staff: Ms. Lori Davis, General Counsel; Mr. Douglas Allen, Director of Accounting; Mr. Chris Cannon, Director of Development; and Ms. Donna Covington, Administrator of Title III Programs. President Sias welcomed these new members to the KSU family.

Approval of Honorary Degrees:

President Sias presented the credentials of the individual recommended to receive an honorary degree during the 2011 Commencement exercises. Dr. Boyce Courtney Williams, an educator currently working with National Association of Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO), will be honored for her expertise and commitment to teacher quality, particularly at HBCU's.

**Action: Motion was made to accept the recommendation to confer an honorary degree upon Dr. Boyce Courtney Williams at the 2011 Spring Commencement Exercises by Regent Bearden and seconded by Regent Williams. The motion passed.**

**VI. Committee Reports:**

Academic Affairs:

Regent Bearden presented the Academic Affairs Committee report. She stated that throughout the university, there is clear evidence of quality teaching, outstanding service and research as detailed in the Academic Affairs Committee Executive Summary.

**Action: Motion was made to approve a one (1) semester faculty sabbatical leave for G. Todd Davis for Fall 2011 by Regent Bearden. A second was not necessary. The motion passed.**

Student Affairs:

Regent Williams presented the Student Affairs Committee report. She provided an update on Student Life Activities, Health Services utilization, Career Placement, Enrollment and Admissions. No action items were reported.

Finance and Administration:

On behalf of Regent James, Regent Whitehead presented the Finance and Administration report. There was one recommendation for action from this Committee.

**Action: Motion was made to appoint Dean, Dorton and Ford, as the external auditor for Kentucky State University. A second was not necessary. The motion passed.**

External Relations and Development:

Regent Whitehead presented the External Relations and Development report. He provided a summary of the accomplishments of the Offices of Alumni Relations, Public

Relations, Information Technology, Auxiliary Enterprises, and Capital Planning, Construction and Facilities. No action items were reported.

Audit Committee:

Regent Barfield presented the Audit Committee report. Dr. Ralph Kimbrough, Internal Auditor, provided an Executive Summary of his activities and has completed an audit of the Bursar's Office. Dr. Kimbrough is also completing a draft report regarding findings from the recent external A-133 audit. No action was taken.

**VII. Closed Session:**

**Action: Motion was made to convene a closed session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation pursuant to the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. The motion was made by Regent Bearden and seconded by Regent Whitehead. The motion passed.**

The Board discussed pending litigation and personnel matters. The Board took no action in Closed Session.

The Board did not reconvene in Open Session.

**VIII. Adjournment:**

**Action: Motion was made to adjourn the Board meeting by Regent consensus.**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35 p.m.

Submitted by:



Lori A. Davis, Secretary  
General Counsel  
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Laura Douglas, Chair  
Board of Regents  
Kentucky State University

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