

KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY
Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents
1:15 p.m., January 23, 2009
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 1:20 p.m. on January 23, 2009.

II. Roll Call

Chairperson Douglas asked Angela Curry to conduct the roll call:

Regent Karen W. Bearden, Present
Chairperson Laura M. Douglas, Present
Regent Wilbert W. James, Absent
Regent Tucker Landy, Present
Regent Jeremy Lane, Present
Regent JoJuana Leavell-Greene, Present
Regent Joel Schrader, Present
Regent Stefan Turner, Present
Regent Phyllis Williams, Present
Regent Edward S. Willis, Present

Nine Regents were in attendance. A quorum was declared.

III. Opening Remarks

Chairperson Douglas began by reading a resolution honoring the life of the late Regent Jeffrey Alston.

Action: Motion to approve Resolution honoring Regent Jeffrey Alston was made by Regent Greene and seconded by Regent Turner. The motion passed.

Regent Bearden introduced student participants in a women's leadership program conducted in partnership with KSU and Midway College.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Action: Motion to approve the minutes from the Board of Regents meetings held September 4, 2008, and October 24, 2008, was made by Regent Lane and seconded by Regent Schrader. The motion passed.

V. President's Report

SACS Reaffirmation Update

Dr. Titilayo Ufomata provided an overview of the University's reaffirmation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools ("SACS"). She reminded the Board that SACS representatives would be conducting a site visit beginning March 31, 2009.

Dr. Susan McNaught was introduced as the new Director of Developmental Education.

With regard to the University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), Dr. Ufomata provided a comparative grade analysis for the QEP pilot group. The comparison showed a significant increase in course passage rates for QEP participants. In response to a question from the Board, Dr. Ufomata confirmed that QEP pilot participants would remain within the QEP support structure. In response to an additional question from the Board, President Sias confirmed that the University would be releasing information to the public regarding the positive results of the QEP.

Stewardship of Place

Dr. Anne Butler provided an overview of recent stewardship initiatives. Dr. Butler also introduced Rochelle Owsley as Stewardship Liaison Coordinator and Irma Johnson as Educational Outreach Coordinator.

Potential Budget Reductions

President Sias discussed the potential implications of a 6% budget cut proposed by the General Assembly. President Sias confirmed that all academic programs will be reviewed. In response to a question from the Board, President Sias reported that the proposed Master's Degree in Environmental Studies had been forwarded to the Faculty Senate for review.

VI. Committee Reports

Academic Affairs

Regent Bearden presented the Academic Affairs Committee report. She discussed advances in faculty research and provided an update on the development of online courses. In response to a question from the Board, Regent Bearden reported that the Bachelor of Arts in Spanish would be offered beginning in the fall semester of 2009.

Student Affairs

Regent Douglas presented the Student Affairs Committee report. She provided an overview of a recent Inauguration Viewing event held in the student center and announced the receipt of a \$10,000 grant. No action items were reported.

Action: A motion to approve proposed Student Complaint procedures was made by the Student Affairs Committee. The motion passed.

Action: A motion to add “sexual orientation” to the list of conditions protected under University policy was made by Regent Landy and seconded by Regent Turner. The motion failed¹.

Finance and Administration

Regent Schrader presented the Finance and Administration Committee report. He provided an overview of various budgetary initiatives. No action items were reported.

External Relations & Development

Action: A motion to approve the Proposed Endowment Allocation was made by the External Relations & Development Committee. The motion passed.

Audit Committee

Regent Willis presented the Audit Committee report. He provided an update on risk management initiatives.

VII. Closed Session

Action: A motion to convene a closed session to discuss personnel matters and pending litigation was made by Regent Bearden and seconded by Regent Willis. The motion passed.

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session.

Action: A motion to award tenure to Dr. Elgie McFayden and Professor Kimberly Sipes was made by Regent Bearden and seconded by Regent Landy. The motion passed.

Action: A motion to approve the following promotion recommendations was made by Regent Bearden and seconded by Regent Landy:

**Professor Hunt Butler, Promoted to Associate Professor
Dr. April Fallon, Promoted to Professor
Dr. James Obielodan, Promoted to Associate Professor
Dr. Narayanan Rajendran, Promoted to Associate Professor**

The motion passed.


¹ The motion failed by a vote of 1 to 8 with Regent Landy in favor of the motion and all other Regents opposed.

VIII. Adjournment

Action: A motion to adjourn was made by Regent Bearden and seconded by Regent Landy. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10.

Submitted by:



Angela G. Curry, Secretary
General Council
Kentucky State University

Approved by:



Laura Douglas, Chair
Board of Regents
Kentucky State University

Approved with no corrections

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