

**KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents**  
**1:00 p.m., December 7, 2017**  
**2nd Floor Julian M. Carroll Academic Services Building**  
**Frankfort, Kentucky**  
**Regent Elaine Farris, Presiding**

**MINUTES**

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**I. Call to Order**

Chairperson Elaine Farris, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

**II. Roll Call**

President M. Christopher Brown II, Ph.D. conducted roll call:

Regent Ron Banks	Present
Regent Mindy Barfield, Esq.	Present
Regent Karen Bearden, Ph.D.	Present
Regent Onaje Cunningham	Present
Regent Elaine Farris, Ph.D.	Present
Regent Derrick Gilmore	Present
Regent Paul Harnice, Esq.	Present
Regent Dalton Jantzen	Present
Regent Elgie McFayden, Ph.D.	Present
Regent Syamala H. K. Reddy, Ph.D.	Absent
Regent Roger Reynolds	Present

Ten Regents were in attendance; a quorum was established.

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

**MOTION** by Regent McFayden:

Move the Board to approve the December 7, 2017, Board of Regents Agenda.

Seconded by Regent Barfield and passed without dissent.

**IV. Opening Remarks**

Chairperson Farris introduced special guest, Ms. Diana Sims-Harris, a doctoral student at Indiana State University whose research is focused on women governing

board members at public institutions. Ms. Sims-Harris interviewed Dr. Farris and is observing the meeting.

## **V. Approval of Minutes**

**MOTION** by Regent Gilmore:

Move to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2017, Board of Regents meeting.

Seconded by Regent Barfield and passed without dissent.

## **VI. President's Quarterly Report**

President M. Christopher Brown II reviewed the packet of materials he provided to the Board. Highlights included an update on a campus wide Policy and Procedure Manual, Spring Encampment 2018, factors that could impact the University's Budget, and KSU's annual update report to the Interim Joint Committee on HB 303's State Management and Improvement Plan.

## **VII. Committee Areas**

### **A. Academic Affairs**

#### *1. Action Items*

- a. President Brown presented a Resolution for the conferral of the Summer 2017 Degrees.

**MOTION** by Regent Gilmore:

Move the Board to confer the Summer 2017 Degrees.

Seconded by Regent McFayden and passed without dissent.

- b. President Brown presented a Resolution for the conferral of the Fall 2017 Degrees.

**MOTION** by Regent McFayden:

Move the Board to confer the Fall 2017 Degrees.

Seconded by Regent Barfield and passed without dissent.

- c. President Brown requested approval to award a posthumous Degree to Diego Jones.

**MOTION** by Regent McFayden:

Move the Board for approval to award a Posthumous Degree to Diego Jones.

Seconded by Regent Reynolds and passed without dissent.

- d. President Brown requested approval to award an Honorary Degree.

**MOTION** by Regent McFayden:

Move the Board to approve an Honorary Degree Candidate for Doctor of Humane Letters to Xerona Clayton.

Seconded by Regent Barfield and passed without dissent.

- e. President Brown requested approval to award Dr. Joe Moffett tenure and promotion.

**MOTION** by Regent McFayden:

Move the Board to approve Dr. Joe Moffett as Candidate for Tenure.

Seconded by Regent Reynolds and passed without dissent.

## *2. Informational Items*

- a. President Brown gave an update on mid-term grades and provided statistics on courses with the highest numbers of D, F, and W grades; courses with the highest number of missing mid-term grades; and majors that are the highest and lowest producers of degrees.
- b. President Brown recognized the first of Doctor of Nursing Practice graduating class.
- c. President Brown provided an update on KSU's attendance at the SACSCOC Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas.

## **B. Enrollment Management and Brand Identity**

Clara Ross Stamps, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Brand Identity, provided a synopsis of KSU's brand identity, including KSU's social media presence, website re-design, trademarking, and the Clear Bag Policy.

## C. Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations

### 1. *Informational Items*

- a. Rick Smith, Interim Vice President for External Relations and Development, presented the Biennial Endowment Report. President Brown expressed concern that the University does not bank locally, resulting in a lack of community engagement. A discussion was held and it was agreed that President Brown would bring an update on banking to the next meeting.
- b. Sonia Sanders, Assistant Vice President for Public Engagement and Community Outreach, gave an update on the Billy Ray Cyrus event, the President's Brunch, and the Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting at the Thoroughbred Shop at the Capitol Plaza Hotel. The final report and costs associated with Homecoming 2017 will be available at the next meeting and a 2018 Homecoming Committee will be formed.
- c. Ms. Sanders presented the Community Engagement Report. Kentucky State University participated in ribbon cutting ceremonies, Thanks for Giving Food Drive, and Toys for Tots.
- d. Mr. Smith introduced the following new coaches: Katrina English, Head Volleyball Coach; Fatimah Shabazz, Interim Head Track and Field Coach; David Morton, Interim Head Softball Coach; and Robert Manley, Interim Head Golf Coach.

## D. Finance and Administration

### 1. *Informational Items*

- a. Kevin Appleton, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, presented the Quarterly Financial Status Update. The report included an update on the RFP to retain a food service provider and the outsourcing of the payroll process. Preparation of financial reports by Dean Dorton for the audit of June 30, 2017, has fallen behind schedule. A preliminary financial statement has been provided to the State Controller, Ed Ross. Mr. Appleton and President Brown discussed a possible shortfall of funds due to unbudgeted expenses, as many prior year bills were not paid and are being paid from this fiscal year's budget.
- b. In the 2018-2020 Budget Request, Mr. Appleton addressed the KERS increase and Performance Funding, both of which could significantly impact KSU's budget.
- c. Mr. Appleton's Campus Facilities and Priorities report included technology updates, campus appearance, energy upgrades, and various

infrastructure repairs and improvements. The pedway is being managed by the Kentucky Department of Transportation and the completion date has been pushed to February of 2018.

- d. Candidates have been interviewed for Internal Auditor.

#### E. Student Engagement and Campus Life

##### 1. *Action Items*

- a. Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Vice President for Student Engagement and Campus Life, spoke about establishing a University College for first year and pre-major students to inform students about performance, advising, academic support, programs, curriculum and overall experiences.

**MOTION** by Regent Gilmore:

Move the Board to approve the establishment of a University College.

Seconded by Regent McFayden and passed without dissent.

#### F. Governance

President Brown gave an update of the Gold Book revisions to be completed by March.

#### G. Legal

##### 1. *Action Items*

- a. General Counsel Lisa Lang presented contracts for Board approval.

**MOTION** by Regent McFayden:

Move the Board to approve the contracts of Kentucky Agricultural Development Board; McCarthy Strategic Solutions, LLC; Sturgill, Turner, Barker & Moloney, PLLC; and Sodexo Operations, LLC.

Seconded by Regent Barfield and passed without dissent.

### **VIII. Campus Stakeholder Presentations**

- A. Dantrea Hampton, President of the Faculty Senate, presented the Faculty Senate updates.
- B. Joseph Goodman, Director of Student Support Services, presented the Staff Senate updates.

C. Regent Onaje Cunningham presented the Student Government updates.

**IX. No closed session was held.**

**X. Open session**

**XI. No closing remarks**

**XII. Adjournment**

**MOTION** by Regent McFayden:

Moved the Board for adjournment at 4:45 p.m.

Seconded by Regent Reynolds and passed without dissent.