

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY OF TOPEKA
BOARD OF REGENTS
MINUTES
May 2, 2008

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Storey called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. in Washburn “B” Room of the Memorial Union.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Mr. Blair, Mr. Bunten, Mr. Lagerberg, Mr. Lykins, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Roth, Mr. Storey, and Mrs. Warren.

III. Kaw Area Technical School (KATS) Transition Plan

President Farley introduced item and explained this step to approve the Transition Plan was needed prior to approval of the same by the Kansas Board of Regents (KBoR). The agenda item includes the Transition Plan document, the Education Agreement between the participating districts and Washburn, the lease for the KATS property and the Intergovernmental Exchange agreement allowing for the services of some current KATS employees who will remain on the Topeka Public School (TPS) payroll for retirement benefit reasons to work under Washburn authority at KATS following the affiliation.

Regent Warren raised the following questions:

- 1) Is the lease payment part of KATS or part of the WU general fund?
Answer: KATS
- 2) The lease calls for payment of taxes and assessments. Are there any?
Answer: No
- 3) Insurance called out in the lease – are the limits appropriate?
Answer: they are the same as for WU
- 4) Has TPS approved?
Answer: yes
- 5) Are the policies and procedures of KATS consistent with WU.
Answer: WU purchasing, payroll, and administrative processes and procedures will be followed by KATS and subject to WU Board approval where appropriate
- 6) Is the lease filed at the courthouse?
Answer: not certain – will determine

Regent Parks raised the following questions:

- 1) Have the participating school districts who are part of the Education Agreement approved?
Answer: yes, all 17.

Regent Warren moved to approve the item. It was seconded by Regent Parks.

Mr. Blair raised the following questions:

1) Will KATS pay overhead to WU?

Answer: No

2) Will KATS pay overhead to TPS?

Answer: No

Answer: There will be costs shared and there will be charge backs for services provided to KATS by service centers on campus

Answer: Overhead will be analyzed in the next budget cycle

3) How much is in the Voc Ed fund (KATS operating reserve)?

Answer: \$3 million

4) How will future improvements to the property be handled with respect to TPS ownership of the property?

Answer: WU will work with TPS in the future when leasehold improvements become an issue.

Motion passed unanimously

Mayor Buntzen raised questions about the 15th and Adams Street TIF development project. A brief discussion of that project took place with no action.

It was moved and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Tom Ellis, Executive Assistant to the President
for the Secretary to the Board of Regents