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## **BOARD SELECTS KU CHANCELLOR SEARCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

### *18 Individuals Selected For Search Process*

(TOPEKA) – Yesterday the Kansas Board of Regents selected the 18 individuals who will guide the search process for the next chancellor of the University of Kansas (KU).

The search committee, comprised of 18 individuals representing key university and community constituencies such as students, faculty, administration, staff, alumni/endowment, the Lawrence community, the Board of Regents, and the broader state community will be led by Mr. Drue Jennings of Prairie Village, the Former-Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Kansas City Power and Light Company.

“The Board has assembled a talented group of individuals to guide this important process,” said Jennings. “This is an exciting time in the life of a university, and I certainly look forward to beginning our work.”

Over the next several months, the search committee will work to identify and recruit candidates to replace current KU Chancellor Robert Hemenway who, after 14 years of service as Chancellor, will step down at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. Throughout the process, the committee will work closely with Mr. Bill Funk of R. William Funk and Associates, a higher education executive search firm located in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Funk has conducted more than 300 searches for college and university presidents and chancellors; 70 of whom are currently sitting.

During yesterday’s meeting, the Board charged the search committee to identify three to five presidential candidates whose names will ultimately be forwarded to the Board for final consideration.

“I am extremely pleased with the exceptional group of individuals we have assembled to participate in this important process,” said Donna Shank of Liberal, Chair of the Board of Regents. “It is a diverse and talented group with a shared commitment to the future growth and success of KU. I appreciate their willingness to serve and look forward to receiving their recommendations.”

The six search committee members representing KU faculty, staff, and administration are: Dr. Jeff Aube, Professor of Medicinal Chemistry; Dr. Victor Bailey, Director of the Hall Center for the Humanities and the Charles W. Battey Distinguished Professor of Modern British History;

Dr. Pam Shaw, School of Medicine Professor in the Department of Pediatrics; Dr. Karen Miller, Dean of the Schools of Nursing and Allied Health and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs at the KU Medical Center; Paul K. Farran, President of the Unclassified Senate and Director of Student Success Technology Services; and Dennis Constance, President of the University Support Staff Senate.

The member representing KU students is Adam McGonigle, Student Body President.

The four members representing alumni/endowment are: Jay Howard, Member of the Alumni Association's Executive Committee and owner of an investment firm in Austin, Texas; Linda Ellis Sims, Chair of the School of Engineering Advisory Board, former-KU Endowment Trustee, and an Account Executive with ExxonMobil Corporation; Tom Vaughn, currently serving on the Alumni Association Black Alumni Chapter Board and former-member of the KU Law School Board of Governors; and Kurt D. Watson, President and CEO of The IMA Financial Group, Inc., Chair of the KU Endowment Board and Executive Committee, and KU Endowment Trustee since 1991.

The four members representing the Lawrence and broader regional and state communities are: Dick Bond, Former-Kansas State Senate President and Former-Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents; Gene Meyers, President and CEO, Lawrence Memorial Hospital; Erick E. Nordling, Partner with the law firm of Kramer, Nordling, and Nordling in Hugoton, Kansas, and President of the SW Kansas Chapter of the KU Alumni Association; and Deanell Reece Tacha, Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit, Former-Chair of the KU Alumni Association's National Board of Directors, Former-Associate Dean in the KU School of Law, and Former-Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The two members representing the Board of Regents are: Jill Docking of Wichita, Vice Chair; and Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO.

Additional search details can be found on the KU Chancellor Search page on the Board's website at the following link: <http://www.kansasregents.org/kusearch.html>.

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