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BOARD PRAISES CHANCELLOR HEMENWAY FOR HIS LEADERSHIP

KU Chancellor to Retire After 14 Years of Service

(TOPEKA) – Today Regent Donna Shank of Liberal, Chair of the Kansas Board of Regents, issued the following statement regarding the announcement that Robert Hemenway, the 16th Chancellor of the University of Kansas (KU), will retire on June 30, 2009, after what will be 14 years of service as Chancellor:

“The people of Kansas and KU alumni worldwide have benefited tremendously from Bob Hemenway’s service. The accomplishments of the University during his firm and progressive leadership speak for themselves. KU has grown in size, strength, and reputation.”

“Under Bob’s leadership, KU’s academic programs have received increased national recognition; the University has embarked upon ambitious plans to achieve Comprehensive Cancer Center designation; it has made huge strides in the amount of federal research activity taking place on campus; all while maintaining the commitment to providing world class education opportunities for students. These and many other achievements have secured KU’s position as a national academic and research leader which will have a lasting impact on the residents of Kansas.”

“KU is a stronger institution today as a result of Bob’s leadership and unwavering dedication to higher education, and we look forward to celebrating his many achievements in the upcoming months. He has enriched the University and the state of Kansas during his years of service and for that we are truly grateful.”

“We are thankful that Bob will continue to serve as the Chancellor through the end of the academic year and will remain at KU in a scholarly capacity following his retirement. In the coming weeks, the Board will formalize the process to conduct a national search for a new Chancellor.”

“I wish Bob and his family the very best as they enter a new chapter of their lives. Bob has given unselfishly of his time and talent to the University for the last 13 years and his tenure has been nothing short of remarkable. He will be missed.”

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