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BOARD SELECTS KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

18 Individuals Selected For Search Process

(TOPEKA) – Today the Board of Regents selected the 18 individuals who will guide the search process for the next president of Kansas State University (KSU).

The search committee, comprised of 18 individuals representing KSU constituencies such as faculty, students, administration, staff, alumni/foundation, the Manhattan community, and the Board of Regents, will be led by former-Regent Nelson Galle of Manhattan.

“The Board has selected an excellent search committee,” said Galle. “I look forward to working with this talented and dedicated group of individuals in the coming months. We will work as a team to identify high quality candidates for the Board that will benefit Kansas State University, the community of Manhattan, and the state’s higher education system.”

Over the next several months, the search committee will work closely with a yet-to-be-determined executive search firm to identify and recruit candidates to replace current KSU President Jon Wefald who, after 22 years of service at KSU, will retire at the end of the 2008-2009 academic year. During today’s special 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.

“This search process represents an exciting opportunity for the university and the state as a whole,” noted Donna Shank, Chair of the Board of Regents. “The Board is fortunate to have such a qualified group of individuals involved in this process, and I certainly look forward to receiving the committee’s ultimate recommendations.”

The six search committee members representing KSU faculty, staff, and administration are: Dr. Fred Fairchild, President of KSU Faculty Senate and Professor of Grain Science and Industry; Dr. Mohammad Hosni, Department Head and Professor of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering; Dr. Chris Sorensen, University Distinguished Professor of Physics; Dr. Kathy Greene, Director, Educational and Personal Development and Director, Education Support Services and McNair Scholars Program; Dr. Virginia Moxley, Dean and Professor, College of Human Ecology; and Jennyfer Owensby, President, KSU Classified Senate.

The three members representing KSU students are: Careem Gladney, President of Alpha Phi Alpha and Member and Scholarship Chair of Mortar Board Senior Honorary; Jonathan McLelland, KSU-Salina campus Student Body President; and Lydia Peele, KSU Student Body President, Board of Regents’ Student Advisory Committee Chair, Board of Regents’ Admissions Task Force Member, and Member of Mortar Board Senior Honorary.

The four members representing alumni/foundation are: Lee Harris, President and Chief Operating Officer, Cohen-Esrey Real Estate Services, LLC; Lee Borck, Innovative Livestock Service, Inc.; Dr. Jackie Hartman, Professor of Management, Colorado State University; and Randall Rathbun, Partner, Depew, Gillen, Rathbun & McInteer.

The two members representing the Manhattan community are: Dennis Mullin, President, Steel & Pipe Company; and Jan Marks, CEO, Varney & Associates, CPAs, LLC.

The two members representing the Board of Regents are: Jarold Boettcher, Regent; and Reginald L. Robinson, President and CEO.

Additional KSU presidential search details can be found on the Board's website at the following link: <http://www.kansasregents.org/ksusearch.html>.

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