

## KANSAS BOARD OF REGENTS Board Governance Committee

## MINUTES

The Kansas Board of Regents Governance Committee met on Wednesday, December 18, 2024. Chair Ice called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Proper notice was given according to the law.

Members Present: Carl Ice, Chair  
Jon Rolph  
Blake Benson  
Diana Mendoza

## MINUTES

Regent Rolph moved to approve the minutes of the Committee's November 20, 2024, meeting. Regent Benson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

## UPDATE ON ENTERPRISE RISK MANAGEMENT REPORTS

John Yearly, General Counsel, explained that the Board adopted two new policy provisions in September that created new state university reporting requirements: an IT security policy and an enterprise risk management policy. The enterprise risk management policy provides that reports are due to the Governance Committee by January 1.

General Counsel Yeary has discussed the requirement with university business officers and general counsels. The universities are choosing to submit written reports that will identify risks and the processes and personnel designated to meet the risks. General Counsel Yeary will distribute the reports to the Committee.

Chair Ice inquired about the goal for the reports. General Counsel Yeary said the reports are to ensure policy compliance.

## ANNUAL CAMPUS SAFETY AND SECURITY REPORT (EMPIORIA STATE UNIVERSITY)

Steven Lovett, Emporia State University General Counsel, provided the report. General Counsel Lovett said that ESU has expanded its rape aggression defense and active shooter trainings, as well as its emergency notice system. He recounted security-related events since his last report, noting that there were few items.

With respect to updates to ESU security systems, General Counsel Lovett said closed-circuit software with artificial intelligence capability is reviewed with ESU's information technology department. Many ESU buildings are still keyed, but many now have card swipe access. ESU is working to reassess panic button access for sensitive areas. The University's fire system communications have all migrated to primarily use ESU's network, with cellular networks as secondary. The system undergoes internal testing rotations. In addition, ESU has begun having a person on-site at the Memorial Union after hours.

As to new measures, General Counsel Lovett said ESU has re-established its emergency notification team. In addition, it has assembled a six-member executive threat assessment team. The group's purpose is to review anything on campus that could manifest an institutional risk. It insures measures and people are in place to address those risks. The group centralizes the process and creates a collective consciousness about risk. Further, ESU has a campus-wide record retention policy; has implemented

recommendations from its property casualty insurer; has evaluated OSHA safety requirements; and has conducted a self-study and campus-wide risk forums.

The University has also held table top exercises in several areas. It has endeavored to include more people in more trainings. For example, University personnel have participated in a hazmat tabletop exercise and a county-wide violent assailant tabletop exercise; sport and special event management training; and storm-spotter and National Weather Service Training. General Counsel Lovett then reviewed a selection of training opportunities made available to staff and students on security-related topics.

Regarding Title IX, the University has conducted three significant trainings since the last report, two for new students and one for all university employees. The University only recently received this year's first request for a formal complaint process. General Counsel Lovett shared flow charts diagraming the University's informal and formal complaint resolution process. The process has been overhauled as a result of a previous agreement with the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights.

Chair Ice thanked General Counsel Lovett for his report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:34 a.m., Chair Ice adjourned the meeting.