

Interim President Ronald Johnson presented this item, noting that Dr. Daare Burnette, Interim Chief of Staff and Interim Executive VP Finance & Business Affairs, and Dr. Gwyllyn Edwards, Associate VP of Finance & Business Affairs, would also be speaking throughout the presentation.

President Johnson began by outlining a timeline of events related to the release of the APA's special investigation covering KSU's accounts and activities from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2021. He also stated that the purpose of his presentation was to update the Board on the Special Audit Report officially released on Wednesday, March 22, 2023. He noted that many of the issues and recommendations contained in the report had already been identified and addressed by the Kentucky General Assembly via House Bill 250.

The presentation focused on three main areas: 1. Reviewing the priority issues cited in the APA's Special Examination; 2. Updating the Board and community on the progress in implementing APA recommendations; and 3. Identifying challenges that may impact the implementation of the APA recommendations. President Johnson then requested that Interim EVP Burnette present the review of the APA's priority issues.

Dr. Burnette began with an update on the University's handling of the APA's findings and recommendations and introduced Dr. Edwards. D

to the APA report findings and recommendations, as well as Department of Education and SACSCOC-related issues, and identifying how the Board can be more involved in getting these matters under control.

Regent Walston suggested that the Board look further into the University's relationship with the Foundation moving forward, questioning whether some of the Foundation's activities identified by the APA report might jeopardize KSU's ability to receive federal funding.

Regent Moyer inquired whether the Presidential Search should proceed at this time, considering the findings. Chair Patton responded that this topic needed to be addressed during a separate Board meeting since this was a special agenda item and the Board was required to adhere closely to the agenda.

Regent Dukes emphasized the essential need for transparency and integrity of President Johnson and his administration to be as transparent as possible with the Board.

Regent Hatchett commended the Kentucky state auditors, thanking them for producing a highly professional forensic exam despite extremely difficult circumstances. Regent Hatchett further noted that their audit would aid prosecutors in building cases against those who had betrayed the University and the people of Kentucky.

B. Preliminary Discussion of Proposed Actions Relating to the Special Examination

This agenda item was incorporated into agenda item IV.(A), above.

V. Closing Remarks

Chair Patton offered closing remarks, observing that despite the gravity of the situation, there are still opportunities to change the trajectory of the Institution through painstaking effort and due diligence.

Chair Patton thanked the Board members for their continued efforts and for rising to the occasion.

VI. Adjournment

MOTION by Regent Dukes

Move the Board to adjourn.

Seconded by Regent Fields and passed without dissent.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Submitted by:



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