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BOARD OF REGENTS SELECTS NEW EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Dr. Michael R. Lane to Be ESU's 15th President

(TOPEKA) – The Kansas Board of Regents announced that Dr. Michael R. Lane will be Emporia State University's (ESU) new president. Dr. Lane will begin his presidency on November 1.

“The Board is excited to announce that Dr. Michael Lane will be Emporia State University's new president,” said Nelson Galle, Chairman of the Board of Regents. “Dr. Lane rose to the top of a group of 65 well-qualified applicants, and we're extremely impressed by Dr. Lane's experience, character, and the enthusiasm he will bring with him to Emporia. I certainly want to thank the Presidential Search Committee, Search Committee Chair and Regent Janice DeBauge, and the community of Emporia for their involvement, interest, and dedication to the presidential search process. I also want to thank Mr. John Hicks of the Academic Search Consultation Service for the assistance he provided throughout the search process. I'm confident that Dr. Lane's leadership abilities will serve ESU, the Emporia community, and the state of Kansas well for many years to come.”

Dr. Lane currently serves as the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. He previously served in the same role for Mansfield University in Pennsylvania, and was also the Dean of the School of Business at Berry College in Georgia.

Dr. Lane will be formally introduced to the ESU campus and the Emporia community on Friday, September 22. A formal introduction and press conference will take place that morning in the Plumb Hall Rotunda on the ESU campus. A 2:00pm reception in ESU's Memorial Union Ballroom will follow. The campus and community are encouraged and invited to attend both events. Specific event details will soon be posted on ESU's website at the following link:

<http://www.emporia.edu/presprofile>

The nine-member Kansas Board of Regents is the governing board of the state's six public universities and a supervising and coordinating board for nineteen community colleges, ten technical institutions, and a municipal university.

Emporia State University continuing to emerge and excel Boasted largest freshman class since 1999

Emporia State University continues to demonstrate it is a premier student-centered University that provides high quality, state-of-the-art academic programs and opportunities that prepare undergraduate and graduate students for successful professional careers.

Fall enrollment reached a 25-year high of 6,473 because of increases in the number of entering freshmen and graduate students, and increases in the retention of undergraduate students.

Enrollment rose 3 percent, up almost 200 students from last fall.

Since fall 2005, two areas have posted notable gains:

On-campus enrollment of new students rose 10 percent, from 1,328 to 1,456, to a total on-campus enrollment of 4,973.

The number of international students rose 80 percent.

“Our reputation of excellent faculty and the lure of affordability attract highly qualified students to ESU. We provide our students with small class sizes and low student/professor ratios. The vigorous exchange of ideas among faculty members and students, and a strong tradition of faculty-guided undergraduate research are fundamental to the ESU experience,” said Dr. John Schwenn, Interim President.

A significant portion of the University’s new students are first-time freshmen as well as on-campus students. This group saw a 10 percent increase from last fall. ESU boasted its largest freshman class since 1999.

“ESU has steadily expanded academic programs to meet the growing demands of students. The core commitment to classroom instruction and teaching excellence is among many reasons that talented young people from across Kansas, as well as 49 other states, choose to live and study in Emporia,” said Dr. Tes Mehring, Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs. “Other proven recruitment tools are ESU’s nationally recognized advising and assessment programs, providing students with steady guidance and maximizing opportunities for success as they pursue their degrees.”

“We continue to make progress in retaining undergraduate students at increasing rates,” said Dr. James Williams, Vice President for Student Affairs. “While the majority of the undergraduate enrollment increase is due to a larger entering class, a substantial proportion of this growth is due to our retention success. We have an excellent admissions team as well as faculty and staff who are committed to recruiting and retaining top students.”

Graduate programs are continuing to thrive and showed a 1 percent increase from last fall. The graduate program comprises roughly 30 percent of ESU’s total enrollment, the highest percentage of graduate students in the Regents system.

ESU is home to an acclaimed and emulated delivery system for distance education. The online graduate programs have been listed by U.S. News and World Report as among the nation’s best, and the campus offers more online courses than any other Regents university. Nine masters programs, two bachelors’ degrees, and four certificate programs are featured in the superb distance-ed catalogue.

In 2005 ESU expanded its presence in the greater Kansas City area with the opening of The Emporia State University Metro Learning Center (MLC). This state-of-the-art satellite campus is tapping a large and diverse new base of prospective students, delivering instruction and outreach to a thriving and appreciative enrollment. Students, who would not otherwise have opportunities to earn their degrees, build strong allegiances to the main campus while never leaving metro Kansas City.

“Students come to ESU because of the wide variety of courses that meet their needs for intellectual challenge,” Mehring said. ESU is known across Kansas for the depth and breadth of those offerings.”

With more than 62 majors and an additional 52 areas of concentration leading to bachelors, masters, and doctoral degrees, the academic offerings at ESU are tailored to meet the needs of the state and region, providing graduates with pathways to career achievement in high-demand fields. The nationally acclaimed ESU Department of Art has implemented a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree with a concentration in the Engraving Arts. The only one in existence in the world, this BFA is the result of a three-dimensional collaboration among ESU, Glendo/GRS Corporation, and the Emporia Chamber of Commerce.

“Over 80% of ESU graduates remain in Kansas to pursue careers. Our alumni are exceptional leaders in industry, business, medical and education professions. Over \$213 million are added to

the Kansas economy annually, through ESU's activities, over six times the state's investment in the University," Schwenn said.

ESU has the lowest cost of attendance – tuition, room, board and fees – of any university in Kansas. Unlike most universities, ESU does not charge by the credit hour. With a flat tuition rate, students who take more than nine credit hours have maximum flexibility to explore a wide variety of educational choices at no additional cost per hour.

“Great things are happening at ESU. The pursuit of knowledge in today's information-fueled world is a driving force behind ESU's vision and mission. It is a point of great pride across campus that an unprecedented 97% of students who earn a bachelor's degree go on to graduate school or professional positions,” Schwenn said.

Emporia State University to host 2006 Lieutenant Gubernatorial Candidate Forum Engage Emporia - Emporia Kansas – October 24, 2006

Emporia State University officials and the City of Emporia officials announced recently they would host the 2006 Kansas Lieutenant Governor Forum.

Mark Parkinson, running mate for Gov. Kathleen Sebelius' and Sen. Susan Wagle, running mate for Sen. Jim Barnett both have agreed to the October 24 forum.

The Lieutenant Governor Forum is a collaborative effort with ESU, ESU students and the City of Emporia.

“Emporia State University is pleased to host the 2006 Kansas Lieutenant Governor Forum. Universities are bastions of intellectual discourse and encourage debate of ideas and ideologies,” said ESU President John Schwenn. “The forum is a cooperative effort with ESU, ESU students and the City of Emporia. This is another good example of the partnership between the three of us.”

The forum will be held at 7:00 p.m., October 24, in Albert Taylor Hall located in Plumb Hall on the Emporia State University campus. ESU is the only Kansas University selected to host the 2006 Lt. Gubernatorial Forum.

“The City of Emporia is pleased to be a part of this Lt. Governor forum. It is great we have the collaboration of community and campus,” said Emporia Mayor Jim Kessler. “It is important we do things together to make our citizens more aware of the issues that affect them. This is a great opportunity and we're excited as a city to be able to do this.”

“This is a unique opportunity for ESU students. The Associated Student Government wants our student to be civically engaged. We want students to realize that their vote does matter and the officials they elect make decisions that affect their daily lives as students at higher education institutions,” said Courtney George, sophomore, Crime and Delinquency Studies major and Associated Student Government Legislative Director. “The Lt. Gubernatorial Forum in Emporia is the first step in engaging Emporia and the students of ESU to take an active role in their government.”

ESU student organizations will host a Meet 'n' Greet in the Plumb Hall Rotunda for the candidates and other political officials after the forum.

For more information contact Courtney George at 620-341-5481.

WHO, WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE

APPOINTMENTS

Lendi Bland, instructor, Department of Elementary Teacher Education, was re-elected as chair of the Professional Development Schools Coalition for Kansas.

The Organization of American Historians has been selected **Dr. Christopher C. Lovett**, professor, Department of Social Sciences, to be the Kansas Chair for the Western Region of the Organization of American Historians Membership Committee. The appointment is for five years and will end in May 2011.

Marquis Publications has announced that **Dr. Christopher Lovett**, professor, Department of Social Sciences, was nominated and will be included in *Who's Who in America, 2007* to be published this fall.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Christopher Lovett, professor, Department of Social Sciences, gave a presentation at the Kansas Council for History Education Conference in Garden City, Kansas, on Monday, September 25. The presentation was entitled "Iraq and Vietnam: History as Prologue."

PUBLICATION

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EMPLOYMENT SEARCH

An AA/EOE institution, Emporia State University encourages minorities and women to apply. The following positions are available and may be viewed on the ESU website at: <http://www.emporia.edu/esu/searches.htm> or at <http://www.emporia.edu/humres/classified.htm>

Assistant Professor in Public Policy/Administration, Department of Social Sciences
Assistant Professor, Department of Communication & Theatre
Assistant Professor – Journalism, Department of English
Assistant/Associate Professor in Biology, Department of Biological Sciences
Assistant/Associate Professor in Marketing, Department of Business Admin & Edu
Assistant/Associate Professor in Management, Department of Business Admin & Edu
Assistant/Associate Professor in Rehabilitation, Department of Counselor Education
Assistant Professor – Athletic Training Edu, Department of Health and Physical Education
Chair, Department of Social Sciences
Scholarship/Student Resource Coordinator, Financial Aid
Curriculum Coordinator for Upward Bound Project Focus, Upward Bound
Administrative Officer, Office of Professional Education Services
Dean, School of Library and Information Management
Case Manager, Student Life & Counseling
Director, Career Services
Department Chair, English