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## **Letter from the President:**

Happy Summer KACRAO!

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far and maybe even some of you have some exciting vacations planned!

Thank you to all the KACRAO members that attended the reception at AACRAO in Phoenix. We had approximately 25 members and friends that attended. Including a special appearance by the 2016-2017 AACRAO President, our very own Paul Kyle! Congratulations on the appointment Paul!

Make sure to save the date for the upcoming KACRAO Summer Drive-In Workshop. This year the fun will be held at Wichita State University, Thursday, July 21. Contact Denelle Hurd if you have any questions ([dhurd1@emporia.edu](mailto:dhurd1@emporia.edu)).

The next KACRAO Executive Council meeting will be held Thursday, June 9, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Manhattan at the Hilton Garden Inn and Manhattan Conference Center. Executive Council members are required to attend and all meetings are open to any interested KACRAO members.

During the meeting the council will join the Program Committee to tour the facility where the upcoming 2016 KACRAO Conference will be held. Be sure to mark your calendars for September 28-30 in anticipation of another rewarding conference!

Please let me know if there is any way I can assist you as your KACRAO President.

And travel safely on any upcoming summer plans you may be anticipating.

Maggie Harris

## **KACRAO 2016-2017 Slate of Officers**

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The Nominations & Elections Committee would like to present the 2016-2017 KACRAO Slate of Officers:

- President-Elect: Lynnette Hilty, Hutchinson CC
- Vice President for Outreach: Tammy Tabor, Garden City CC
- Vice President for Professional Development: Michelle Ponce, Butler CC
- Secretary: Cassie Keefer, KU
- Treasurer-Elect: Christina Long, Hutchinson CC
- Admissions Advocate-at-Large: Tana Cooper, Barton CC
- Records/Registration Advocate-at-Large: Susan Cooper, KSU

### **Future meetings**

#### **Executive Council**

**Thursday, June 9, 2016**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Manhattan, Manhattan Conference Center

#### **Executive Council, Coordinators, and Chairs**

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

**7 to 8 p.m.**

Manhattan, Manhattan Conference Center

## **Around the State**

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### **Impact of State Budget Cuts**

Penny Cook

Assistant Director for Transfer Relations

Pittsburg State University

The latest round of state budget cuts will pose some interesting challenges for Kansas colleges and universities.

Governor Sam Brownback's budget, signed May 18th, cuts most state agencies an average of 4%, but calls for larger cuts to the budgets of KU and K-State. KU faces total cuts of \$10.7 million and K-State's budget was reduced about \$7 million. Total cuts statewide, including two-year institutions, student financial aid and the Board of Regents are over \$30 million.

### **University presidents react**

KU Chancellor Bernadette Gray-Little, in an interview with the Lawrence Journal-World, calls the cuts "somewhat larger than we anticipated, and of course it's disproportional, so it's a very unkind cut."

Other university presidents have expressed concerns about maintaining current standards and operations in the current budget climate.

Emporia State University President Allison Garrett told the Topeka Capitol-Journal, "One of the things we struggle with is attracting and retaining high-caliber faculty and staff. In an era of declining state support that becomes increasingly challenging."

Pittsburg State University President Steve Scott echoes those concerns. "As a Kansan, and as the leader of Pittsburg State University, I am deeply troubled and concerned about the state's lack of stability and predictability in its finances. It is making it nearly impossible to manage the budget of the university. Clearly, this environment threatens to undermine the positive momentum that is so evident on the campus and in the broader Pittsburg community," Scott said.

### **Operations will likely be affected**

Shrinking budgets will likely create challenges for Admission and Registrar operations at the state's colleges and universities. Though the specifics are still being considered, common costs in Admission operations such as travel, fair registration fees, fees charged to students for events, publications and giveaways could be affected.

Expenses for Registrars such as paper and printing costs for transcripts and rising graduation expenses, which would normally be covered by the state budget, could cause increases to students as well.

### **Shifting the burden to students**

The same day the Governor signed the reduced budget, Regents universities proposed tuition and fee increases for the upcoming academic year at a Kansas Board of Regents meeting. The majority of institutions requested increases around 4 or 5%.

Gray-Little and other officials have expressed concern about increasing costs to students. “It’s a very, very major change in who pays for the higher education in the state, with obviously the state paying less and less, and students paying more and more. It is a concern, and particularly so with low income students.”

### **Emporia State University Helping to Create a Healthier Nation**

Written by: Micheal R. Torres  
Counselor—Undergraduate Admissions

The first campus in Kansas to do so—Emporia State University is collaborating with some of the top health experts in the United States to adapt a plan focused on healthier meal options, increased water consumption, and more regular exercise. Over the next three years, ESU will gain a better insight into the issues facing young Americans regarding physical health and mental wellbeing.

Consciously joining The Partnership for a Healthier America (PHA) means students in the Hornet Nation will stand beside more than “1 million students, faculty, and staff on campuses across 29 states...” to create awareness in the public and private sectors of our country. The work of this nonpartisan nonprofit organization and its honorary chair—First Lady Michelle Obama—is to make healthier choices easier.

Emporia State University hopes to create a buzz about health itself, and with the support of other PHA institutions, it will do just that.

(2016, May 19). ESU First Kansas School to Join Partnership for a Healthier America. *Emporia State University News*. Web.

## Reminders:

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### Mark your Calendars for KACRAO Summer Drive-In Workshop



### KACRAO Annual Conference 2016



Register here: <http://www.kacrao.org/kacrao-annual-conference>

Questions about the conference can be directed to Susan Cooper at [sew@ksu.edu](mailto:sew@ksu.edu) or Barb Nagel at [bnagel@ksu.edu](mailto:bnagel@ksu.edu).