

moved to approve, and Regent Bangerter seconded. The motion carried. The house will be named the Breidenthal University House.

WICHITA AREA TECHNICAL COLLEGE AND WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
AFFILIATION LEGIALTIVE PROPOSAL

Matt Casey, Director of Government Relations, presented the proposed legislation that would authorize Wichita Area Technical College and Wichita State University to affiliate and create a Campus of Applied Science and Technology. Regent Murguia moved to approve. Following a second by Regent Murfin, the motion carried.

J VISA LEGISLATION

Director Casey introduced proposed legislation that will address the J Visa insurance coverage issue. Federal law requires employees who hold J-1 Visas to have health insurance coverage that meets certain minimum requirements. One requirement is that the deductible of the visa-holders' health insurance must not exceed \$500. The State of Kansas deductible for Plan A was increased to \$1,000 for this year, which means the state health insurance plan will no longer meet the federal law requirements for these individuals. Director Casey noted there are 216 benefits-eligible visiting scholars employed at Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and the University of Kansas. The proposed legislation will authorize the Board to independently provide health care benefits, through self-insurance or the purchase of insurance contracts, for only those employees for whom the state health care benefits program does not meet federal requirements. Regent Murguia moved to approve. Regent Murfin seconded, and the motion carried.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Director Casey reported January 9, 2017 was the start of the 2017 Legislative Session and that the Governor gave his State of the State address on January 10. He noted higher education day at the Statehouse is scheduled for Thursday and that all 32 public institutions are participating.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.

Blake Flanders, President and CEO

Zoe F. Newton, Chair