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KENTUCKY STATE UNIVERSITY



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KSU President M. Christopher Brown II addresses the university's Board of Regents.

'University College' to increase freshman retention rate

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Kentucky State University has a new plan to tackle what Vice President for Student Engagement and Campus Life Thomas Calhoun has called the "big r-word" — retention.

The university's Board of Regents voted Thursday to establish a "University College" to provide students with the necessary resources for transitioning successfully to the college, according to Calhoun's proposal.

This fall, KSU retained 68 percent of first-time, full-time bachelor's degree seekers. The year before, that rate was just 60 percent. The new University College program will combine academic advising, tutoring, orientation and a new liberal arts core curriculum. As a result, the school hopes to improve the freshman retention rate by 3 to 5 percentage points each year, according to the proposal.

In other business: The university welcomed back Director of Athletics William Graham, who attended Thursday's quarterly

board meeting.

Graham and two softball coaches — Head Softball Coach and Equipment Manager Oscar Downs Jr. and his son Assistant Coach Oscar "Trey" Downs III — had been on administrative leave since Sept. 19 amid accusations of sexual harassment by a former softball player.

According to KSU General Counsel Lisa Lang, Downs and his son remain on leave. The softball team will instead be led by David Morton, whom the board recognized as the university's interim head softball coach. Morton has been an assistant to the softball team for the past seven years, he told The State Journal.

KSU President M. Christopher Brown II announced that a forensic audit he requested from state Auditor of Public Accounts Mike Harmon won't begin until January.

Representatives from Harmon's office met with the university in October to discuss the scope of the project, but the office doesn't have auditors available for the job until next semester, Brown told The State Journal.

A letter to Harmon dated Sept. 6 requested a forensic audit that would span five years — July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017 — and include KSU athletics, auxiliary services, contracts and procurement, as well as expenses incurred by the Board of Regents and the Office of the President.

"Like all state agencies, state budget cuts have taken its toll on KSU," the letter said. "Unlike other state agencies, KSU has spent the last several years attempting to correct years of improper processes, procedures, and in some instances, negligence."

The university hasn't had a permanent chief financial officer and permanent president concurrently for about five years, Brown said. Since 2001, KSU has had 11 CFOs. KSU also recently changed its external auditor to Crowe Horwath from Dean Dorton. Earlier this year, Dean Dorton found that the university again lacked internal controls over financial reporting in the accounting firm's audit of KSU's books for the 2015-16 academic year.

Arrest made in last week's Humane Society burglary

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Jacob West

A 24-year-old Frankfort man was arrested Tuesday in connection with last week's burglary at the Franklin County Humane Society.

Jacob West was charged with third-degree burglary, a Class D felony.

The investigation, led by detectives from the Criminal Investigations Unit of the Frankfort Police Department, is continuing, and detectives expect to make more arrests in the case, said FPD

Capt. Chris Quire, found a window broken and less than \$150 stolen.

That theft came on the heels of a previous burglary on Nov. 11, in which someone stole an estimated \$1,100 in cash and \$2,000 in checks from donations.

It remains unclear whether the two break-ins are related. West is being held in the Franklin County Regional Jail on a \$1,000 (10 percent of \$10,000) bond.

Quire said the department is also investigating several other recent commercial burglaries in the city.

investigators working in conjunction led to this arrest," Quire said. "The Humane Society is there to provide care and assistance to animals in need, so this case was a high priority for our department."

On Nov. 29, officers, responding to a burglary call at the animal shelter,

Lawmakers get expensive ask for pension system

By Adam Beam
Associated Press

Kentucky taxpayers need to pay nearly \$1 billion extra over the next two years to keep solvent a retirement plan for most state workers.

The Kentucky Employees Retirement System board of trustees told state lawmakers Thursday they need to spend \$2.8 billion over the next two years on a retirement plan that covers state workers and police officers. That's \$954 million more than was required the previous two years.

Nearly all of that increase is because the board of trustees believes the state will earn less money on its investments and have fewer employees contributing to the system over the next three decades. Board chairman John Farris says the numbers, while more expensive, are more realistic. "Our role should have been in the past to calculate these numbers correctly and give them to the Legislature. Previous boards didn't do that," he said.

The numbers approved Thursday do not include the Kentucky Teachers Retirement System, which is governed by a separate board of trustees. When you include them, state budget director John Chilton said he expects the state would need an extra \$700 million a year.

The huge increases come at a bad time for the cash-strapped state government. The state ended the most recent fiscal year with a \$138.5 million deficit. State economists predict the government is headed for another short-fall next year of \$155 million.

Republican Gov. Matt Bevin has indicated he wants to impose mid-year budget cuts of 1.4 percent to cover the shortfall and replenish the state's savings account. But most of his direct control, including the judicial branch and the department of education, have resisted.

State lawmakers could decide not to fully fund the pension system, as previous Legislatures chose to do for much of the last decade. But Bevin and other

Republican leaders have sharply criticized that approach, indicating they are committed to paying the full amount regardless of the impacts it has on the rest of state government.

Bevin has proposed a 500-plus page bill to overhaul the pension system, but has been met with significant opposition among state employees and even within his own political party. Bevin has vowed to call a special session of the Legislature to vote on the bill by the end of the year. But Wednesday, more than half of the majority House Republican caucus signed a letter asking Bevin not to call a special session.

Thursday's vote also affects local governments. All together, they would have to pay an additional \$317 million each year for the retirement plan that covers local city and county government workers. Some board members wanted to soften that blow by phasing in the increases over the next five years. But an attorney for the board said only the Legislature could decide to do that.

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employees, an increase of \$231 million, and 31.55 percent for hazardous employees, an increase of \$86 million, according to the actuaries' latest calculations.

Betty Pendergrass, who represents the County Employees Retirement System (CERS) on the board, called the increases "a little too aggressive" and urged her colleagues to consider a slower phase-in — something the board's legal counsel Mark Blackwell said fell outside board's authority. For state government workers in the Kentucky

Employees Retirement System (KERS), the employer contribution rate for non-hazardous employees is set to rise to 83.43 percent from 50.39 percent, an increase \$448 million, and to 36.85 percent from 21.82 percent, an increase \$12 million, for hazardous employees. The contribution rate for state police will jump to 146.28 percent from 89.67 percent, an increase of \$17 million.

Last month, the actuaries said that the systems, as they currently stand, have combined pension and health insurance unfunded liabilities of \$26.75 billion, up from \$21.17 billion last year. State Budget Director John Chilton is still looking for an extra \$700 mil-

lion to \$1 billion a year to address that pension hole, he told reporters after the vote.

In other business, the board voted against passing a resolution introduced by CERS trustee Jerry Powell to "urge Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky General Assembly to, first and foremost, honor and fulfill the retirement benefits promised as part of the invaluable contracts to all public employees in all retirement systems in the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

The board's legal counsel again cautioned against passing the resolution, describing it as advocacy and later adding that it implied some legal interpretation of the invaluable contracts.

Mentioned only briefly was a recent analysis conducted by the board's actuaries of how Bevin's proposed pension reform bill will impact the group of five public pension systems. That analysis will remain secret until a final draft of the bill is introduced, with KRS Chair John Farris saying he thought it would be "irresponsible to release a bunch of drafts of drafts of drafts." Last month, the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement system released an analysis of the bill conducted by its actuaries.

Legal Notice

NOTICE
Due to an increase from its supplier, Farmdale Water District received approval from the Public Service Commission to adjust its rates for water service rendered on and after November 1, 2017.

Monthly Rates	Prior Rate	New Rate	\$ Change	% Change
5/8" x 3/4"				
First 2,000 gal. (Min. Bill)	\$17.58	\$17.92	.34	1.9%
Next 3,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	5.79	5.96	.17	2.9%
Next 5,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	5.33	5.50	.17	3.2%
Over 10,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	4.85	5.02	.17	3.5%
1" Meter				
First 5,000 gal. (Min. Bill)	\$34.95	\$35.80	.85	2.4%
Next 5,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	5.79	5.96	.17	2.9%
Next 140,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	5.33	5.50	.17	3.2%
Over 150,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	4.85	5.02	.17	3.5%
4" Meter				
First 50,000 gal. (Min. Bill)	\$255.60	\$264.10	8.50	3.3%
Next 50,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	5.79	5.96	.17	2.9%
Next 50,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	5.33	5.50	.17	3.2%
Over 150,000 gal. (per 1,000 gal.)	4.85	5.02	.17	3.5%
Effective on Average Monthly Bill				
Average Usage	Prior Avg. Bill	New Avg. Bill	\$ Change	% Change
5/8" x 3/4" Meter (Res.)	5,000 gal. \$34.95	\$35.80	.85	2.4%
5/8" x 3/4" Meter (Com.)	8,200 gal. \$21.01	\$21.40	.39	1.8%
1" Meter (Res.)	9,800 gal. \$62.74	\$64.41	1.67	2.7%
1" Meter (Com.)	32,400 gal. \$83.29	\$88.80	5.51	6.6%
4" Meter	1,035,000 gal. \$5,106.76	\$5,282.81	176.05	3.4%

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Frankfort Service
Saturday, December 9, 2017,
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Business meeting begins at 10:00 a.m.
SSC, Inc. - Frankfort Service
1211 Wilkinson Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Agenda includes annual elections and management reports.
By order of the Board of Directors
R.W. Eldridge, Chairman