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Fort Hays State University Presidential Search Now Underway

(Topeka, Kansas) - The Kansas Board of Regents and the Fort Hays State University community invite nominations and applications for the position of President. The successful candidate will succeed Dr. Edward Hammond, who has served since 1987 and recently announced his retirement.

Fort Hays State University seeks an entrepreneurial, politically astute, and innovative President who has knowledge of national higher education issues. This individual must bring a strong vision for the University's future, along with a strategic, thoughtful understanding of how to advance Fort Hays State University in conjunction with the Kansas Board of Regents' strategic plan, *Foresight 2020*, and the University's own mission, goals, and strategic plan. The University community expects a staunch advocate, a stable presence, and an inspirational, congenial leader.

Founded in 1902, the University's student population is 13,441, including 4,767 on a 4,160-acre campus in Hays, Kansas. Fort Hays State University's unique China partnership program's enrollment is 3,294 students, while the Virtual College headcount is 5,380. Over 800 faculty and staff support and guide baccalaureate, master's, and Education Specialist degree programs in the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and Entrepreneurship, Education and Technology, Health and Life Sciences, and in the Graduate School. Fort Hays State University is committed to providing exceptional learning opportunities to Kansas, the region, and the world.

For more information about the University, and full details regarding expectations, characteristics, and qualifications for the position, please visit: <http://www.fhsu.edu/presidential-search/>.

The search is being assisted by James H. McCormick, Senior Consultant, AGB Search. Nominations and applications should be sent electronically (MS Word or PDF Format) to forthays@agbsearch.com. To assure best consideration, applications should be received by February 13, 2014. All applications will remain confidential. Following campus visits by finalists, the Kansas Board of Regents will conduct interviews and make the final selection. The new President will assume office on or about July 1, 2014.

The consultant may be contacted at 651-238-5188 or jhm@agbsearch.com.

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About the Kansas Board of Regents:

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