

Dr. Garstecki Monthly Board of Trustees Update

September 2026

- I participated in the Kansas Hospital Association golf tournament in Salina.
- I joined the President's Academy Executive Committee meeting hosted by the American Association of Community Colleges.
- This month I certified our annual AY report to KBOR. Our Institutional Effectiveness team, led by Chris Case, worked diligently with various departments across campus since early June to pull the data and compile this report for submission. I appreciate the work that went into this submission.
- I attended the Barton Foundation Board meeting.
- I attended the Opening reception for the Friends and Acquaintances Show in the Shafer Gallery.
- I met with Faculty Council on Monday to brief them on legislative and KBOR issues. I am meeting with Faculty Council once each semester to create ongoing communication between faculty and administration.
- VP Simmons, Dean Hall, and I traveled to Fort Riley to meet with the new Garrison Commander, Colonel Orr.
- I traveled to Topeka for breakfast with the Board of Regents and new KBOR CEO, Jennifer Bonds-Raake on Wednesday. Following breakfast, I attended the KBOR meeting. KBOR staff presented the proposed FY28 budget that will be sent to the Governor's office for the legislative session.
- Katie Sawyer from Senator Marshall's office held a meeting to discuss the new Workforce Pell. The discussion was focused on the new regulations and how Kansas is planning to implement this program.
- Barton's Fine and Performing Arts Department presented a Faculty Recital and Exhibition Thursday night. It was an excellent show, and we had a great audience turnout. It is always impressive to see the level of talent that our Barton Faculty bring to the College and our students.