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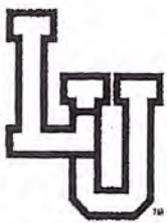
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Langston University's Request for its
USDA State-Mandated Match: A Chronology

Submitted to:
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Office of the President
Langston University
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June 2008



June 16, 2008

Dr. Glen D. Johnson
Chancellor
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
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Dear Chancellor Johnson:

Per your request, this communiqué serves as a preface to the document herein and delineates the historical perspective and justification for the \$1.5 million appropriation to Langston University for the state of Oklahoma mandated match for agriculture. As confirmed by the Oklahoma Legislature, this is an ongoing appropriation to be added to the base of the general allocation for agriculture.

Langston University was established in 1897 as a land-grant institution responsible for providing agricultural education, research and outreach to an underserved portion of the Oklahoma population. The federal government, through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided supplemental funding to these institutions. In 1977, Public Law 95-113 was enacted. Section 226 of the Agricultural, Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA), which added Section 1449 to the National Agricultural Research Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA), requires matching funds from non-federal sources for formula grant funds authorized under Sections 1444 and 1445 for agriculture research and extension programs at 1890 land-grant institutions and Tuskegee University. The intent of Congress in enacting Section 226 of AREERA was to generate non-federal funds to be budgeted and expended for agricultural research, extension, and agricultural education. The match is intended to support, expand, and promote programs in research, extension, as well as education related to food and agricultural sciences.

For fiscal year 2002, the required state match was 50%, with a ten percent increase each year thereafter until fiscal year 2007, at which time the match became 100%. (See Exhibit A, p.4 and pgs. 65-70 in this document). Since 2002, the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has failed to appropriate the USDA mandated state match as outlined below:

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| <u>Year</u> | <u>USDA Award</u> | <u>USDA Match Requirement</u> | <u>State Match Received</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2002 | \$2,873,545 | \$1,436,773 (50%) | \$1,142,270 | (\$ 294,503) |
| 2003 | \$2,946,165 | \$1,767,701 (60%) | \$1,116,293 | (\$ 651,408) |
| 2004 | \$2,955,229 | \$2,068,660 (70%) | \$1,032,800 | (\$1,035,860) |
| 2005 | \$3,059,143 | \$2,447,313 (80%) | \$1,016,115 | (\$1,431,198) |
| 2006 | \$3,117,562 | \$2,805,806 (90%) | \$1,016,115 | (\$1,789,691) |
| 2007 | \$3,374,954 | \$3,374,954 (100%) | \$1,179,145 | (\$2,195,809) |
| 2008 | \$3,426,225* | \$3,426,225 (100%) | \$2,657,716 | (\$ 768,509) |
| Total | \$21,752,823 | \$17,327,432 | \$9,160,454 | (\$8,166,978) |

Note that federal formula funds that are **not** matched by a state in accordance to matching requirements for a fiscal year are to be redistributed by the secretary of agriculture to eligible institutions whose states have satisfied the matching funds requirement for that fiscal year.

I have continuously made known the need for the mandated state-match for agriculture programs at Langston University since my initial communiqué to Senator Morgan on October 5, 2005. Since that time, I have discussed this matter in writing, in person and /or on the telephone with you, then Chancellor Paul Risser, members of the legislature, Governor Henry, the OSU/A&M Board of Regents, the OSRHE, and a host of others. The Chronology of Letters, **Part II** of this document, delineates many of the correspondences sent and received regarding this matter.

Part III includes the responses to questions emailed to LU Vice President Angela Watson from Vice Chancellor Amanda Paliotta as to how these state funds will be spent. The mandated state match for research and outreach programs is critical to maintaining and enhancing our land-grant mission, as well as avoiding the reduction and/or elimination of programs. These funds also support operational expenses.

Langston University is an integral part of the land-grant mission in the state of Oklahoma. Our agricultural programs are excellent and they positively impact the state, nation, and world. **Part IV** of the document herein provides highlights of our programs. Upon review, you will find that Langston University is at the forefront of aquaculture research and extension; our youth and 4-H programs assist young people of all races in successfully overcoming many of the challenges they face; and we are the number one goat research university in the world, assisting Oklahoma farmers and ranchers, and also third world countries as they combat hunger and drought. Moreover, we provide training to personnel in twenty-seven different countries. Our goat manuals are translated into Spanish, Arabic, Chinese, and French. Further, we have the only laboratory in the United States using goat milk standards to serve the dairy goat industry.

*estimated amount

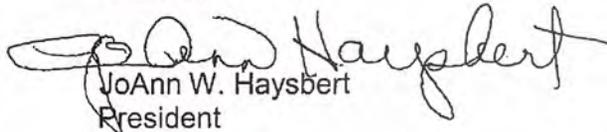
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Chancellor Johnson, I trust that this preface has given you a clearer understanding as to the importance of the state match to Langston University. As always, thank you for your leadership in higher education and especially your support of this institution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JoAnn W. Haysbert". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "H".

JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

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Appendix A

Communiqué to Senator Mike Morgan



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

October 5, 2005

The Honorable Mike Morgan
Oklahoma State Senate
519 State Capitol Building
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Senator Morgan:

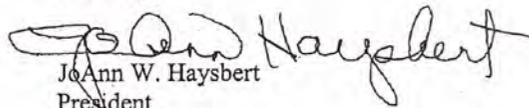
Thank you for visiting Langston University and for having lunch with me last week. I greatly enjoyed our conversation about my transition to Oklahoma and my new leadership at Langston.

As you recall, among the many topics we discussed was the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requirement that land grant universities receive 100% state match for USDA funds by 2007 (See attached, Exhibit A). As you might imagine, this puts a tremendous hardship on institutions such as Langston. For example, the Fiscal Year 2006 estimated funding amounts is \$3,059,141. A 90% matching requirement is \$2,753,227. However, Langston University **only received \$1,069,936 from the State of Oklahoma** for matching purposes. The balance had to be taken from the general operational budget. We need your leadership and assistance to help alleviate the hardship associated with this drain on our operational budget.

Specifically, we need a designated appropriation for the match. The match should be similar to the appropriation given to Oklahoma State University (OSU) for its agriculture experiment station and its cooperative extension service (See attached, Table 1, Educational and General Primary Budget Summary Fiscal Year 2005). As you may know, this designated appropriation process is not novice. In fact, it is used in the Commonwealth of Virginia for both Land Grant Universities (Virginia Polytechnic University and Virginia State University). Know that the research and outreach services provided by Langston University in executing its rural mission is second-to-none.

Again, Senator Morgan it was my pleasure to meet you and talk with you during your recent visit to "dear Langston." You stated that Langston University helped you in the past and now we need your help to solidify our future! We will continue to be supportive of your leadership and administration in the Senate, as it will benefit all constituents of the great State of Oklahoma. I look forward to working with you in the months and years ahead.

Sincerely,



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Exhibit A

9/30/05

Matching Funds Requirement for Formula Funds for Agricultural Research and Extension Programs at 1890 Land-Grant Institutions and Tuskegee Universities

Introduction

This matching funds requirement arises from Section 226 of the Agricultural Research, Extension and Education Reform Act of 1998 (AREERA) which added Section 1449 to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA). Section 226 requires matching funds from **non-federal** sources for formula grant funds authorized under Sections 1444 (extension formula funds) and 1445 (research formula funds) of NARETPA for agricultural research and extension programs at 1890 land-grant institutions and Tuskegee University.

The intent of Congress in enacting Section 226 of AREERA was to generate non-federal funds to be budgeted and expended for agricultural research, extension and agricultural education. The match is intended to support, expand and promote programs in research, extension and education related to food and agricultural sciences.

Matching Funds

The distribution of formula funds is presently subject to the following matching requirement:

- (i) For fiscal year 2006, matching funds requirement: 90%
- (ii) For fiscal year 2007 (and each fiscal year thereafter), matching funds requirement: 100%

Redistribution of funds

Federal formula funds that are not matched by a state in accordance to matching requirements for a fiscal year are to be redistributed by the Secretary of Agriculture to eligible institutions whose states have satisfied the matching funds requirement for that fiscal year.

Langston University's Required Match

| <u>FY 2006 Estimated Funding Amounts (\$)</u> | <u>90% Matching Requirement (\$)</u> |
|---|--|
| Extension (Section 1444) - - - 1,458,425 | 1,312,583 |
| Research (Section 1445) - - - 1,600,716 | 1,440,644 |
| Totals for FY 2006 <u>3,059,141</u> | <u>2,753,227</u> |

This year Langston University received only \$1,069,936 from the State of Oklahoma for matching purposes. Therefore, we are requesting that the State will meet federal matching requirements to guarantee that Langston University will continue to receive the above federal funds and earmark such funds to support the Research and Extension Programs at Langston University.

TABLE 1
The Oklahoma State System of Higher Education
EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL PRIMARY BUDGET
FY2005

| Institution | State Appropriated Funds Allocated | Revolving Funds | Total Primary Budgets |
|--|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Colleges & Universities:</u> | | | |
| University of Oklahoma | 115,806,348 | 174,829,461 | 290,635,809 |
| Oklahoma State University | 106,151,667 | 128,001,466 | 234,153,133 |
| University of Central Oklahoma | 42,329,822 | 42,093,178 | 84,423,000 |
| East Central University | 15,155,480 | 11,820,377 | 26,975,857 |
| Northeastern State University | 31,732,547 | 24,681,725 | 56,414,272 |
| Northwestern Oklahoma State University | 8,483,581 | 7,293,355 | 15,776,936 |
| Southeastern Oklahoma State University | 15,056,107 | 13,516,088 | 28,572,195 |
| Southwestern Oklahoma State University | 19,553,965 | 15,470,935 | 35,024,900 |
| Cameron University | 18,332,701 | 16,114,505 | 34,447,206 |
| Langston University | 15,091,916 | 11,893,015 | 26,984,931 |
| Oklahoma Panhandle State University | 6,158,598 | 4,638,652 | 10,797,250 |
| Rogers State University | 11,432,047 | 9,781,934 | 21,213,981 |
| University of Science & Arts of Okla | 6,152,100 | 3,466,937 | 9,619,037 |
| Carl Albert State College | 4,685,932 | 3,633,352 | 8,319,284 |
| Connors State College | 5,407,930 | 3,493,821 | 8,901,751 |
| Eastern Oklahoma State College | 5,425,929 | 3,227,477 | 8,653,406 |
| Murray State College | 4,364,621 | 3,923,378 | 8,287,999 |
| Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College | 7,928,144 | 4,008,392 | 11,936,536 |
| Northern Oklahoma College | 6,990,210 | 6,411,036 | 13,401,246 |
| Redlands Community College | 3,928,973 | 3,247,160 | 7,176,133 |
| Seminole State College | 4,449,428 | 3,060,333 | 7,509,761 |
| Western Oklahoma State College | 4,271,141 | 2,732,630 | 7,003,771 |
| Oklahoma City Community College | 17,208,462 | 19,776,201 | 36,984,663 |
| Rose State College | 18,065,346 | 12,501,801 | 30,567,147 |
| Tulsa Community College | 28,720,289 | 49,244,044 | 77,964,333 |
| Total, Colleges and Universities: | 522,883,284 | 578,861,253 | 1,101,744,537 |
| <u>Constituent Agencies:</u> | | | |
| OU Health Sciences Center | 77,504,758 | 52,107,693 | 129,612,451 |
| OU Law Center | 5,078,528 | 6,042,000 | 11,120,528 |
| OSU Agriculture Experiment Station | 21,478,370 | 750,000 | 22,228,370 |
| OSU Cooperative Extension Service | 24,482,566 | 3,278,635 | 27,761,201 |
| OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine | 11,939,635 | 18,695,510 | 30,635,145 |
| OSU School of Veterinary Medicine | 9,765,506 | 11,623,168 | 21,388,674 |
| OSU Technical Branch, Oklahoma City | 8,138,647 | 8,486,960 | 16,625,607 |
| OSU Technical Branch, Okmulgee | 12,741,530 | 8,553,993 | 21,295,523 |
| OSU Tulsa | 11,447,045 | 8,004,716 | 19,451,761 |
| Total, Constituent Agencies: | 182,576,585 | 117,542,675 | 300,119,260 |
| Total Colleges, Universities, and Constituent Agencies: | 705,459,869 | 696,403,928 | 1,401,863,797 |

Appendix B

Communiqué to Governor Brad Henry



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

January 5, 2006

The Honorable Brad Henry
Governor
State of Oklahoma
212 State Capitol Building
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

Thank you so very much for hosting the reception in my honor on December 16, 2005. I am especially pleased that you took time from your busy schedule to welcome me to the State of Oklahoma in such a special way. Those in attendance also represented the kind welcome that I have received since taking the helm as Langston University's 15th President. I will always remember your thoughtfulness, generosity, and kindness and consider the evening a special and most memorable occasion.

While I am still getting adjusted and becoming acquainted with the state, I want to commend you on your State of the State Address regarding the brush fires in Oklahoma. During my holiday visit to my parents' home in South Carolina, I watched the national news in amazement at what appeared to be a very catastrophic situation occurring in my new home State of Oklahoma. Upon my return on January 1, 2006, I could literally smell smoke as I drove to the campus and entered my residence. However, when I turned on the television, I learned that you were scheduled for an 8:00 p.m. address. I tuned in and again, sir, I commend you for your leadership in assuring citizens of this State that you were indeed cognizant of what was happening and most importantly, had things under control. Needless to say, that is the kind of take charge leadership that I aspire and admire.

On another note, I attended a recent Council of Presidents meeting at the State Regents of Higher Education on Tuesday, January 3, 2006. At that meeting, the Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs shared the economic outlook for the State and indicated that the legislature will have approximately \$500 million dollars in additional funds for next sessions' appropriations. I, therefore, seize this moment to bring to your attention your expressed willingness to assist Langston University in its need for funds to complete the Tulsa and Oklahoma City campuses and to support the State's shortfall for required but unfunded matching of federally funded Research and Cooperative Extension Programs as outlined in my November 7, 2005 correspondence to you. Research and Extension programs are in significant peril due to the lack of state appropriations for matching

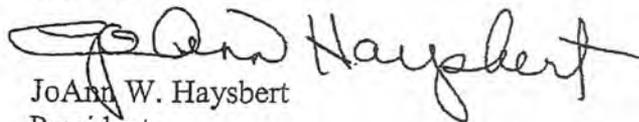
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funds. The federal funds continue to increase, as well as the matching percentage required by the State. The inability to meet these matching requirements may result in elimination of these programs and/or the requirement to pay back unmatched federal funds. Either of these consequences would be devastating to the University. The State has not matched in sufficient amounts since fiscal year 2002. The total shortfall from fiscal year 2002 through fiscal year 2006 amounts to \$8,517,857. As you pledged your support, you indicated that you did not know how you would assist us, but that you would be looking for ways.

Governor Henry, I ask that you consider a one-time, \$25 million dollar appropriation to Langston University from the supplemental funds that will be available next session. Our need is great! It is a necessity for Langston's growth to have its own campus in Tulsa and in Oklahoma City to cease being renters. To ensure 100% funding from the Department of Agriculture, we must also know that the State will honor its 100% requirement to match appropriations for Agricultural Research and Extension Programs.

Again Governor Henry, I thank you for your leadership and depend on your leadership to assist Langston University in its desire to be a key player in reversing the brain drain and continuing its rural and urban mission to the great State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,


JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

cc: Mr. Gerald Adams, Chief of Staff

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Appendix C

Communiqué to Senator Mike Morgan



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

January 20, 2006

The Honorable Mike Morgan
Oklahoma State Senate
519 State Capitol Building
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Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Senator Morgan:

Since taking the helm at Langston University in August 2005, I have been excited about its possibilities for growth, development, and the role it can be positioned to play in addressing the brain drain in the State of Oklahoma. I have recently shared my draft Vision Statement with the Langston University family. Among our core components is a plan to prepare our students for the global marketplace of tomorrow. As such, I have been very pleased with all of the support I receive from the citizens, business leaders, community/civic organizations, A&M Board of Regents, and elected officials. To this end, I continue to seek your support for the very ambitious and achievable vision that we have outlined for Langston's future.

Specifically, in my initial meeting with Governor Brad Henry, he expressed his willingness to assist Langston University in its need for *funds to complete our Tulsa and Oklahoma City campuses and to support a designated appropriation for the Research and Cooperative/Extension programs as Oklahoma State University has for the past two (2) years*. Governor Henry stated that while he did not know, at that point, how he would assist us, he would be looking for ways to do so. It was announced on Tuesday, January 3, 2006, by the State Regents for Higher Education, that the legislature would have approximately \$500 million in additional funds for next session's appropriations.

With this announcement, I seized the moment to write Governor Henry and remind him of his pledge to help Langston University. Specifically, I asked that he consider a one-time \$25 million appropriation to Langston University from the supplemental funds that will be available next session. **Senator Morgan, I write to ask your support of my request to Governor Henry.** The need of Langston University to have its own campuses in Tulsa and Oklahoma City is great and the Research and Cooperative/Extension programs are in significant peril due to the lack of State appropriations to match federal funds. While federal funds continue to increase, an equivalent matching percentage is required by the State. The inability to meet these matching requirements may result in elimination of these programs and/or the

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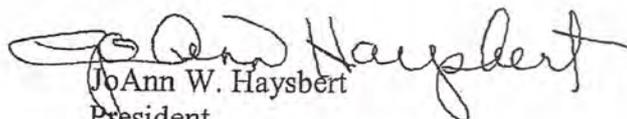
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requirement to payback unmatched federal funds. Either of these consequences will be devastating to Langston University and the State of Oklahoma. The State has not matched its sufficient amount since fiscal year 2002. In fact, the total shortfall from fiscal year 2002 to fiscal year 2006 amounts to \$8,517,857. To ensure 100% funding from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, we must also know that the State will honor its 100% matching requirement to match appropriations for Agriculture Research and Cooperative/Extension programs.

Again, Senator Morgan, I thank you for your leadership and service to your constituent groups and depend on your leadership to assist Langston University in its quest to be a key player in higher education and economic development in the great State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,


JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

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Appendix D

Communiqué to Senator Mike Morgan



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

May 16, 2006

The Honorable Mike Morgan
Oklahoma State Senate
519 State Capitol Building
2300 North Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Senator Morgan:

Per your request, this communiqué comes to share a copy of my October 5, 2005 and January 20, 2006 correspondence to you acknowledging your pledge to support Langston University in its need for a designated appropriation for research and extension in the amount of **\$8 million** dollars. These funds are needed to:

1. **offset** United States Department of Agriculture budget cuts to Langston in order to maintain current staffing needs. Absence of these requested funds will result in immediate staff reductions.
2. **renovate** old agriculture building to provide classroom space and office space for outreach personnel.
3. **relocate** Child Development Center due to campus-wide student housing needs; and
4. **maintain** the 4-H program.

You further suggested that these funds could be earmarked for "pass through" to Langston University through the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry, as has been done in the past.

In addition, we must cease to be renters and provide an appropriate facility on Lincoln Boulevard to house the Criminal Justice program, the new PhD program in Rehabilitation Counseling and enhance the corridor to the State Capitol. The Rehabilitation Counseling Program was recently approved by the OSU A&M Board of Regents. It will be the only such program in the State of Oklahoma and the only program at an HBCU in the nation. The facility cost is estimated at **\$18 million**.

A one-time \$25 million investment is needed to insure our position as a key player in higher education.

Again, Senator Morgan, you stated that Langston University helped you in the past and now we need your help to solidify our future! We will continue to be supportive of your leadership and administration in the Senate, as it will benefit all constituents of the State of Oklahoma. Please see attached correspondence to Governor Henry and Secretary Peach.

Sincerely,

JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

Enclosures

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Appendix E

Legislative Agenda 2007

Langston University

2007



LEGISLATIVE AGENDA

VISION STATEMENT

Langston University, a land grant historically Black institution of higher-learning, will continue its rich tradition of developing leaders from a diverse, multi-cultural student body through excellent teaching, research, community service, and public and private sector partnerships. As Langston University moves from “Excellence to Greatness,” it will be recognized for providing solutions to problems facing underserved populations in Oklahoma, the nation, and the world.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Langston University is to provide excellent post-secondary education to individuals seeking knowledge, skills, and attitudes that will enhance the human condition and promote a world that is peaceful, intellectual, technologically advanced, and one that fulfills the needs of nations and individuals alike. Langston University strives to educate individuals to become the leaders of tomorrow within their local, national, and global communities. Reflecting on the Langston University history as a land grant institution established in 1890 “to instruct both male and female Colored persons”, the mission of the University continues to be the education of African-Americans in the arts, sciences, humanities, business, agriculture, education, and nursing and health professions. Langston University offers postsecondary education leading to associate, baccalaureate, master, and doctoral degree programs. As a university with an urban mission in a rural setting, Langston University has the challenge of educating individuals who will serve their communities in urban centers as well as rural communities. To fulfill the mission, Langston University actively recruits faculty and students who support and complement the purpose and functions of the University.

Legislative Goals for Langston University 2007

Receive state matching funds for Agriculture Extension and Experiment Station.

1. Provide funding for the State Match for research and outreach. Specifically, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) requires that land grant universities receive 100% State Match for USDA funds by 2007. In 2006, the State Match was 90%. For example, for fiscal year 2006, estimated funding amounts from the USDA was \$3,117,562. A 90% matching requirement is \$2,805,806. However, Langston University only received \$1,016,115 from the State of Oklahoma. The balance had to be taken from our general operational funds. We cannot afford to continue this hardship associated with this drain on our operational budget. We need a full match from the State, as is required by the federal government. The State has not matched in sufficient amounts since fiscal year 2002. The total shortfall from fiscal year 2002 through fiscal year 2006 amounts to \$5,202,660.

Receive funding for a facility in Oklahoma City near the Capitol complex.

2. Provide funding to purchase a building to house the Langston University/Oklahoma City Campus. In addition, Langston University's Oklahoma City Campus leases from the Oklahoma County Public Building Authority. We have been paying \$200,000 per annum in lease fees totaling \$1,000,000 for the past five years. We need an appropriation to purchase a facility to house the Langston University/Oklahoma City Campus or an agreement to repay the debt incurred to purchase a facility.

Receive funding to fully implement the plans for constructing and operating a four-phased campus in Tulsa, Oklahoma to include the Greenwood campus.

3. Provide funding for the construction of Langston University's four-phased campus in Tulsa, Oklahoma. This funding request is multidimensional in that it includes, but is not limited to, costs for construction, operations and programmatic development. Among the phases of construction is the erection of the Center for Entrepreneurial Studies and a campus model that is conducive to meeting the needs of Langston University's projected growth in enrollment and academic programs over the next ten years.

Receive continued funding for Langston's \$30M endowment. In 2006, there was an expectation that LU would receive \$2M but only \$1.7M was allocated.

4. Provide funding for the \$30 million Langston University Endowment/Scholarship Program. In 2006, there was an expectation that Langston University would receive \$2,000,000 but only \$1,779,115 was received by the University.

Appendix F

Communiqué to Chancellor Glen Johnson



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

March 6, 2007

Dr. Glen Johnson
Chancellor
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Dear Chancellor Johnson:

This comes to thank you for supporting our Legislative Reception by sending Mr. Greg Sawyer, Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Finance, to represent your office. By all objective analyses the program was an excellent opportunity to showcase highlights of the Agriculture programs to the legislators in our State. Comments made by program participants Mr. Wes Harden, President of the Oklahoma Agriculture Association, and Mr. Bob Drake, President of the Grazinglands Initiative and Vice President of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau, served to confirm the impact of our programs and agriculture in the State of Oklahoma, the nation, and the world (see enclosures).

Of utmost importance is our need for the mandated State match for Research and Outreach programs to avoid reduction and/or elimination of programs. Specifically, since 2002 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has failed to appropriate the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) mandated State match as outlined below:

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| 2006 | \$3,117,562 | \$2,805,806 (90%) | \$1,016,115 | (\$1,789,691) |
| | | | Total: | (\$5,202,660) |

Know that I would like to discuss the State mandated match for Agriculture at Langston University during your visit to our campus on March 8, 2007. Chancellor Johnson, thank you for your leadership in higher education and support for the future of "Dear Langston."

Sincerely,

JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

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Enclosures

xc: Mrs. Angela Watson, Vice President for Fiscal and Administrative Affairs

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Wes Harden's remarks at Langston University on February 20, 2007

Wes Harden is President of the OK Aquaculture Assoc.

Hello, my name is Wes Harden. I am the owner/operator of Sulphur Fish Hatchery in Sulphur, OK and am currently the President of the OK Aquaculture Assoc.

I have been in the aquaculture industry 18 years, starting out as just a summer position but by the end of the summer agreeing to manage the fish hatchery for the owners while they built another facility out of state. I had a rough first year. I then met Conrad Klienholz and George Luker at an Aquaculture Assoc. meeting. After visiting with them a little, I guess they saw that I needed a lot of help. To my surprise, they just showed up in Sulphur one day to check on me and my progress (or lack thereof) with the hatchery. They really helped me a lot that day and for many days to come. After attending a seminar that they hosted on water quality and many phone calls, the second year went a lot smoother. Needless to say, I could not progressed nearly as quickly without these two gentlemen's help and support.

As far as what Langston University offers the Aquaculture industry in Oklahoma: First, they are the only Aquaculture program in the South Western region of the United States, serving producers, processors, and distributors from several states.

Second, they are respected by the entire Aquaculture industry in the U.S. Any time you are talking to other producers anywhere, when you say that you are from Oklahoma, the first thing they usually say is how lucky Oklahoma is to have such a great program so close to us.

Third, anytime, we, as an association have had any problems affecting our entire industry, they are always willing and able to help. One example is a situation occurring a few years ago. The Department of Environmental Quality was changing all the requirements on discharging water. They had planned on grouping the Aquaculture industry with large factories and sewage treatment facilities. This change could have put many farms out of business due to the high costs of testing any time we discharged water. With the help of the staff of Langston University's Aquaculture Department, the status was changed, quite possibly saving the Aquaculture industry in Oklahoma.

Langston University was also very instrumental in getting the Aquaculture industry moved from the Oklahoma Fish and Wildlife Department to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture. Recognizing us for what we truly are, an agricultural entity.

Fourth, the gentlemen at Langston University, are always researching, developing and showing us new ways to improve our product and to be more efficient in our feeding practices and stocking rates, along with disease control and prevention. We learn these skills first hand here, at Langston's yearly field days.

In conclusion, I want to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to be here tonight and ask you to please do what we can to keep Langston University here for all of us to benefit from.

Unedited remarks, retyped with permission by the speaker.

Bob Drake's Legislative Dinner Remarks at Langston University 2/20/2007

Bob Drake is the President of the Grazinglands Initiative and the V. P. of the Oklahoma Farm Bureau.

Thank you Dr. Burns. Good Evening. Isn't it great to see a Lt. Governor, Speaker Pro Temp, and a Senate President all at one university at one time and it isn't even a football game! I do not think even OU or OSU could pull this off without a Bedlam game! Congratulations President Haysbert for this powerhouse turnout. It speaks highly of you and Langston University. On behalf of Oklahoma's and the Nation's Agricultural community I hope tonight's attendance translates into appropriations come May.

I had some prepared remarks but I am going to speak from the heart. Langston University is in the forefront with aquaculture research and extension and the world renowned goat research and extension program. Langston University is a hidden treasure and the problem is not letting the world know about the great work that is going on at Langston University. Langston University has kept faith with its historical mission to help the under served, assist those with limited resources, and educate the first college graduates of many families. The youth and 4-H programs have reached out to all races and tackled many of the problems plaguing our young people. Langston University's excellent Ag Research and Extension/Outreach Programs are a well kept secret. OU is my alma mater and it certainly has help at the legislature and OSU also has that help. But Langston needs a lot of help from the legislature. I appreciate **this** university and I intend to speak with my Senator, **Johnny Crutchfield** again. He is Chairman of the Appropriations Committee. He could not be here tonight, but I have already asked him to fund the LU Agriculture, Research, Extension, 4-H, and Family Living Programs as the Legislature has done for the OSU College of Agriculture the last few years. In fact, I will be meeting with **Senator Crutchfield** on Thursday night and I will ask him to fully fund Langston University so that they may meet the federally mandated 100% match for support of Agricultural Research, Education and Extension Programs. Most Historically Black College and Universities across the country have received state funding to meet the new Federal requirements, but LU has not. Please do not let this flagship university go down. When I was here in September for the dedication, I asked you all to help yourselves and you have done so. I see that you have received funding from the Noble foundation. President Haysbert, I invite you to come down to the Noble Foundation and I will personally go with you for introductions. I look forward to this visit.

Thank you.

Unedited remarks, retyped with permission by the speaker.

Appendix G

Email to Regent Claud Evans

April 23, 2007

EMAIL

Regent Evans,

This comes to request your assistance with securing the 2006 mandated State match for Research and Outreach programs, to avoid reduction and/or elimination of our programs. As stated in my March 6, 2007 communiqué to Chancellor Glen Johnson (see attached), since 2002 the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education has failed to appropriate the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) mandated State match as outlined below:

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| | | | Total: | (\$5,202,660) |

I have personally met with several of our colleagues, listed below, to seek their support in this endeavor; however, with this communiqué, you are asked to help us facilitate our request by speaking with each of them as a follow-up to my initial meetings:

Governor Brad Henry
Senate Pro Tempore Mike Morgan
Representative Lee Denney
State Treasurer, Scott Meacham

Chancellor Glen Johnson
Chairman Dale DeWitt
Representative Tad Jones

As always, your continued support of Langston University is appreciated.

Sincerely,

JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

Appendix H

Communiqué to Governor Brad Henry



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

April 30, 2007

The Honorable Brad Henry
Governor
State of Oklahoma
212 State Capitol Building
2300 N. Lincoln Boulevard
Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4890

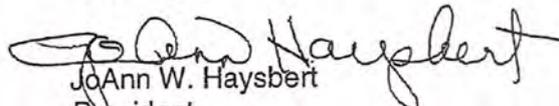
Dear Governor Henry:

I wanted to take this opportunity to again thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to meet with the Black Caucus and me on Thursday. I am especially appreciative of your support in helping Langston University secure the mandated State match for Research and Outreach programs funded through the United States Department of Agriculture. Your idea of a "pass through" to the Department of Agriculture is excellent, and I am confident that Secretary Peach will support this action. As you stated; without a direct designation, appropriated funds intended for Langston University would be lost.

In response to the second matter introduced by Representative Mike Shelton, I wholeheartedly agree that Langston University does not have anyone to promote its viability in Tulsa. There are those who would like to see our Tulsa campus go away. But, that must not happen. Survival, however, will depend on the solid support of and successful acquisition of resources for a residential faculty, scholarships, and the completion of phases 2, 3 and 4 of our new campus.

Your insightfulness and resolute to adhere to your convictions are among the many qualities that I feel make you one of the most dynamic leaders in America today. I know that the great state of Oklahoma is better because you are its leader!

Sincerely,


JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

JWH:csb

xc: Mr. Gerald Adams, Chief of Staff

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Appendix I

Email to OSU/A&M Board of Regents

May 30, 2007

EMAIL

TO: MEMBERS OF THE OSU/A&M BOARD OF REGENTS

Joe Hall, Chairman
Lou Watkins, Vice Chair
Calvin Anthony, Member
Doug Burns, Member
Claud Evans, Member

Burns Hargis, Member
Jay Helm, Member
Greg Massey, Member
Terry Peach, Member

FROM: JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

Upon review of the communiqué from Mr. Robert White and Mr. Jason Ramsey regarding Special Fundraising Issues, I write to ask your help in securing Langston University's \$1.8 million appropriation for the state mandated match for our Agriculture, Extension, Research, and Outreach programs.

We continue to substantiate our contributions to the state, nation, and world through numerous effective programs in agriculture such as the E. (Kika) de la Garza Institute for Goat Research, Grasslands Center of Excellence, and our Center for Biotechnology Research and Education program. Without these funds some of our programs will be in jeopardy of continuation at their current levels.

Moreover, tuition may reach an all time increase of 32% in order to offset the use of operational dollars to supplement agriculture. Know that we have been diligent in making our case to the legislature and have apprised Chancellor Johnson both verbally and in writing of our need in this area.

Again, we will be most appreciative of all leadership and support you give in helping us secure the \$1.8 million from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Please be reminded that these funds have been appropriated by the 2007 State Legislature.

xc: W. Douglas Wilson, Executive Secretary

Appendix J

Email to Regent Claud Evans

June 1, 2007

EMAIL

Regent Evans,

This comes to thank you for all you have done, to date, to assist us in our efforts to secure the \$1.8 million appropriation for the state mandated match for our Agriculture, Extension, Research, and Outreach programs.

It has come to our attention that Mr. Ike Glass, a personal friend of yours and member of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, may be helpful to Langston University in this endeavor. With this correspondence, you are asked to telephone Mr. Glass to seek his support as we continue our efforts to receive the \$1.8 million appropriation for the state mandated match.

As always, Regent Evans, your usual cooperation and support are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

Appendix K

Email to OSU/A&M Board of Regents

June 18, 2007

EMAIL

TO: MEMBERS OF THE OSU/A&M BOARD OF REGENTS

Joe Hall, Chairman
Lou Watkins, Vice Chair
Calvin Anthony, Member
Douglas Burns, Member
Claud Evans, Member

V. Burns Hargis, Member
Greg Massey, Member
Jay Helm, Member
Terry Peach, Member

FROM: JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

I attended and made a presentation at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's meeting on Friday, June 15, 2007. At the meeting, I was very disappointed to learn that the staff recommended a reduction in the \$1.8 million appropriation to Langston University's Agriculture program. However, I was dumbfounded when Chairman Massey proposed that all earmarked funds for special projects be pooled and redistributed to all state institutions using the state formula.

This action would result in Langston University's appropriation being reduced by \$1.3 million. In effect, Langston University would only receive approximately \$500,000 from the \$1.8 million's appropriated by the State Legislature.

In your role as OSU/A&M Regents, we need your help in calling upon members of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to honor the Legislature's special appropriations to Langston University. As you know, the United States Department of Agriculture requires that the State of Oklahoma provide a designated match for its land grant institutions.

Thank you in advance for your usual leadership and support.

Appendix L

Communiqué to Governor Brad Henry



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 22, 2007

The Honorable Brad Henry
Governor, State of Oklahoma
State Capitol Building
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd., Room 212
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

Dear Governor Henry:

I wanted to take yet another opportunity to thank you for the support you continue to give to Langston University. As Oklahoma's "Education Governor," you have done an outstanding job promoting the education agenda on all levels in the state, particularly that of higher education. Langston University was certainly a beneficiary of your support, as 2006-2007 was a stellar year for us. For your convenience, I have enclosed copies our *Greatness* magazine which details some of the outstanding accomplishments we achieved during that time.

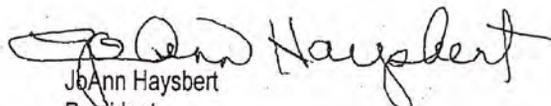
Also, your commitment to help Langston University receive the mandated state match for our agriculture program is very important and most appreciated. We are especially pleased knowing that the \$1.8 million appropriation will enable us to continue to attract scholastically talented students and further our global reach in goat farming and other agriculturally related research endeavors.

As you know, the State Regents of Oklahoma currently threaten to reduce our legislative appropriation by \$1.3 million in favor of a formula to all higher education institutions. If allowed, this action will undermine the intent and wishes of Oklahoma's Legislature and jeopardize the agricultural programs at Langston University. It appears the State Regents lack clarification regarding the funds for Langston.

We are asking for a mandated state match for our land-grant institution, and would appreciate your help in getting this message to the State Regents.

Again, Governor Henry, on behalf of the Langston University family, best wishes and much success as you continue to serve as Governor of this great state.

Sincerely,


JoAnn Haysbert
President

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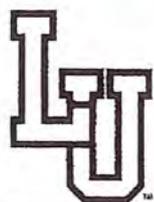
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Appendix M

Communiqué to Senator
Johnnie C. Crutchfield

This letter was sent to all members of the
2007 Oklahoma Legislature



LANGSTON UNIVERSITY

Office of the President

June 29, 2007

The Honorable Johnnie C. Crutchfield
Oklahoma State Senator
2300 N. Lincoln Blvd.
Room 428
Oklahoma City, OK 73105

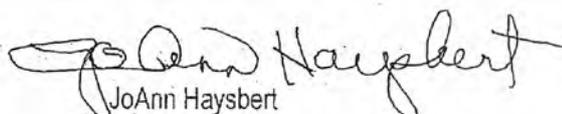
Dear Senator Crutchfield:

Thank you very much for the invaluable service you rendered to Langston University by helping secure the \$1.8 million state match mandated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Because of your support, we can continue to attract scholastically talented students, help Oklahoma's small farmers, advance our research projects in agriculture, and further our global reach in goat farming, for which Langston University is noted nationally and internationally.

It is through generous support such as yours that Langston University is able to meet and exceed its assigned mission and explore new strata. We look forward to a long and mutually gratifying relationship.

Best wishes as you continue to serve the people of the Great State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,



JoAnn Haysbert
President

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Appendix N

Email to OSU/A&M Board of Regents

June 29, 2007

EMAIL

TO: MEMBERS OF THE OSU/A&M BOARD OF REGENTS

Joe D. Hall, Chairman
Lou Watkins, Vice Chair
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Douglas E. Burns, Member
Claud D. Evans, Member

V. Burns Hargis, Member
Jay L. Helm, Member
Greg L. Massey, Member
Terry L. Peach, Member

FROM: JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

I attended the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Board meeting earlier today. The Board approved a \$1,478,571 million appropriation for Langston University's agriculture programs!

I write to thank you for your leadership and cooperative support in our efforts to secure the appropriation. While this approval is far better than the proposed scenario two weeks ago we are still looking to a 100% match next year.

Again, know that Langston University and its community of scholars are appreciative for all that you do in our quest to move from excellence to greatness.

xc: Dr. Douglas Wilson, Executive Secretary, A&M Board of Regents

Appendix O

Email to Robert White

June 29, 2007

EMAIL

Dear Robert:

I missed you at the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Board meeting earlier today. However, Jason was there to represent the "dynamic duo." As discussed yesterday, the Regents approved the \$1,478,571 million appropriation for Langston University's state match. Know that we appreciate the work of everyone involved in this effort. As I understand it, this is the 1st time Langston University has received a single designated appropriation. In times past our dollars have always been connected to some other entity.

Dear Langston is rejoicing; however, we have miles to go before we sleep. As such, I am looking to our initial meeting for fiscal year 2007-2008 (which begins July 1, 2007) to begin making plans for our next legislative agenda.

First on the agenda will be a 100% state match for agriculture!

Sincerely,

JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

Appendix P

Email to Governor Brad Henry

June 29, 2007

EMAIL

Dear Governor Henry:

I read with great interest the article entitled "Henry's return from mission to save lives." It was an excellent report on your mission work. It is good to know that citizens in Oklahoma are led by one who is not only concerned about the well being of individuals in America but across the globe. I commend you and 1st Lady Kim for a giant leap forward in demonstration of christian humanity. Continue the work!

On another note, I would be remised if I did not again acknowledge the appreciation of the Langston University community of scholars for your tireless efforts to ensure that Langston University received its legislative appropriation for agriculture. You may rest assured that we will continue to be prudent in our actions and academic pursuits.

Governor Henry, know that we had a great year and look forward to many more under your astute leadership.

Sincerely,

JoAnn W. Haysbert
President

xc: Mr. Gerald Adams, Chief of Staff