Basically Kansas State University considers itself as a self-insured entity. Any losses suffered by K-State due to theft, weather, human error, etc., will be absorbed by the department, University, and/or State. There are some statutes and insurance policies in place to help control risk and cover losses for special situations or major catastrophe. The State’s stance on Regent University’s purchasing insurance is relaxing however (K.S.A. 75-4101). K-State does have the ability to purchase additional insurance within certain limits. Should departments wish to acquire additional insurance please contact me, Carla Bishop, at Purchasing to explore options. Trick is knowing what the department is willing to risk and able to afford. Is the cost of insurance going to be worth the coverage (peace of mind) it will provide.

Following is a brief list of statutes & established insurance policies:

*Kansas Tort Claims Act, K.S.A. 75-6101 – In essence, K-State does not purchase liability insurance; we are self-insured. The State of Kansas assumes liability for “negligent or wrongful acts and omissions of its employees and agents”. The statute includes a cap of $500,000 per occurrence.

*Property – K-State has over 500 buildings throughout the State. This includes pole sheds to Anderson Hall. Since the deductible is $250,000, those buildings with a replacement value under $250,000 are not covered by the policy. Building contents are covered under this policy, too, based on 10% of the building’s value. Some perspective - Remember the June 11, 2008 tornado? The deductible then was $5,000,000 and building contents were not covered at all.

*Vehicle Liability, K.S.A. 74-4707 – The policy is for liability only on self-propelled vehicles (including trailers, tractors, ATVs, etc.) and is required by state law. This insurance covers repair of the other person’s vehicle when damage occurs due to a K-State employee on K-State business. Departments are still responsible for the cost to repair the University controlled vehicle. Refer to PPM chapter 3040 for further information – http://www.k-state.edu/policies/ppm/3000/3040.html. Comp & Collision is not provided.

Other department specific policies are:

*Aircraft – K-State Salina has a property & liability policy to insure aircraft and other related equipment.

*Inland Marine – Communications & Marketing and Biology have small policies that cover equipment, such as production trucks and mobile labs that travel across the country.

*Crime / Theft – Similar to bonding employees, this policy would cover departments in cases of employee theft.

*Special Property coverage – A policy is available to cover departments in situations of theft or damage. Examples would cover highly valued items such as artwork, power surge to major electronics, or dropping a computer.

*Professional Liability – Covers the doctors at Lafene Health Center.

*International Travel Health, K.S.A. 76-749 – The January 10, 2014 issue of K-State Today just introduced this program with a new provider. Please read it for more information.