Legislative Update Week of March 31, 2014

This is the final week of the regular 2014 Kansas Legislative Session. Both Houses of the Legislature will be completely focused on the issues of school finance. The Kansas Supreme Court ruled in March on the Gannon case directing the Kansas Legislature to equalize funding in two specific areas, capital outlay and local option budget. The Governor is calling on the Legislature to address the issue and pass legislation to respond to the case by the end of the week.

The discussion on school finance will be conducted with discussion on the Fiscal Year 2014 and 2105 budget issues. It remains to be determined if the final decisions on budget will be made before first adjournment or be made when the Legislature returns for the Veto Session on April 30, 2014.

At this time both the House and Senate have made recommendations for K-State and the current status reflects the restoration of the salary cap; partially for Fiscal Year '14 and fully for Fiscal Year '15. The university's request for an enhancement for the College on Architecture's renovations is also recommended by both houses at this time.