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***Haskell Board of Regents Monitoring Issues Statement on Federal Workforce Reductions***

LAWRENCE, KANSAS, February 14, 2025.— The Haskell Board of Regents is closely monitoring the recent directive from the Office of Personnel Management, which has resulted in the termination of certain probationary federal employees across multiple agencies. At this time, the Board has not received confirmation that Haskell Indian Nations University is exempt from these layoffs.

*“We have been in contact with President Arpan and Congressional offices, and we appreciate their efforts to mitigate any disruptions to Haskell’s operations,” said Dalton Henry, President of the Haskell Board of Regents. “We recognize that the Bureau of Indian Education, Senator Moran, and Representative Mann are working to reduce the impact of these changes, and we are grateful for their attention to this issue.*

*The Board of Regents will continue to fulfill our advisory role in support of Haskell’s important contributions to Indian Country. Indeed, Interior Secretary Burgum recently indicated he would fulfill the Department’s statutory, treaty, and trust obligations to American Indians and Alaska Natives. Haskell is just such an obligation.”*

The Board of Regents acknowledges the ongoing discussions in Congress regarding Haskell’s governance structure and remains engaged in conversations about solutions that could help insulate the university from the effects of shifting federal policies.

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