KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

4 p.m. KEAN HALL CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Lamont Repollet, Secretary; Helyn Payne Baltimore, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Robert Cockren, Dave Gibbons, John Kean, Jr., Doug Keller, Linda Lewis, Richard Trabert, Student Trustee Rachel Syko, Alternate Student Trustee Abby Gallego, Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Barbara Sobel

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Connelly, Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Janice Murray-Laury, Felice Vazquez, Carla Willis, Marsha McCarthy, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at @ 4 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL
   Ms. Kelly called the roll and reported a quorum present.

2. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT
   Ms. Kelly read the statement of compliance and reported the meeting had been properly advertised and was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – DECEMBER 6, 2014
   Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the December 6, 2014 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes with several edits noted. Trustees Gibbons and Kean abstained from the vote as they were not present at the meeting.

4. CHAIR’S REPORT
   Chair Morell welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. She noted she had just seen a story on WABC Channel 7 news about Kean students who purchased a vacant lot in Newark with plans to build a home for a homeless family in Newark. She expressed her pride in our students’ efforts and encouraged everyone to lend their support where possible.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   President Farahi welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked Vice President Janice Murray-Laury to introduce some special guests in the audience. Ms. Murray-Laury introduced a large contingent of Wenzhou Kean students who are studying at Kean University for the spring semester. The students spoke briefly to the Board and thanked them for the opportunity to be part of this unique initiative.
President Farahi also noted that the University, through a partnership involving the College of Education and local school districts, had just received approval of a $10 million grant for an initiative aimed at bettering opportunities for students.

President Farahi then introduced Acting Dean David Mohney, Dr. Jonathan Mercantini and Professor Rose Gonnella. Prof. Mohney provided the Board with an update on the process and the progress leading to their consideration that day of a resolution creating the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies program. Dr. Mercantini, chair of the History Department, provided some insights on how the new program will include a unique focus on historic preservation. Professor Rose Gonnella provided an update on some major academic accomplishments of students enrolled in the Robert Busch School of Design, where she serves as executive director, and expressed to the Board her school's and her students' strong support for the new architecture program.

Alternate Student Trustee Abby Gallego asked the president and Board chair if she might make a few comments following this presentation. She noted how excited students are for the new architecture program and how proud she felt that Kean was working with the pre-eminent architect Michael Graves on the curriculum for this program. She expressed her disappointed at some derogatory remarks made publicly at a recent University Senate meeting by a professor who serves on the University Senate. The professor opposed the new architecture program and suggested Kean students were mostly low income people who were not smart enough to succeed in such a program. She noted that the remarks troubled her most because “they came from a professor, someone who should be encouraging students and not discouraging them.” She stated that she is one of thousands of proud students who attend Kean to earn degrees “that will empower us to change the world no matter what our family income is.” She thanked Dr. Mohney and the Board for putting together the architecture program and noted she expects dozens of students to enroll in it and succeed.

President Farahi then introduced Ed Esposito, president of the Kean Alumni Association, who invited everyone to the upcoming Distinguished Alumni Luncheon on April 26th in the STEM building. He briefly reviewed the recipients who will be honored at the event with the Distinguished Alumni Award. Mr. Esposito also gave the Board and the audience updates on various alumni events.

President Farahi then introduced Dr. Paul Croft, executive director of the School of Environmental and Life Sciences at Kean. Dr. Croft and his faculty colleagues in SELS gave the Board a detailed presentation on their work to build their program, engage new students and have an impact on the communities we serve. The presentation included information on work the school and students are undertaking in the New Jersey Highlands, as well as the potential for a new
research-related initiative in the Costa Rica. A copy of their presentation will be filed in the Board office.

Dr. Terry Golway, director of the Center for History, Politics and Policy, then with the Board a few examples of a joint initiative between the New Jersey Historic Commission and Kean University that produced a series of one-minute commercials highlighting historic events that took place in New Jersey. The series, developed in celebration of New Jersey's 350th anniversary, is entitled “It Happened Here: New Jersey” and has been nominated for an Emmy Award.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
The Board received public comments from the following speakers: David Arminio, Dr. Kathleen Henderson, Lisa Ciccone, Dr. David Joiner, Emily Filardo, Gerald Newsome, Steve Pinto, Jose Laranjeira, Rickey Campbell, and Dr. James Castiglione. Their comments, where provided in writing, are kept on file in the Board office.

7. **Items of the Student and University Affairs Committee**
Trustee Baltimore, committee chair, presented the following items for consideration:

7.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising

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The resolution was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Board.

8. **Items of the Academic Policy and Programs Committee**
Trustee Repollet, committee chair, presented the following items for consideration:

8.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty Report

8.2 1st Year Faculty Reappointments

8.3 Faculty Promotions

8.4 Resolution Approving a Joint Admission/Articulation Agreement Between Union County College and Kean’s Global Business School, Robert Busch School of Design, and Michael Graves School of Architecture
8.5 Resolution Approving a Joint Admission/Articulation Agreement Between Essex County College and Kean’s Global Business School, Robert Busch School of Design, and Michael Graves School of Architecture

8.6 Resolution Honoring Dr. Ronald Criasia and Bestowing the Appointment of Professor Emeritus

8.7 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Posthumous Degree to Maximilian Schmid

8.8 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Posthumous Degree to Patricia Amery

8.9 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising

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8.10 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Architectural Studies and Directing the President to Proceed For Such Upon Receipt of Final Approval from the New Jersey Presidents’ Council

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the full Board for each of the above listed personnel actions and resolutions.

9. Items of the Legal and Personnel Committee

Trustee Gibbons, Committee Chair, presented the following items for consideration:

9.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

9.2 Professional Staff Reappointments

9.3 President’s Nomination of At-Will Administrative Appointments with Faculty Rank

9.4 Resolution Adopting the Kean University Supplemental Code of Ethics

9.5 Resolution Authorizing a Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding
A motion was made, seconded and approved by the full Board for each of the above listed personnel actions and resolutions.

10. **Items of the Facilities and Maintenance Committee**
Trustee D’Agostino, committee chair, presented the following items for consideration:

10.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY2015

- **Emergency Services**
  - Custom Care Services Inc. $150,000
  - T&B Specialties Inc. $75,000

10.2 Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising Awarded to the Michael Graves Design Group

A motion was made, seconded and approved by the full Board for each of the above listed resolutions.

11. **Items of the Finance Committee**
Trustee Bistocchi, committee chair, presented the following items for consideration:

11.1 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of Cohort and Special Program Rates at the Baccalaureate Level

11.2 Resolution Establishing a Special Fee for Overseas Practicum for Undergraduate Students Enrolled in the Global Business Program

11.3 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Public Bidding

- **Venues/Facilities**
  - Hilton Orlando $320,000

- **Professional Services**
  - Upstage Right Productions $39,500
  - Mama Moneybags Inc. $40,000
A motion was made, seconded and approved by the full Board for each of the above listed resolutions.

12. **RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED SESSION**
Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising the public of a closed session of the Kean University Board of Trustees on Monday, March 2, 2015. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved by the Board.

13. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Board entered executive session at approximately 6 p.m.
The Board returned from executive session at approximately 8:25 p.m.

14. **RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION @ 8:25 p.m.**

15. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF A CONTRACT FOR CAMPUS GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES**
Trustee Bistocchi read the resolution into the record and moved that the full Board consider the resolution for adoption.

The motion was seconded and the Board approved the resolution by a vote of 10-1 with Trustee D’Agostino voting no.

16. **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CAMPUS HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES**
Trustee Bistocchi read the resolution into the record and moved that the full Board consider the resolution for adoption.

The motion was seconded and the Board approved the resolution by a vote of 10-1 with Trustee D’Agostino voting no.

17. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business before the Board, Chair Morell requested a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.