

KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018****4 p.m. DAVE GIBBONS CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL**

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Secretary; Helyn Payne Baltimore, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Steve Fastook, Dave Gibbons, John Kean, Jr., Linda Lewis, Matthew McDermott, Edward Oatman, Barbara Sobel, Student Trustee Kristen Failla; Alternate Student Trustee Ashley Buchanan, Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Dr. Lamont Repollet

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Andrew Brannen, Kenneth Green, Marsha McCarthy, Maximina Rivera, Karen Smith, Felice Vazquez, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at @ 4 p.m.

1. **INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEE EDWARD OATMAN**

Chair Morell administered the oath of office to Mr. Oatman and the Board welcomed him.

2. **INSTALLATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE KRISTEN FAILLA**

Chair Morell administered the oath of office to Ms. Failla and the Board welcomed her.

3. **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Kelly called the roll and reported a quorum present.

4. **STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE – OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT**

Ms. Kelly read the statement of compliance and reported the meeting was properly advertised and in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

5. **CHAIR’S COMMENTS**

Chair Morell welcomed the new board members and noted how she looks forward to working with them. She reminded the Board and the public about the importance of participating in upcoming Commencement ceremonies, noting they are two of the best days of the year. She also thanked her colleagues on the Board for the time and talent they share with the University on a regular basis.

6. **PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS**

President Farahi reported that spring enrollment is strong, noting it increased about 2 percent from the same time last year. He also noted that recent studies by

the Chronicle of Higher Education indicate graduation rates for high school students in the Northeast will continue to decline over the next two decades, including a decline of about 8 percent in our region. Competition for students will continue to increase, he said, and Kean needs to stay focused on keeping its current students and providing the services they need to be successful. He emphasized that the University must deliver several key things to be competitive going forward: Kean needs to offer qualitatively superior programs; Kean needs to offer qualitatively superior services for students; and, Kean needs to provide access to career-based programs that include internships that open doors for students to work.

Dr. Farahi introduced Ed Esposito, president of the Alumni Association, to provide some information on the upcoming Distinguished Alumni Awards. Mr. Esposito provided some details on the event on April 8, 2017 in the North Avenue Academic Building, and reviewed the names and backgrounds of this year's four recipients.

President Farahi then asked Dr. Louis Beaugris, Executive Director of the School of Mathematical Sciences, to provide an overview of some student success stories from the mathematics department. Dr. Beaugris reviewed a presentation with the Board and the public, noting some employment positions and acceptances into prestigious doctoral programs. A copy of his presentation will be kept on file.

Professor David Mohny, Dean of the Michael Graves College, then provided the Board and the public with an overview of the first cohort of architecture program students who currently are studying in Rome. He noted the cohort is living and learning in one of the most influential architecture sites in the world. A copy of his presentation will be kept on file. He also introduced Professor Rose Gonnella to provide an update on initiatives underway with the industrial design program.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board received public comments from the following speakers: Dr. James Castiglione, Professor Patrick Ippolito, Professor Lewis Kachur and student Jennifer Zuniga. Comments, where provided in writing, are kept on file in the Board office.

8. **ITEMS OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Linda Lewis noted the committee met and discussed various items, including the action items now before the Board for consideration. She then moved each of the following resolutions for Board consideration:

8.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty Report

- 8.2 First Year Faculty Reappointments
- 8.3 Faculty Promotions
- 8.4 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Bachelor of Arts in Therapeutic Recreation
- 8.5 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Bachelor of Arts program in Global Studies
- 8.6 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Posthumous Degree to David Schwefringhaus
- 8.7 Resolution Bestowing on Dr. Michael Cooper the Honorary Title of Dean Emeritus

For each item, the Chair asked the Board if they had questions. Each resolution seconded and approved by the full Board.

9. **ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Trustee Gibbons, committee chair, noted the committee met to review various items including the personnel actions now before the board for consideration. He then moved the item for Board consideration:

- 9.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative Report
- 9.2 Resolution Authorizing a Waiver for Public Advertising and Bidding for Professional Services in FY2018

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Mantell, Prince & Reynolds, LLC	\$50,000

Chair Morell asked for questions on the personnel actions and the bid waiver. Each item was seconded and approved by the full Board.

10. **ITEMS OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Kean Jr. noted the committee met to discuss a number of items now on the Board's agenda and to receive updates on various student affairs, athletics and enrollment matters. Mr. Kean Jr. moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 10.1 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Fiscal Year 2018

<u>Commencement Materials</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Josten's	\$130,000
<u>Advertising, Marketing</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Visual Graphic System (VGS)	\$45,000
New City Media, Inc.	\$160,000
Outfront Media	\$285,000* (FY18 amend)
<u>Info Tech, Entertainment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
MB Productions	\$90,000

10.2 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Fiscal Year 2019

<u>Advertising, Marketing</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
New City Media, Inc.	\$65,000
Outfront Media	\$490,000
Intersection Media LLC	\$535,000
Clear Channel Outdoor	\$540,000
GMLV, LLC	\$1,130,000

The Chair asked for questions on the various bid waivers. Each bid waiver resolution was then seconded, and approved by the full Board.

11. ITEMS OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

Trustee Bistocchi, Committee Chair, noted the committee met earlier in the day to review various items including several forwarded to the Board for consideration. He moved each of the following items for consideration:

- 11.1 Resolution Establishing a "One Price," Four-Year Tuition Rate For Students Who Enroll Full-Time in Kean Online
- 11.2 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Advertising and Public Bidding for Specified Professional Services for FY2019

<u>Info Technology, Recruitment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Hobson's	\$140,000

Chair Morell asked if the Board had any questions on any of these agenda items. Each item was then seconded and approved by the full Board.

12. ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Michael D’Agostino, Committee Chair, noted the committee met earlier in the day to discuss several items, including resolutions on the full Board agenda. He then moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

12.1 Resolution Authorizing a Contract to Operate a Dining Facility
In the New Public/Private Partnership (P3) Residence Hall

12.2 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and
Advertising for Utility and Excavation Services

<u>Utility and Excavation Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
KP Excavation LLC	\$275,000

Chair Morell asked if the Board had any questions on these agenda items. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

13. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising of a closed session. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 5:15 p.m.

15. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 7:15 p.m.

16. SHORT BREAK

Chair Morell asked for a short break to allow the minutes of this meeting to be prepared for Board approval.

17. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –MARCH 5, 2018

Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 5, 2018 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:25 p.m.