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KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

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

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Lamont Repollet, Secretary; Helyn Payne Baltimore, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Dave Gibbons, Steve Fastook, Linda Lewis, Matthew McDermott, Richard Trabert; Student Trustee Angelica Glispie, Alternate Student Trustee Kristen Failla; Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Andrew Brannen, Janice Murray-Laury, Felice Vazquez, Marsha McCarthy, Geri Benedetto, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at @ 4 p.m.

1. MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chair Morell asked that the Board and the public stand and observe a moment of silence in honor of those who lost their lives as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. She also asked those in attendance to recognize those suffering from the recent hurricanes in Texas and Florida.

2. INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEE MATTHEW MCDERMOTT

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

3. INSTALLATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE ANDELICA GLISPIE

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

4. ROLL CALL

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

5. 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.

6. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JUNE 26, 2017

Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the draft minutes of the June 26, 2017 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes with Dr. Repollet abstaining.

7. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Morell welcomed everyone to the meeting and the start of the new academic year. She welcomed new board members and noted how she looks forward to working with them. She encouraged the campus community to work together throughout the year to the benefit of students, and she turned the meeting over to President Farahi.

8. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Farahi reported that he made an address to the University community on Opening Day of the academic year, and noted his speech is on the University website. He said there are two specific points to emphasize today: first, the University is financially strong, as evidenced by the recent review by Moody's; and, second, enrollment is the strongest it has been in years. Indeed, the University welcomed one of the largest freshmen classes in history.

President Farahi then introduced Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to discuss two major initiatives at Kean. Dr. Toney introduced Dr. Consuela Bonilla of the Department of Physical Education, Recreation and Health. He noted Dr. Bonillas has been working for several years on a major research initiative related to teen pregnancy in major New Jersey cities.

Dr. Bonillas reviewed the progress of her research and grant program, which is in its sixth year. She said she receives about \$150,000 a year from the state under the grant to support the work, along with tremendous support from her colleagues at Kean University. Dr. Bonillas introduced one current and one former student who have been active in her research.

Dr. Toney then introduced two Kean business majors who participated in global practicums as part of the Global Business Program this past summer. The first student was one of ten students who went to Ireland and worked with a UK-based technology company. The second student, a senior, explained his global practicum in China with a company known as OneHeart, which he described as a small company looking for educated advice on how to attract investors to China.

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

10. ITEMS OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Committee Chair, explained the resolution provides for an amendment to the bylaws to eliminate the term limit on the Board Chair, and it also recommends the Board officers for the academic year. He noted both the Governance Committee and the Nominating Committee considered this resolution. He said the committee recommends the nomination of all current officers for another term. The chair asked if the Board had any questions. The following resolution was moved:

- 10.1 Resolution of the Board of Trustees Appointing Officers and Executive Committee Members for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

The resolution was seconded and approved unanimously by the Board.

11. ITEMS OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Richard Trabert, Committee Chair, 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 issues. Mr. Trabert moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

11.1	<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
	SH Design Corporation	\$75,000
	IA Media, LLC	\$65,000
	1Z Media, LLC	\$65,000
	Pierre Rousseau	\$45,000
	Lawrence Cortes	\$45,000
	Jocelyn Allen	\$65,000
	<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
	Campus Labs	\$60,000
	<u>Entertainment Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
	Graphic Presentation Systems	\$115,000
	Alliance Artist Management	\$38,000

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

12. ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Trustee Linda Lewis, committee member, noted the committee had met to review various items including the personnel actions now before the board for consideration. She then moved the item for Board consideration:

- 12.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative Report

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

13. ITEMS OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Dr. Lamont Repollet, Committee Chair, noted the committee met and discussed various items, including the action items now before the Board for consideration. He then moved each of the following resolutions for Board consideration:

13.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty Report

13.2 Nominations of Returning Lecturers

13.3 Resolution Accepting an External Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Education

13.4 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Community Health

13.5 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of an Entry Level Occupational Therapy Doctorate (OTD) at Kean University

13.6 Resolution Replacing Board Resolution 17-05-08-2163 & Establishing A Fee for Students Who Register but Never Attended Courses

The Chair asked the Board if they had any questions on each of the agenda items from the APP Committee. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

14. 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:

14.1 Resolution Amending Contingencies Related to a Contract for General Construction Services for the Highlands Campus Construction Project—Phase 1

14.2 Resolution Authorizing the Adoption of an Emergency Management Plan

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

15. ITEMS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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:

- 15.1 Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Establishment of the KEAN Partnership Initiative and Providing for Cohort Tuition Rates for Fiscal Year 2018
- 15.2 Resolution Adopting a Centralized Cash Management and Investment Policy for Investment Purposes
- 15.3 Resolution Authorizing the University to Pursue Competitive Bids For the Purchase of Energy
- 15.4 Resolution Authorizing the Undertaking of a Refinancing and Development Project and Authorizing All Actions Necessary in Connection Therewith
- 15.5 Resolution Authorizing the President to Transfer Funds to Cover Costs Associated with the Recent Collective Bargaining Agreements Approved by the State of New Jersey
- 15.6 Resolution Authorizing the President to Establish a \$2 Million Curriculum Development and Redevelopment Fund
- 15.7 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Items

<u>Professional Consulting Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Prager and Co., LLC	\$55,000
Richard M. Loalbo, LLC	\$90,000
- 15.8 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Graduation Incentive Program for Students Who Complete Their Degrees in Summer Session

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

16. 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.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 4:45 p.m.

18. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 6:50 p.m.

19. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONTINUATION OF THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WITH PRESIDENT DAWOOD FARAH!

Trustee Repollet noted the Presidential Review Committee had met, performed the President's annual review and briefed the full Board on its recommendations. He moved the resolution, which provides President Farahi with a two-year contract from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2020, for consideration by the full Board. The resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

20. SHORT BREAK

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

21. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 11, 2017

Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the September 11, 2017 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

22. ADJOURNMENT

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