

KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING****MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2020****4 p.m. VIA CONFERENCE CALL**

PRESENT ONLINE: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D'Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Steve Fastook, Dave Gibbons, John Kean Jr., Linda Lewis, Matthew McDermott, Ed Oatman, Barbara Sobel, Richard Trabert; Student Trustee Kayla Asare; Jason Pleitez, Alternate Student Trustee; Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Freestone, Christopher Rustick

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 was properly advertised and in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWS SOURCES FOR AY2021

Chair Morell moved the resolution establishing the official news sources for public advertising for the next academic year. The resolution was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Chair Morell noted the announcement provided the proposed schedule of Board of Trustees public meetings in the upcoming academic year including September 14, 2020, December 5, 2020, March 8, 2021, May 10, 2021 and June 21, 2021. The meeting schedule was approved unanimously by the Board.

5. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

The President noted the June meeting is primarily a budget meeting. He noted the pandemic has created a significant loss in University revenue as well as unanticipated expenses. The state withheld 50% of its aid to higher education for the last quarter of FY20; and recently universities were told there will be no state aid for the first quarter of FY21. He noted the budget cannot be balanced on the back of students, who already suffered various economic and academic challenges because of the pandemic and the state's requirement that all education move to remote learning. He said he is recommending a zero-percent (0%) increase in tuition and fees for FY21. He noted that difficult decisions had to be made across

academic and administration areas and lines. He emphasized that the decision to eliminate the music major will not impact the offering of music classes for minors or general education; those programs will continue. He noted the music program has not attracted first-time, full-time freshman majors for more than five years, and as a result should not be continued in its current form. He also noted the university was making significant strides in retention.

6. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Morell welcomed the trustees and the public to the meeting and thanked her colleagues for their ongoing service. She noted that even though today's meeting is remote, it is still a very special one as it is the last Board meeting for President Farahi. On behalf of the Board, Kean students and the Kean community, she thanked Dr. Farahi for his 17 years of leadership. "You provided vision, transformation, academic excellence, innovation and so many more achievements," she said. "We recognize your love for Kean University and for our students. Thank you President Farahi."

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board received public comments from the following speakers: Alan Paul, Joseph Laurino, Leanne Marie Laurino, Christopher Thoms-Bauer, Vincent Turturiello, Carole Shaffer-Koros, Lisa Allgauer, Asia Johnson, VJ Manzo, Mark Terenzi, Kathleen Lebers, Robyn Koenigsberg, Lynann Schraer-Joiner, Kristen Ciemnecki, Nicole Olearchik, Marguerite Modero, Dr. James Castiglione, Dr. Thomas Connors, Dr. Anthony Scelba, Jenna Cipolla, Kevin Jala, Patricia Marshall, Ashley Figueiredo, Linda Green, Emilie Filipek, Katie Thode, Dennis Argul, Colin Bell, Constantine Kitsopoulos, David Joiner, Matthew Halper, Stacey Callahan, Daniel Gover, Alexis Rizzo, David Stanley, Louise Dubin, Bill Amory, Craig Donovan, Jennifer Lorys, Christine Beardslee, Thomas Abraham, Stephen Myers, Samantha Adams, Sue Groenwald, Maria del C. Rodriguez and Emily Filardo.

Comments, where provided in writing, are kept on file in the Board office.

8. ITEMS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEES

Trustees Fastook and Trabert reported the committees met jointly earlier in the day to review various items. They moved each of the following items to the full Board for consideration:

- 8.1 Resolution Setting Tuition and Fees for Fiscal Year 2021 at the Same Level as Fiscal Year 2020 (0% increase)
- 8.2 Resolution Setting Tuition and Fees for Certain Graduate and Doctoral Programs for Fiscal Year 2021 at the Same Level as Fiscal Year 2020 (0% increase)

- 8.3 Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of Certain Cohort Tuition Rates of the "Kean Educational Affiliation Network (KEAN)" for FY2021
- 8.4 Resolution Authorizing the Cohort Tuition Rate for Certain High School Partnerships for Fiscal Year 2021
- 8.5 Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of the "One Price," Four-Year Tuition Rate for Certain Full-Time Kean Online Students
- 8.6 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Services in FY20 and FY21:

Entertainment

The Harry Walker Agency

Not to Exceed

\$60,000 (fy20 confirming)

Advertising, Info Tech

Intersection Media LLC

Not to Exceed

\$460,000

SH Design Corp.

\$90,000

IA Media

\$73,000

1Z Media

\$73,000

Suzanne Anan

\$65,000

Lawrence Cortes

\$63,000

NJTransit

\$50,000

New City Media, Inc.

\$45,000* (each fy20, fy21)

Recruitment, Marketing

EduDynamics, Inc.

Not to Exceed

\$575,000

Jocelyn Allen

\$95,000

Information Technology

Ellucian

Not to Exceed

\$850,000

China Telecom Association

\$252,000

SumTotal

\$160,000

CBORD Group

\$150,000

Ferrelli Information Group

\$120,000

ProEducation Solutions, LLC

\$120,000

Entrinsik, Inc.

\$95,000

Coastal Networking LLC

\$86,000

Optimum Lightpath

\$70,000

Turnitin, LLC

\$55,000

IBM Sales & Distribution

\$60,000

Modo Labs Inc.

\$42,479

Labster Inc.

\$40,000

Library Technology

OCLC

Not to Exceed

\$120,417

Lyrasis

\$70,475

Insurance Services

CIGNA

Not to Exceed

\$290,000

- 8.7 Resolution Amending Resolution 19-12-07-2413 Establishing Student Housing Rental Rates for FY21

Chair Morell asked if the Board had any questions on any of the bid waivers recommended by the joint Finance and SUA Committees. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board. Trustee Oatman abstained from voting on resolution 8.3.

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

Trustee Gibbons, Committee Chair, noted the committee had met to review various items including the personnel actions now before the board for consideration. He then moved the items and resolutions for Board consideration, except for 9.3, which Chair Morell moved:

- 9.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative Report
- 9.2 Professional Staff Reappointments
- 9.3 Resolution Appointing Kean University's Representatives to the Wenzhou-Kean University Board of Directors
- 9.4 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Various Professional Services

Professional Services

New Jersey Division of Law

Storbeck Pimental & Asso.

Wiss Janney & Eistner

Not to Exceed

\$430,000 (fy19 and fy20)

\$175,000 (fy20)

\$57,000 (fy20 confirming)

Chair Morell asked for questions on the personnel actions, resolutions and the waivers. The items and resolution were seconded and approved by the full Board. Trustees Gibbons, Oatman and Kean Jr. abstained from voting on resolution 9.3.

10. **RESOLUTION THANKING STUDENT TRUSTEE KAYLA ASARE FOR HER SERVICE**

Chair Morell noted that Ms. Asare did a wonderful job as the student trustee, and was extremely engaged and a thoughtful leader. Trustee Trabert also thanked her and commended her participation with the Student and University Affairs Committee. Chair Morell moved the resolution, and it was seconded and approved by the full Board.

11. 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.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 7:06 p.m.

13. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 8:35 p.m.

14. RESOLUTION CREATING THE TITLE OF PRESIDENT EMERITUS AND NAMING DAWOOD FARAH, Ph.D., KEAN'S FIRST PRESIDENT EMERITUS

Chair Morell thanked Dr. Farah immensely for all he did for the university over 17 years and asked Ms. Kelly to read the resolution for the public. A motion was made and seconded, and the Board unanimously approved the resolution naming Dr. Farah the first President Emeritus of Kean University.

13. SHORT BREAK

Chair Morell asked for a short break to allow the minutes of this meeting to be finalized for review by the Board for public adoption.

14. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –JUNE 22, 2020

Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2020 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.