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KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

11 a.m. FIRST FLOOR LECTURE HALL, GATEWAY BUILDING, KEAN OCEAN CAMPUS

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Helyn Payne Baltimore, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Robert W. Cockren, John Kean, Jr., Linda Lewis, Richard Trabert, Christian Meyers, Student Trustee, Angelica Glispie, Alternate Student Trustee; Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: Eugene C. Enlow; Dr. Lamont Repollet, Board Secretary; Barbara Sobel

OTHERS PRESENT: Geri Benedetto, Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Phil Connelly, Dr. Steve Kubow, Janice Murray-Laury, Marsha McCarthy, Frank Wang, Felice Vazquez, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at 11 a.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. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –SEPTEMBER 12, 2016

Chair Morell requested a motion for final approval of the minutes of the Kean University Board of Trustees Public Meeting held on September 12, 2016. The motion was made and seconded and the board approved the minutes.

4. CHAIR’S REPORT

Chair Morell welcomed everyone to Kean Ocean and thanked Ocean County College President Jon Larson for the hospitality. She also welcomed visitors from Wenzhou-Kean University to the meeting.

5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Farahi also welcomed everyone Kean Ocean and asked WKU Chancellor Frank Wang to stand and be recognized; he noted Frank is a former student of his in public administration.

President Farahi introduced Kean Ocean Associate Vice President Dr. Steve Kubow, who provided the Board with an overview of programs and initiatives at Kean Ocean. He noted strong enrollment and improved coordination between the Kean Ocean and Kean Union campus. Dr. Kubow also introduced several Kean Ocean students, who provide the Board and the public with their perspectives as students enrolled at Kean Ocean.

President Farahi then introduced Dr. Suzanne Bousquet, dean of the College of Humanities and acting Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Dr. Bousquet reported to the Board and the public that following months of work the Board has before it a resolution that would merge the two colleges she oversees as Dean into one strong, focused College of Liberal Arts. She emphasized both the efficiencies that would be realized, and the opportunities that would come from interdisciplinary and cross-disciplinary work under the newly-reorganized college and requested the Board's support for the initiative.

President Farahi then introduced Dr. George Chang, dean of the College of Natural, Applied and Health Sciences. Dr. Chang briefly described for the Board and the public some of the initiatives underway in his college, and introduced Dr. Feng Qi, who shared the results of a recent research trip to Costa Rica involving both students and faculty.

President Farahi asked Mr. Frank Wang to say a few words. Mr. Wang thanked the Board and President Farahi for their ongoing work with WKU, noting that the University is growing rapidly, construction is moving forward steadily and exchange initiatives between Kean USA and Wenzhou-Kean are expanding.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Board received public comments from: Holly Logue, Melissa Harker, Fredda Jackson, Christine Filippone, Denise, Theiler, Pam Christie, Susan Campolattaro, Mark Adelung, Asummpta Ekeh, Pat Ippolito, Dr. Lewis Kachur, Dr. Mark Terenzi, Casey Kurfehs, Dr. Lyn Schraer-Joiner, Nicole Olearchik, Claudia Escalante, Dr. David Joiner. Copies of comments, where provided, will be filed in Board office.

7. ITEMS OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Trabert reported the committee members met and reviewed the following resolutions. He presented each for Board consideration:

7.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising in FY17

<u>Recruitment Marketing</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Education Dynamics	\$450,000
Hobson's	\$90,000
Linda Slim	\$50,000
NJ Transit	\$35,000

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
1Z Media LLC	\$60,000
IA Media, LLC	\$60,000
Pierre Rousseau	\$40,000
Lawrence Cortes	\$40,000
<u>Research</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Melior Group	\$75,000
<u>Entertainment (Venues)</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Devils Arena Entertainment	\$120,000
New Jersey Performing Arts Center	\$80,000
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Higher One, Inc.	\$75,000

7.2 Resolution Establishing Student Housing Rental Rates for FY 2018

The Chair provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding each of the resolutions. Each resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

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

Trustee Dr. Bistocchi noted the committee met to reviews various items including personnel actions, resolutions and agreements. He presented the following items for Board consideration:

- 8.1 Personnel Actions -Faculty
- 8.2 Faculty Reappointments and Non-Reappointments
- 8.3 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Posthumous Degree to Marcus Corey Ellis
- 8.4 Resolution Amending and Adopting a Policy on Academic Administrators with Academic Rank and Tenure
- 8.5 Resolution Approving an Academy Program Agreement Between the Asbury Park School District and Kean University
- 8.6 Resolution Accepting External Grant Awards from the New Jersey Department of Education
- 8.7 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a College of Liberal Arts
- 8.8 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Jessica Riccio	\$37,625
Dr. Ngozi Nkongho	\$65,000
<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Chalk & Wire	\$37,000 in FY17
	\$66,000 in FY18
	\$66,000 in FY19

The Chair provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding each of the resolutions. Trustee Cockren noted that the Board reviewed various materials from the Kean community as well as the recommendations of management and college leadership regarding resolution 8.7. He noted that although the creation of the new College of Liberal Arts will result in the elimination of both the College of Visual and Performing Arts and the College of Humanities, it should in no way be interpreted as a retreat from program in those areas. Rather, he said it is a strategic decision to better focus resources on the development of programming in those colleges under a more accessible umbrella of liberal arts. Each resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board. Trustee Repollet abstained from voting on resolution 8.5

9. ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee D’Agostino presented the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 9.1 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract with Gruskin Architecture and Design for Services Related to the North Avenue Multi-Purpose Academic Building
- 9.2 Resolution of Intent to Care for and Preserve 40,44 and 48 Patton Avenue in Princeton, New Jersey (The Michael Graves Site)
- 9.3 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract with Frankoski Construction Corp. General Construction Services for the Highlands Campus Construction Project –Phase II
- 9.4 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Engineering Services

<u>Environmental Consulting Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Hillman Consulting, LLC	\$70,000

The Chair provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding each of the resolutions. Each resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

10. ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES

Trustee Kean presented the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 10.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative
- 10.2 Professional Staff Reappointments and Non-Reappointments
- 10.3 Resolution Authorizing a Waiver for Public Advertising and Bidding for FY2017

<u>Legal Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
NJ Division of Law	\$130,000
McElroy, Deutsch	\$75,000

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Inc.	\$144,010

The Chair provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding each of the resolutions. Each resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

11. ITEMS OF THE JOINT FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

Trustee Bistocchi presented the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 11.1 Resolution Accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year ended June 30, 2016 by Wiss & Company
- 11.2 Resolution Approving the Award of a Contract for Vehicle Maintenance Services
- 11.3 Resolution Delegating to the President the Authority to Waive Bids and Award Contracts in Matters Related to Specific Student Events
- 11.4 Resolution Approving the Award of a Contract to China Telecom Americas to Provide Dedicated Connectivity between WKU and Kean USA
- 11.5 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Advertising and Public Bidding for Specified Professional Services for FY2017

<u>Financial Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Prager & Co.	\$65,000

<u>Student Programming (DECA)</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Deca, Inc.	\$95,000
Caesar’s Entertainment Resort Properties	\$175,000
Sheraton Anaheim (1855 S. Harbor)	\$380,000

<u>Printing</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Royal Printing	\$300,000
Bartash Printing	\$230,000

Architecture Services

Michael Graves & Associates

Not to Exceed

\$75,000

Information Technology

LinkedIn Corporation

Mechdyne

cenergyIT

Not to Exceed

\$55,800

\$41,000

\$150,000

The Chair provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask for questions regarding the bid waivers and each of the resolutions. Each resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

14. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising the public of a closed session of the Kean University Board of Trustees on Saturday, December 6, 2016. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved. Chair Morell noted for the public that the Board expected to be in executive session for about 2 hours and would possibly return to public session to take action.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered executive session at approximately 1 p.m.

16. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to public session at approximately 3 p.m.

17. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT TO DEVELOP AND PILOT A DISCOUNT TUITION AND FEES PROGRAM DESIGNED TO IMPROVE STUDENT SUCCESS AND UNIVERSITY GRADUATION RATES

Chair Morell presented the resolution and opened the floor for questions by the Board. The resolution was then moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

18. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at approximately 3:15 p.m.