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KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

4 p.m. VIA CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT ONLINE: Steve Fastook, Chair; Linda Lewis, Vice-Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Dave Gibbons, John Kean Jr., Rajeev Malhotra, Bertha Little-Mathews, Matthew McDermott, Ada Morell, Ed Oatman, Barbara Sobel, Richard Torres, Richard Trabert; Student Trustee Kobe Robinson; Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Freestone, Rose Gonnella, Dr. Deehan Kwak, Dr. Donald Marks, Dr. Jeff Toney, Dr. Jin Wang

The meeting began at @ 4:05 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. CHAIR’S COMMENTS

Chair Fastook welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished all the students and faculty success as the semester ends. He noted that he recently attended the *Ansel Adams: Early Works* exhibit at the Liberty Hall Academic Center and Exhibition Hall. He said the exhibition is spectacular, and encouraged the audience to visit the show and many of the shows throughout Kean’s galleries. He noted a busy agenda, and introduced President Repollet for his comments.

4. PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

President Repollet welcomed everyone to the meeting. He noted that students and faculty are in final weeks of classes and exams, and wished them all great skill and confidence. He reminded the public of commencement ceremonies on May 17 and May 19, for graduate students and undergraduates respectively, and encouraged everyone to participate.

The President thanked the entire campus community for their hard work on the Middle States Self Study report, noting the MSCHE Visiting Team completed their visit last week and was complimentary in their public exit report. He said Middle States will now review the team’s preliminary findings over the summer, and the campus will learn more in the fall semester.

The President then introduced former Senior Vice President for Research Dr. Jeff Toney, who shared a presentation on Research Days 2022. He noted Dr. Toney retired May 1 but wanted to be at the public meeting to share the Research Days overview because he created the initiative more than ten years ago.

Dr. Toney gave an overview of Research Days participation, including 148 faculty advisors, 1,376 student participants, 982 poster presentations, 324 oral presentations and 70 faculty presentations at Kean USA alone. He noted more than 2,000 faculty and students participated when including the Wenzhou-Kean University campus. He shared a short video on Research Days created by a Kean student, then introduced Dean Jin Wang of the College of Business and Public Management. Dean Wang introduced Dr. Min Chung Han, the faculty researcher of the year.

Dr. Donald Marks of the Nathan Weiss Graduate College introduced Keryn Kleiman as the graduate student researcher of the year, and gave an overview of her research project. Kleiman is doctoral student in the clinical psychology program. She thanked Dr. Marks and other faculty for their support and the University for the award.

Dr. Deehan Kwak of the computer science program introduced Stacy Fortes, the undergraduate researcher of the year, and described her research efforts. Fortes is a senior in the computer science program. She thanked Dr. Kwak and other mentors for their support, and the University for the award.

Prof. Rose Gonnella then introduced the Research Days design competition. The winning designer is Patrycja Sliwowska, who thanked the University for the recognition. Gonnella also introduced the student Lindsay Nell O'Connell, who received an honorable mention for her designs for the Research Days promotional materials.

A copy of these presentations will be kept with the minutes.

5. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Kelly reported no speakers requested time in the public comments session.

6. **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 resolution for Board consideration:

6.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

6.2 Professional Staff Reappointments

Chair Fastook asked for questions on the personnel actions. The items were seconded and approved by the full Board.

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

Trustee Richard Trabert, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss various student affairs, athletics and enrollment programs and issues. Mr. Trabert moved the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 7.1 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for FY22

<u>Advertising, Recruitment Services FY22</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Intersection Media LLC	\$800,000
Outfront Media	\$545,000
Clear Channel Outdoors	\$275,000

- 7.2 Resolution Authorizing the President to Pilot a Summer Housing and Work Program in Summer 2022

The Chair opened discussion for questions on the resolutions. The resolutions were seconded, and approved by the full Board.

8. **ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Ed Oatman, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss various items including the following resolutions on the Board agenda. He moved these resolutions for Board consideration:

- 8.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for FY23

<u>Utilities</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
PSEG	\$6,160,000
NJ American Water	\$1,355,000
Township of Union Public Works	\$850,000
Elizabethtown Gas	\$825,000
Jersey Central Power and Light	\$230,000

- 8.2 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to DLS Contracting, Inc. for Asphalt Services, Bid No. K21-12-3-1

- 8.3 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to TSUJ Corporation for the Townsend Electrical Service Upgrade Project, Bid. No. K22-1-27-4

- 8.4 Resolution Adopting Kean's Updated Emergency Management Plan

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on the agenda. The resolutions each were seconded and approved by the Board, with Trustee Little-Mathews recusing herself on the item 8.1, the utilities' bid waivers.

9. **ITEMS OF THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

Trustee Matthew McDermott, Committee Chair, noted the committees met to review various items including those forwarded to the Board for consideration. He moved each of the following items for consideration:

9.1 Resolution Establishing Tuition and Fees for the Kean University Child Care Center

9.2 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for FY22

<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
NJ Edge Net	\$150,000

<u>Insurance</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Acrisure	\$180,000

9.3 Resolution Amending Resolution 19-12-07-2428 to Expand the Use of Cohort Rate Tuition for Foreign Sending Organizations

9.4 Resolution Amending Resolution 21-09-13-2600 to Authorize Support for Various International Learning Opportunities through the Global Education Fund

9.5 Resolution Authorizing the University to Accept a Grant from the Office of the Secretary of Higher Education

9.6 Resolution Authorizing the University to Accept a Grant from the County of Union, New Jersey

9.7 Resolution Amending Resolution 19-09-16-2408, the "Climb Higher Scholarship" to Increase Student Access to Higher Education

9.8 Resolution Amending Resolution 19-12-07-2426 Regarding the Housing Merit Grant Program for Out of State Students

9.9 Resolution Amending Resolution 19-09-16-2407 to Increase Scholarship Awards from the Centennial Opportunity Fund

9.10 Resolution Amending Resolution 20-05-11-2462 to Expand Student Access to the Garden State Equity Scholarship Fund

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on any of the agenda items from the Finance and Audit Committees. Each item was seconded; Trustees Little-Mathews and Oatman abstained from voting on item 9.6, a grant from the County of Union.

10. ITEMS OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, 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 items for Board consideration:

- 10.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty Report
- 10.2 Returning Lecturers
- 10.3 Sabbatical Recommendations for AY 2023
- 10.4 Range Adjustment Recommendations for AY 2023
- 10.5 Resolution Honoring Dr. Jeffrey H. Toney and Bestowing the Appointment of Professor Emeritus
- 10.6 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Post Baccalaureate, Pre-Professional Certificate in Recreational Therapy program
- 10.7 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Advertising and Public Bidding for Various Library Services

<u>Library Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
LYRASIS	\$121,000
OCLC Online Computer Library Center	\$127,000

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

11. ITEMS OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Lewis, Committee Chair, reported the committee met on Wednesday, April 27 to discuss a number of items including updates on the Middle States Self Study Report and plans for a Board retreat. She said the president also informed the committee members that he had received a draft Constitution from the University Senate and that his administration currently is reviewing this proposal. The committee did not have any action items for the Board.

- 12. 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.
- 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 5 p.m.
- 14. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**
The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 6 p.m.
- 15. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –MAY 2, 2022**
Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the May 2, 2022 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.
- 16. ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:05 p.m.