KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014

11 a.m. 1ST FLOOR LECTURE HALL, KEAN OCEAN GATEWAY BUILDING, OCC CAMPUS

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Lamont Repollet, Secretary; Helyn Payne Baltimore, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Robert Cockren, Doug Keller, Linda Lewis, James Simpson, Richard Trabert, Student Trustee Rachel Syko, Alternate Student Trustee Abby Gallego, Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Phil Connelly, Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Ms. Janice Murray-Laury, Carla Willis, Geri Benedetto, Felice Vazquez, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at @ 11 a.m.

1. WELCOME TRUSTEE JAMES SIMPSON
   Chair Morell administered the oath of office to Mr. James Simpson, who was welcomed by the Board.

2. ROLL CALL
   Ms. Kelly called the roll and reported a quorum present.

3. 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.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – September 15, 2014
   Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the September 15, 2014 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded; Trustee Cockren abstained from the vote as he was not present at the meeting. The board approved the minutes.

5. CHAIR’S REPORT
   Chair Morell welcomed everyone to Gateway Building at the Kean Ocean campus and remarked on the success of the partnership between Kean University and Ocean County College. She wished everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

6. PRESIDENT’S REPORT
   President Farahi welcomed everyone to Kean Ocean and the Gateway Building. He noted he just returned from Wenzhou-Kean University in China and he described the amazing growth of the campus. He introduced Dr. Steve Kubow, Associate Vice President of Kean Ocean, to provide an overview of operations at Kean Ocean.
Dr. Kubow reviewed overall enrollment at Kean Ocean, noting the number are rebounding as the region recovers from Hurricane Sandy. He discussed various initiatives, and then introduced four Kean Ocean students from various programs to speak to their experiences at Kean Ocean. Each of the four students provided the Board with their perspective on the benefits of the programs at Kean Ocean as well their strong support for continuing and expanding programs at Kean Ocean.

Dr. Farahi then introduced Ms. Carla Willis, Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Ms. Willis discussed the Kean Foundation’s own version of “Giving Tuesday,” a year-end annual giving pushed designed to increase funding scholarships.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board received public comments from four speakers, one of whom also read a statement from Dr. David Joiner, chair of the University Senate, who was not present. The speakers included: Dr. Richard Katz, Dr. James Castiglione, Dr. Emily Filardo (she read Dr. Joiner’s statement in addition to her own); and Steve Pinto. Copies of their written comments, where provided, will be filed with these minutes.

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

Trustee Baltimore, committee chair, presented the following item for consideration:

8.1 Resolution Establishing Student Housing Rental Rates for FY2016

A motion was made and seconded, and the Board approved the resolution.

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

Trustee Repollet presented the following items for the board’s consideration:

9.1 Personnel Actions—Faculty

9.2 Faculty Reappointments and Non-Reappointment

9.3 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of the Center for Cyber Security at Kean University

9.4 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising

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Motions were made and seconded, and the Board approved the personnel actions and the resolutions.

10. **ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**  
Trustee Lewis, committee member, presented the following personnel actions and for board consideration:

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

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The personnel actions and the resolution were moved, seconded, and approved by the Board. Trustee Repollet abstained from voting on item 10.1, Personnel Actions—Administrative.

11. **ITEMS OF THE AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**  
Trustee Bistocchi reported the committees met jointly and moved the following resolutions for board consideration:

11.1 Resolution Accepting the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Year ended June 30, 2014 by the Wiss & Company  
11.2 Resolution Authorizing a Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding

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Motions were made and seconded, and the Board approved the resolutions.

12. **ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**  
Trustee D’Agostino, committee chair, presented the following item for board consideration:
12.1 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract with M&M Construction for General Construction Services

A motion was made and seconded, and the full Board approved the resolution.

13. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED SESSION
Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising the public of a closed session of the Kean University Board of Trustees on Saturday, December 6, 2014. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved by the board.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION
The Board entered executive session at approximately 12:05 p.m.
The Board returned from executive session at approximately 2:40 p.m.

15. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FINALIZATION OF THE PROCESS OF POTENTIALLY OUTSOURCING SERVICES WITHIN THE FACILITIES SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Chair Morell moved the resolution; it was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

16. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at approximately 2:50 p.m.

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