KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

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

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Lamont Repollet, Secretary; Holly Bakke, Helyn Payne Baltimore, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Eugene C. Enlow, John Kean, Jr., Linda Lewis, Richard Trabert; Student Trustee Rachel Syko; Alternate Student Trustee Abby Gallego; Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Janice Murray-Laury, Carla Willis, Felice Vazquez, Dr. Sophia Howlett, Phyllis Duke, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at @ 4:00 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 had been properly advertised and was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 23, 2014 and July 17, 2014
Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the Kean University Board of Trustees Public Meetings on June 23, 2014 and July 17, 2014. A motion was made for each set of minutes and seconded. The board approved the minutes for both dates.

4. CHAIR’S REPORT
Chair Morell welcomed everyone to the Board meeting and asked the Committee chairs to provide brief reports to the public.

Dr. Repollet reported the Academic Policy and Programs Committee met on September 10th and agreed to bring seven action items to the full Board for consideration including personnel actions and resolutions for professors’ emeriti. Trustee D’Agostino reported that the Facilities and Maintenance Committee also met on September 10 and reviewed a capital projects report, building maintenance programs and several resolutions for bid waivers that would come to the full Board at this meeting. Trustee Bakke reported that the Audit and Finance committees met jointly earlier in the day to consider a series of resolutions and other items related to University finances. Trustee Bistocchi reported the Nominating Committee had met and would bring to the full Board a resolution recommending
board officers for the new academic year.

Chair Morell thank the committee chairs for their reports.

5. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Farahi noted that his Opening Day address at the beginning of the semester addressed the state of the University and initiatives going forward and that the full speech is posted on the University website.

President Farahi noted that the University community—students, faculty, staff, alumni and administrators alike—joined together earlier in the day to support a worthy cause, ALS. In what is likely the largest single ice bucket dump in New Jersey, several hundred people gathered on the steps of the new Green Lane building and got soaked for a good cause. Over $40,000 was raised, President Farahi said, and he thanked all who participated.

Dr. Farahi reported that enrollment on all three campuses is healthy and up; he noted just over 15,000 students are now enrolled in the University. At the same time, he said parking continues to be a challenge on the Union campus. The University created additional spaces on the East Campus to ease the pressure on heavy days, he said. Kean does not charge its students for parking while many other universities charge students hundreds of dollars. He said the administration continues to seek ways to further alleviate the parking pressures.

President Farahi then introduced Dr. Susan Polirstok, dean of the College of Education, who advised the Board and the public that the University was awarded a prestigious Title V grant in conjunction with Union County College for a project aimed at improving higher education outcomes for the Latino community. Dr. Polirstok also advised the Board on several additional grants awarded to the College.

President Farahi introduced Dr. Xiaobo Yu, who discussed his successful research and scholarship efforts at the University and methods to continue such work throughout the campus.

President Farahi introduced Dr. Jeff Beck, dean of the Nathan Weiss Graduate College, who discussed the college’s plan for a “Color Run” 5K fundraiser in October 2014 and invited all Board members and the public to participate. Dr. Beck then introduced Dr. Medea Valdez, who recently joined Kean and is leading the University’s effort to implement a Physician’s Assistant program. Dr. Valdez said the program anticipates accepting its first students in 2017.

Vice President Janice Murray Laury was asked to introduce a group of four Kean students who travelled to the Wenzhou-Kean University campus in summer 2014
to provide training and mentoring for students enrolled at WKU. The Kean students described their experiences at the new campus and how the Wenzhou campus initiative continues expand opportunities for academic and cultural exchanges.

Dr. Farahi then introduced Prof. David Mohney, who is spearheading the University’s efforts to implement an architecture program that further expands the opportunities available to students interested in both design and architecture. Prof. Mohney provided a detailed overview of the unique approach the University plans to take with its architecture initiative, including incorporating historical perspectives, placing an emphasis on urban planning and providing a global perspective.

Dr. Jonathan Mercantini of the History Department also discussed the opportunity for the history department to work with the new architecture program on the preservation elements of the new program. He then provided the Board and the public with an update on the University’s groundbreaking work with the New Jersey Historical Commission, which chose Kean as the site for its two-day conference celebrating the 350th anniversary of the state.

In the arts, Professor Ed Johnson of the Robert Busch School of Design, provided Board members and the public with a fascinating interactive demonstration of a 3D art project he is undertaking with students in the design program. “Augmented Asbury Park” is a free mobile experience using an app or a scan code to view reconstructions of key historic landmarks in augmented reality on the Asbury Park boardwalk. Prof. Johnson demonstrated the project for the Board members, who were able to use their phones or iPads to “see” the old carousel at the Asbury Park.

Dr. Farahi thanked the faculty for their presentations and noted these are just a few of the amazing initiatives our faculty have underway at Kean.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
The Board received public comments from Dr. David Joiner, Dr. Kathleen Henderson and Dr. Emily Filardo. Copies of their comments, where provided, will be filed with these minutes.

7. **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 Monday, September 15, 2014. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved by the board.

8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Board approved the resolution for closed session at approximately 5:20 p.m. The Board returned from closed session at approximately 7:15 p.m.
9. **ITEM FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**  
Trustee Bistocchi, chair of the committee, moved the following resolution for board consideration:

9.1 Resolution of the Board of Trustees Appointing Officers and Executive Committee Members for Academic Year 2014-2015

The resolution was seconded, and unanimously approved by the Board.

10. **ITEMS OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**  
Trustee Repollet, chair of the committee, moved each of the following resolutions for board consideration:

10.1 Personnel Action—Faculty
10.2 Spring Faculty Reappointments and Non-Reappointment, Wenzhou-Kean Campus
10.3 Instructor Reappointments
11.4 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an External Grant Application with the NJ Department of Education
10.5 Resolution Approving Articulation Agreements Between Kean University and Roselle Park High School
10.6 Resolution Honoring Dr. Henry Kaplowitz and Bestowing the Appointment of Professor Emeritus
10.7 Resolution Honoring Dr. Dennis Santomauro and Bestowing the Appointment of Professor Emeritus

Each resolution was seconded, and unanimously approved by the Board.

11. **ITEMS OF THE LEGAL COMMITTEE**  
Trustee Repollet, a member of the committee, moved each of the following resolutions for board consideration:

11.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative
11.2 Professional Staff for Reappointment and Non-Reappointment
11.3 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding
Legal Services
Hill Wallack LLP  Not to Exceed $125,000
Hill International  $75,000

Legal Services
Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper  Not to Exceed $200,000
McElroy, Deutsch, Mulvaney & Carpenter  $100,000

Each resolution was seconded, and unanimously approved by the Board.

12. **ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**
Trustee D’Agostino moved each of the following resolutions for board consideration:

12.1 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract with Gruskin Design and Architecture

12.2 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Certain Professional Services

Professional Service  Not to Exceed
Forman Sign Company  $58,000

Professional Service  Not to Exceed
Shanghai Rongma Office Furniture, Ltd.  $70,000

Emergency Repairs  Not to Exceed
Travis, Inc.  $250,000

Each resolution was seconded, and unanimously approved by the Board.

13. **ITEMS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**
Trustee Bakke presented the following resolution for Board consideration:

13.1 Resolution Approving a Change in University Tuition and Fees for the Executive MBA Program for Fiscal Year 2015

13.2 Resolution Adopting a University Centralized Cash Management and Investment Policy for Investment Purposes

13.3 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of an Investment Account with Investors Bank
13.4 Resolution Establishing a Fee Structure for the New Occupational Therapy Clinic at Kean University

13.5 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Advertising and Public Bidding for Various Professional Services

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The resolutions were seconded, and unanimously approved by the full Board.

13. RESOLUTION RELATED TO THE EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT OF UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DAWOOD FARAH

Trustee D’Agostino moved the resolution regarding President Farahi’s employment contract for Board consideration. The Board unanimously approved the resolution.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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