KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION

MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014

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

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

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

The meeting began at @ 4:10 p.m.

1. INSTALLATION OF STUDENT TRUSTEE RACHEL SYKO
   Chair Morell administered the oath of office to Student Trustee Rachel Syko, and she was welcomed by the full 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 – MAY 12, 2014
   Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the Kean University Board of Trustees Public Meetings on May 12, 2014. The motion was made and seconded. The board approved the minutes.

5. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWS SOURCES FOR AY 2015
   Chair Morell requested a motion to approve a resolution designating the University’s official newspapers for AY2014/15 for purposes of advertising. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

6. 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 earlier in the day to consider a personnel action and resolutions related to updating the
organizational structure of the College of Business and Public Management; the naming of the School of Architecture; the submission of an external grant with the state DOE; an articulation agreement with the College of St. Elizabeth; an agreement providing for a recovery high school to utilized space on campus; and, authorizing the University to seek service mark status for the Kean USA brand. The committee will bring these resolutions to the full Board for consideration, Dr. Repollet reported.

Trustee Bistocchi reported that Finance Committee met earlier in the day to review a series of resolutions related to University finances, which will be before the full Board later in the session. Dr. Bistocchi reported the resolutions include that proposal for a 2.99% increase in tuition and fees, various bid waivers, and an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Elizabeth. Additionally, the committee is recommending a resolution to provide the President with certain budget reduction authority in the event state funding is reduced.

Chair Morell thanked the committee chairs for their reports. She then thanked the Kean Foundation for its work on another successful Kean Gala earlier in the month. Chair Morell thanked all board members and Kean campus members for continuing to work together.

7. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Farahi reported the University had completed two very successful graduation ceremonies in June. He noted the undergraduate class was the largest to graduate from Kean in history. He thanked everyone from campus, the Board and families around the globe for attending.

Dr. Farahi noted that the state budget negotiations were not yet finalized and that the possibility of further reductions in state aid exists. He noted the University remains true to its commitment of access and excellence and once again limited the tuition increase to less than 3%. He said he expects Kean will remain the most affordable comprehensive University in the state.

Dr. Farahi publicly thanked the Kean family for generously providing the University with the Right of First Refusal on the Merck property located across Morris Avenue. He said the University had both a moral and financial obligation to exercise this right, and noted there wasn’t much more specific he could say because the matter is right now the subject of litigation. He did, however, stress that the University wants to work cooperatively with the Township of Union and that Kean will do everything in its power to make the township whole in tax revenue if it does proceed with purchasing and developing the property. He said the property has the potential to turn into something very good for both the township and the University.
Dr. Farahi noted the Kean Men’s Soccer team recently travelled to China to compete with teams in the Wenzhou and Zhejiang areas. A short video of the trip and experiences was shown.

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

9. **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, June 23, 2014. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved by the board.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
The Board entered executive session at approximately 4:42 p.m. The Board returned from executive session at approximately 7 p.m.

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

11.1 Personnel Action—Faculty Non-Reappointment

11.2 Resolution Updating the Organizational Structure of the College of Business and Public Management

11.3 Resolution Naming the School of Architecture the Michael Graves School of Architecture

11.4 Resolution Authorizing the University to Seek Service Mark Status for Its Kean USA Brand

11.5 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an External Grant Application with the NJ Department of Education

11.6 Resolution Approving a Graduate Articulation Agreement with the College of St. Elizabeth

11.7 Resolution Approving a Recovery High School Program between Kean University, Prevention Links Not-for-Profit Organization and Union County Vocational-Technical School District

Each resolution was seconded, and unanimously approved by the full Board.
12. **REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Bistocchi presented the following resolution for Board consideration:

12.1 Resolution Approving a Change in University Tuition and Fees for Fiscal Year 2015

12.2 Resolution Authorizing a Change in Tuition and Fees for Certain Graduate Programs in FY2015

12.3 Resolution Authorizing the University to Renew an Inter-governmental Services Agreement with the City of Elizabeth

12.4 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Items

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12.5 Resolution providing the President with Certain Budget Reduction Authority in the Event State Funding is Reduced

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

Trustee Bistocchi moved the public meeting schedule for AY14-15 for Board consideration. The Board unanimously approved the annual notice.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**
There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

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