KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013

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

PRESENT: Ada Morell, Chair; Dr. Lamont Repollet, Secretary; Helyn Payne Baltimore, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Robert Cockren, Eugene Enlow, Dave Gibbons, John Kean, Jr., Doug Keller, Linda Lewis, Richard Trabert, Student Trustee Steven Barandica, Alternate Student Trustee Mario Fernandez, Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Ms. Janice Murray-Laury, Diane Schwartz, Phyllis Duke, Michael Tripodi, Matthew Caruso, Felice Vazquez, Michelle Freestone

The meeting began at 4 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 – MARCH 4, 2013**
   Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 4, 2013 public meeting. The motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

4. **CHAIR’S REPORT**
   Chair Morell welcomed everyone to the Board meeting. She then asked the Ms. Kelly to read the resolution thanking Student Trustee Steven Barandica for his service. Chair Morell asked for a motion to move the resolution. It was moved, seconded and approved. Mr. Barandica spoke for a few minutes about his tremendous academic experiences at Kean University, noting his hard work at Kean earned him a prestigious graduate assistantship in athletic training at Auburn University that begins in the fall.

   Chair Morell asked her committee chairs to provide brief reports. Trustee Baltimore reported the Student and University Affairs Committee meeting on May 17, 2013; Trustee Repollet reported on the Academic Policy and Programs Committee meeting on May 17, 2013; Trustee Gibbons reported on the Legal & Personnel
Committee meeting on May 17, 2013; and Trustee Enlow reported on the Finance and Facilities Committee meetings that took place earlier in the day.

Chair Morell thanked the trustees for their committee reports. She thanked her fellow board members for continuing to participate in various campus constituency meetings and encouraged the entire board and campus to attend the upcoming Kean Gala on June 13th in the STEM building.

5. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**
President Farahi reported the University had submitted six applications to the state of New Jersey for funding from the Higher Education Bond Act, and that four of the applications, totaling about $54 million in funding, were approved for funding by the Christie administration.

Dr. Farahi reported that enrollment and registration numbers are improving, and the University is working hard to continue that momentum. He also reported the University is working with the City of Elizabeth on efforts to improve the Elizabeth Train Station. Dr. Farahi then introduced Dr. Jeff Toney, Provost and VPAA, for an overview of the Faculty Research Days that took place in April 2013.

Dr. Toney commended faculty and student for their tremendous efforts in support of Faculty Research Days, and noted more than 110 posters summarizing faculty/student research efforts were on display. He then introduced Susan Gannon, director of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, to provide more details.

Ms. Gannon reported that 191 students presented during the 5th annual Faculty Research Days, and 95 faculty members participated. She then introduced four specific projects and the faculty and students who participated in those initiatives. Each faculty member and student gave a brief overview of his or her research projects. A copy of their presentations, where provided, will be filed with these minutes.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
The Board received public comments from Dr. Jon Erickson and Dr. Kathleen Henderson. 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, May 20, 2013. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the board unanimously approved the resolution.
8. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
   The Board entered executive session at approximately 5 p.m.
   The Board returned from executive session at approximately 6:40 p.m.

9. **REPORT OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
   Trustee Baltimore, committee chair, presented the following item for consideration:

   9.1 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Construction Services Related to the Expansion of the Cougar’s Den in the University Center

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

10. **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**
    Trustee Repollet presented the following items for consideration:

    10.1 Personnel Actions - Faculty
    10.2 Instructor Reappointments
    10.3 Range Adjustments
    10.4 Sabbatical Recommendations for FY14
    10.5 Resolution Honoring Dr. Jay Spaulding and Bestowing the Appointment of Professor Emeritus
    10.6 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an External Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Education for Professional Training Related to STEM Programming
    10.7 Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an External Grant Application with the New Jersey Department of Education 21st Century Learning Partners Program

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

11. **REPORT OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
    Trustee Gibbons, committee chair, presented the following personnel actions for board consideration:
11.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

11.2 President’s Nomination of Professional Staff for Reappointment Contracts

11.3 President’s Nomination of Professional Staff for Non-Reappointment

11.4 Resolution Approving and Adopting the Rules of Procedures in Controversies and Disputes

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

12. REPORT OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEES
Trustee Enlow presented the following resolutions for full Board consideration:

12.1 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract with Gruskin Design and Architecture due to a General Contractor Substitution

12.2 Resolution Approving the Awarding of a Contract for General Construction Services for the East Campus Occupational Therapy Clinic and Academic Space

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

13. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Trustee Enlow presented the following resolutions for full Board consideration:

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

13.2 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for Various Specified Services

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14. **ADJOURNMENT**
   There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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