KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION

MONDAY, MAY 12, 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., Linda Lewis, Barbara Sobel, Richard Trabert, Student Trustee Mario Fernandez, Alternate Student Trustee Rachel Syko, Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

OTHERS PRESENT: Geri Benedetto, Phil Connelly, Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Ms. Janice Murray-Laury, Felice Vazquez, Carla Willis, 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 3, 2014
   Chair Morell requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the March 3, 2014 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

4. CHAIR’S REPORT
   Chair Morell welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for attending. She asked her committee chairs to provide brief reports.

   Trustee Repollet reported on a meeting of the Academic Policy and Programs Committee, noting the committee agreed to send personnel actions, sabbatical recommendations and several resolutions providing posthumous awards and a bid waiver to the full board for consideration. Trustee Gibbons reported the Legal and Personnel Committee met and agreed to send personnel actions and bid waivers for legal services to the full board for consideration. Trustee D’Agostino reported both the Facilities and Finance Committees met earlier in the day; the Finance Committee, he noted, considered send several resolutions related to the potential purchase of Merck property, and agreed to send a resolution related to Union Township sewers to the full Board for consideration.
Chair Morell thanked the trustees for their committee reports, and reiterated the Board’s commitment to continue to participate as observers in the meetings of key leadership groups on campus. Chair Morell also welcomed Carla Willis to Kean as the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

5. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Farahi welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced several faculty leaders, administrators and Deans to discuss their initiatives, including: Susan Gannon, director of OSRP, Dr. Patricia Morreale and Dr. Connie Hassett-Walker who, together with their student researchers, provided an overview of accomplishments presented during Faculty Student Research Days in April.

President Farahi also introduced Professor Linda O’Shea, who provided an overview of accomplishments by faculty and students in the Robert Busch School of Design. Professor O’Shea also thanked the Board for its support for the new Green Lane building, which provides cutting-edge space for the design programs and encouraged the Board to support the resolution creating a School of Architecture at Kean.

President Farahi noted that the state of New Jersey is once again facing a revenue shortfall this fiscal year and may withhold its last aid payments to state universities, which it has done in the past. He said the University is prepared contingency plans for the June meeting in the event that reduction takes place.

President Farahi also noted that he wanted to publicly thank Mr. John Kean for his continued generosity with the University, noting his decision to transfer to the Board his right of first refusal on property owned by Merck, Inc. located across Morris Avenue from the Kean campus. He said the university has an obligation to look into the status of the property and consider it for future growth.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board received public comments, and some written comments, from the following: Dr. Kathleen Henderson, Dr. Richard Katz, Dr. David Joiner, Dr. Emily Filardo, Dr. James Castiglione and Mr. David Armenio. Their comments, where provided in writing, 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 12, 2014. 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 5:15 p.m.
   The Board returned from executive session at approximately 8:45 p.m.

9. **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE**
   Trustee Repollet, committee chair, presented the following items for consideration:

   9.1 Personnel Actions - Faculty Report
   9.2 Range Adjustments
   9.3 Sabbaticals Recommendations for AY 2015
   9.4 Resolution Approving a Sustainable Science Academy Program Between Kean University and Union County Vocational-Technical School District
   9.5 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a School of Architecture
   9.6 Resolution Honoring Dr. John Dobosiewicz and Bestowing Posthumously the Appointment of Professor Emeritus
   9.7 Resolution Authorizing the Award of Posthumous Degree to Nicholas LaForgia
   9.8 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding For Specified Professional Services
      
      | Professional Services | Not to Exceed |
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      | Janis Jensen           | $45,000      |

   A motion was made and seconded, and the Board approved the personnel actions, reappointments, promotions and bid waivers. Trustee Bistocchi abstained from voting on item 9.4.

10. **REPORT OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**
    Trustee Gibbons presented the following items for the board’s consideration:

    10.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative
    10.2 President’s Nomination of Professional Staff for Reappointment
    10.3 President’s Nomination of Professional Staff for Non-Reappointment
10.4 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding For Professional Services

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Motions were made and seconded, and the Board approved the personnel actions and the resolutions. Trustee Repollet abstained from voting on item 10.2.

11. REPORT OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
Trustee D’Agostino, committee chair, presented the following actions for board consideration:

11.1 Resolution Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract with Dobco Inc. for General Construction Services for the Multi-Purpose Academic Building

11.2 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding For Professional Services

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

12. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Trustee D’Agostino presented the following resolutions for board consideration:

12.1 Resolution Authorizing Kean University to Undertake Due Diligence Associated with the Purchase of Lot No. 2, Block 101 on the Tax Map of the Township of Union, Union County from Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.

12.2 Resolution Authorizing Kean University to Secure the Services of an Environmental Remediation Firm for the Purposes of Due Diligence on Property Owned by Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. in Union Township, NJ

12.3 Resolution Authorizing Kean University to Pay the Township of Union for the Completion of the West Branch Sanitary Sewer Manhole Improvement Project

The motions were made and seconded, and the Board approved the resolutions. Trustee Kean abstained from voting on items 12.1 and 12.2.

13. ADJOURNMENT
There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at approximately 9 p.m.