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KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

11 AM KEAN OCEAN GATEWAY BUILDING, 1ST FLOOR AUDITORIUM

PRESENT: Steve Fastook, Chair; Linda Lewis, Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Bertha Little-Mathews, A. Todd Mayo, Rajeev Malhotra, Alan Markman, Ed Oatman, Rick Torres, Jeremiah Monteiro, Student Trustee; Danielle Brathwaite, Alternate Student Trustee; Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

VIA CONFERENCE CALL: John Kean Jr., Matthew McDermott

OTHERS PRESENT: Itunu Balogun, Dr. David Birdsell, Andrew Brannen, Michelle Freestone, Kate Gallagher, Kristin Ganley, Dr. Sancha Gray, Jerome Hatfield, Maris Henson, Dr. Michael Salvatore, Felice Vazquez

The meeting began at @ 11 a.m.

1. INSTALLATION OF TRUSTEE ALAN MARKMAN

Chair Fastook administered the oath of office to Alan Markman and the Board welcomed him. Trustee Markman introduced himself and noted he is happy to serve the university. He thanked the Governor and the senators who supported his appointment to the board. He said service on the university board is an honor that connects to his upbringing, where his mother emphasized the importance of earning a college education. The Board welcomed Trustee Markman.

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 was properly advertised and in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act.

4. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Fastook thanked everyone for attending the meeting and called on Student Trustee Monteiro for remarks. Trustee Monteiro noted that he has made a decision to graduate in December, and to continue his education in law school. As such, today was his last meeting as student trustee. He spoke about his tenure at Kean as well as his board service, and thanked all for their support. He noted his board service expanded both his academic and leadership abilities. He said he will work to successfully transition the role to alternate student trustee Danielle Brathwaite.

Chair Fastook thanked Trustee Monteiro for his service. The chair then thanked

Kean Ocean and Dr. Adams for welcoming the board to Kean and for their work keeping the two campuses connected. He also congratulated Dr. Sancha Gray on her recent appointment as acting Dean of the College of Education. He encouraged everyone to try to unplug, relax and refresh this holiday season.

5. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President Repollet welcomed everyone to Kean Ocean and noted he met earlier this morning with OCC President Pamela Monaco to talk about the importance of this partnership and ways to work together in the future.

The president noted that College of Business and Public Management celebrated its 35th anniversary last night, and congratulated Dean Jin Wang and the faculty in the college for recently earning the prestigious Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) accreditation.

Dr. Repollet said the university will recognize the 75th Anniversary of the passing of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights at the annual Human Rights Conference next Friday, December 8 and encouraged all to participate in the session if possible.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

One public speaker, Dr. Michael Bobbitt, addressed the Board. Ms. Kelly noted another faculty member had forwarded written comments for the Board and they were shared with all members.

7. **ITEM OF THE STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Lewis, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss a number of items now on the Board's agenda. Trustee Lewis moved the following resolution for Board consideration:

7.1 Resolution Establishing Student Housing Rental Rates for FY25

The Chair opened the floor for questions on the resolution. The resolution was moved and seconded, and approved by the full Board.

8. **ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chair Fastook noted the committee met to review various items including the personnel actions and resolution now before the board for consideration. He then moved the following items and resolution:

8.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

8.2 President's Nomination of Professional Staff for Reappointment

8.3 President's Nomination of Professional Staff for Promotion

8.4 Resolution Updating and Adopting Kean University’s No Smoking Policy

Chair Fastook asked for questions on the personnel actions and resolution. The items were seconded and approved by the full Board.

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

Trustee Bistocchi, Committee Chair, noted the committee met and discussed various items, including the action items now before the Board for consideration. He moved each of the following items and resolutions:

9.1 Personnel Actions –Faculty

9.2 Faculty Reappointments

9.3 President’s Nominations for Continuation of At-Will Administrative Appointment with Faculty Rank

9.4 Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Prelicensure Bachelor of Nursing Degree Program

9.5 Resolution Updating and Adopting Kean University’s Professor Emerita/Emeritus Policy

9.6 Resolution Honoring Dr. Sue Ellen Gronewold and Bestowing the Appointment of Associate Professor Emerita

9.7 Resolution Honoring Dr. Dennis Klein and Bestowing the Appointment of Professor Emeritus

9.8 Resolution Updating and Amending the Kean University Policy on Graduate and Doctoral Student Assistantships

9.9 Resolution Authorizing and Adopting the Kean University Prior Learning Assessment and Non-Academic Credential Review Policy

The Chair asked if there were questions on each item. The items were seconded and approved by the full Board.

10. **ITEMS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

Trustee Oatman reported the committees met to discuss various items related to university finances. He moved each of the following items to the full Board for consideration:

- 10.1 Resolution Authorizing the University to Restructure Tuition and Fees for Certain Cohort and Special Graduate Programs Effective Fall 2024
- 10.2 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract for Campus Security Services to Sterling Securities LLC
- 10.3 Resolution Authorizing the Use of Kean Educational Affiliation Network Tuition Rates for Adult and Degree Completion Students

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on any of the resolutions recommended by the joint Finance and Audit Committees. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board.

11. ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Oatman, Committee Chair, noted the committee met to discuss several items, including the resolutions on the full Board agenda. He then moved the following resolutions:

- 11.1 Resolution Authorizing the University to Contract with Firms for On-Calls Services for Various Renovation and Construction Projects
- 11.2 Resolution Authorizing the Award of a Contract to DeSesa Engineering Co. for the East Campus Boiler Project, Bid No. K23-5-9-1

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on the resolutions. The resolutions were seconded and approved by the full Board.

12. PRESENTATION ON KEAN OCEAN

President Repollet welcomed Dr. Jessica Adams, Dean of Kean Ocean, to the microphone for a short presentation on Kean Ocean academics and activities. Dr. Adams gave the board an overview of the educational experience at Kean Ocean, then introduced two student—Michael Heuser and Anthony Auriemma—and one faculty member—Dr. Alex Stribing—for comments on their experiences and their initiatives. Each provided comments on their initiatives and their work at Kean Ocean, including the success of a Field of Dreams partnership that Dr. Stribing discussed as a possibility at the Kean Ocean meeting in 2022. A copy of their comments, where provided, will be kept with the minutes.

13. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED MEETING

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising of a closed session. A motion was made, seconded and the Board unanimously approved the resolution.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 12 p.m.

15. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 1:40 p.m.

16. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1085 MORRIS AVENUE, UNION TOWNSHIP, NJ

Chair Fastook requested a motion to approved the resolution for the purpose of purchasing real estate. The motion was seconded. Trustee Kean announced he would abstain from voting on this resolution. The resolution was approved by the remaining Board members.

17. RESOLUTION AUTOHRIZING THE UNIVERSITY TO PURSUE SHORT-TERM FINANCING FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ELLUCIAN SaaS PLATFORM

Chair Fastook requested a motion to approved the resolution to allow for short-term financing of the Ellucian SaaS platform. The motion was seconded and the resolution unanimously approved by the Board.

18. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –DECEMBER 2, 2023

Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the December 2, 2023 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 p.m.