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KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MINUTES – PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 27, 2022

4 p.m. VIA ZOOM

PRESENT ONLINE: Steve Fastook, Chair; Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Secretary; Dave, Gibbons, John Kean Jr., Rajeev Malhotra, Bertha Little-Mathews, Matthew McDermott, Ada Morell, Ed Oatman, Barbara Sobel, Richard Trabert; Alternate Student Christopher Sclafani; Dr. Lamont Repollet, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

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

3. RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE OFFICIAL NEWS SOURCES FOR AY2023

Chair Fastook moved the resolution establishing the official news sources for public advertising for the next academic year. The resolution was seconded and unanimously approved by the Board.

4. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ANNUAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

Chair Fastook noted the announcement provided the proposed schedule of Board of Trustees public meetings in the upcoming academic year including September 19, 2022, December 3, 2022, March 6, 2023, May 8, 2023 and June 26, 2023. The resolution notes that public sessions return to in person in September 2022. The meeting schedule was approved unanimously by the Board.

5. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Fastook thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He noted the 2022 Commencement ceremonies were a great success and how wonderful it was to celebrate student achievements in person again. He thanked the President and his team for putting together a budget for the new year that makes strategic investments in the University's future, but stay true to Kean's mission of access and excellence. He wished everyone a safe and healthy summer.

6. **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

The President welcomed everyone to the special meeting on finance and budget issues. He reported the University is in sound financial shape, and well-positioned to continue on its path toward an R2 Carnegie Research designation. He noted the University continues to make wise investments in faculty, students and employees. The proposed budget for the new fiscal year reflects a commitment to academic excellence, research and equity, he said.

The President thanked CFO Andrew Brannen and finance team for putting together a budget for the University that was built from the bottom up. He said they met with stakeholders across campus over the past six months to discuss needs and wants, and created a budget that reflects who Kean is as a university.

The President noted the University is poised to welcome more than 60 new full-time, tenured track faculty to campus this fall. This brings new, tenure-track faculty hires to nearly 100 new people in the past two years. This is not only historic for Kean, but it is something no other university in the state or the region or maybe even the country is doing right now, he said.

He recognized Provost David Birdsell for making faculty recruitment a priority for Kean. He thanked labor counsel Zaire Estrella Chambers for all of her work developing the agreements and initiatives with the Kean Federation of Teachers that will help diversify faculty, and provide faculty with the release time and sabbaticals needed to pursue successful research agendas. He also recognized James Castiglione, the KFT President, and Frank Argote-Freyre, the union's chief negotiator, and Debra Davis, state representative, for their commitment to working together in a collegial and respectful atmosphere.

President Repollet also reminded the Board that the self-study was completed and the University will hear from Middle States this fall on our submission. He noted as an outgrowth of the self-study work, Dr. Michael Salvatore and his team, including Dr. Neva Lozada and Hong Gao, are "democratizing data" at the University. They have created a robust data dashboard and data website that will provide everyone at the University, and the public, with access to data that truly tells Kean's story—data on everything from enrollment to retention rates to the classes that students find the toughest.

The President congratulated Athletic Director Kelly Williams and his division for a banner year. He noted the University recently earned its highest ranking ever in the NJAC Cup—Kean ranked third for the first time in history.

The President welcomed the new chair of the University Senate, Dr. Donald Marks, the Senate's representative to the Board for the new year, Dr. Rachel Evans. He noted the success of the 2022 Commencement ceremonies, and thank Trustee Oatman and the county for the two-year partnership related COVID testing and

vaccinations that winds down on campus today. He wished everyone a happy, healthy and relaxing summer.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board received public comments from the following speaker: Professor Rachel Evans.

8. **ITEMS OF THE JOINT MEETING OF FINANCE COMMITTEE AND STUDENT AND UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEES**

Trustee Matthew McDermott reported the committees met jointly earlier in the day to review various items. He moved each of the following items to the full Board for consideration:

- 8.1 Resolution Accepting the FY21 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for Kean University Prepared by Wiss & Company, LLP
- 8.2 Resolution Authorizing the University to Secure the Services of PFK O'Connor Davies for the FY22 Comprehensive Audit
- 8.3 Resolution Approving a Change in University Tuition and Fees for Fiscal Year 2023
- 8.4 Resolution Authorizing a Change in the University Tuition and Fees for Certain Graduate and Doctoral Programs for Fiscal Year 2023
- 8.5 Resolution Authorizing the Continuation of Certain Cohort Tuition Rates of the "Kean Educational Affiliation Network (KEAN)" for FY2023
- 8.6 Resolution Authorizing the Cohort Tuition Rate for Certain High School Partnerships for Fiscal Year 2023
- 8.7 Resolution Authorizing the president to Award Contracts to Qualified Firms for On-Call Printing Services: Bid No. K22-5-9-1
- 8.8 Resolutions Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding for Various Services in FY23 (unless otherwise noted):

Legal Services

Saiber LLC

Not to Exceed

\$250,000

Advertising, Recruit, Tech

Educational Dynamics, LLC

SWISH

College Board

Not to Exceed

\$290,000

\$150,000

\$120,000

<u>Information Technology</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Ellucian	\$1,200,000
Anthology Inc. of NY	\$500,000*
Ferrelli Information Group	\$400,000
NJ Edge	\$250,000
Apogee Telecom	\$175,000
CBORD Group, Inc.	\$165,000
Bloomberg	\$160,000
Mainstay	\$160,000
Coastal Networking LLC	\$140,000
Intersect by Powerschool	\$130,000
Incline Alchemy, Inc.	\$125,000

**3-year agreements with various divisions totaling \$500,000 for the 3-year period*

<u>Insurance Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
The College of New Jersey	\$800,000
CBIZ Borden Perlman	\$190,000
Acrisure	\$180,000

<u>Educational Supplies</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Barnes and Noble	\$500,000

<u>Specialized Equipment</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Allegheny Educational System Inc.	\$315,000

- 8.9 Resolution Authorizing the President to Finalize an Agreement for Laboratory Services among Kean, the County of Union and NDS NJ
- 8.10 Resolution Approving the Kean University Information Security Charter
- 8.11 Resolution Authorizing the Acceptance of a Grant Award from the New Jersey Department of Education

Chair Fastook asked if the Board had any questions on any of the bid waivers recommended by the joint Finance and SUA Committees. Trustee Fastook noted the waivers were all reviewed by university counsel. Each resolution was seconded and approved by the full Board. Each item was seconded and approved; Trustee Oatman abstained from voting on items 8.5 and 8.9.

9. ITEM OF THE ACADEMIC POLICY AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Trustee Bistocchi reported the committee met previously to review various items He moved the following item to the full Board for consideration:

- 9.1 Sabbatical Recommendation for AY 2023

The Chair asked the Board if they had any questions on the agenda item from the APP Committee. The item was seconded and approved by the full Board.

10. RESOLUTION THANKING STUDENT TRUSTEE KOBE ROBINSON FOR HIS SERVICE

Chair Fastook noted that Mr. Robinson did a wonderful job as the student trustee, and was extremely engaged and a thoughtful leader. Trustee Trabert also thanked him and commended his participation with the Student and University Affairs Committee. Chair Fastook moved the resolution, and it was seconded and approved by the full Board.

11. 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.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board entered Executive Session at approximately 4:40 p.m.

13. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION

The Board returned to Public Session at approximately 5:30 p.m.

14. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –JUNE 27, 2022

Chair Fastook requested a motion for approval of the minutes of the June 27, 2022 public meeting. A motion was made and seconded, and the board approved the minutes.

15. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:32 p.m.