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**KEAN UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**MINUTES – PUBLIC SESSION**

**MONDAY, MARCH 6, 2017**

**4 p.m. DAVE GIBBONS CONFERENCE CENTER, KEAN HALL**

**PRESENT:** Ada Morell, Chair; Michael D’Agostino, Vice-Chair; Dr. Thomas Bistocchi, Robert W. Cockren, Dave Gibbons, Linda Lewis, Richard Trabert, Christian Meyers, Student Trustee, Angelica Glispie, Alternate Student Trustee; Dr. Dawood Farahi, President; Board Secretary Audrey Kelly

**VIA CONFERENCE CALL:** Dr. Lamont Repollet, Secretary; and Barbara Sobel

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Geri Benedetto, Dr. Jeffrey Toney, Andrew Brannen, Laura Barkley-Haelig, Dr. Holger Henke, Janice Murray-Laury, Marsha McCarthy, Jennifer Soyka, 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. FINAL APPROVAL OF MINUTES –December 3, 2016**

Chair Morell requested a motion for final approval of the minutes of the Kean University Board of Trustees Public Meeting held on December 3, 2016. Mr. Cockren asked that the minutes better reflect his remarks related to the decision to merge the College of Visual and Performing Arts into the new Liberal Arts college. He wanted to emphasize that the merger in no way suggests the University’s lack of commitment to such programming. A motion was made and seconded and the board approved the minutes with Trustee Cockren’s note. Dr. Repollet abstaining from the vote.

**4. CHAIR’S REPORT**

Chair Morell welcomed everyone and thanked them for participating in the University. She noted there are many events coming up to attend and participate in, including the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights Conference.

**5. PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Farahi also welcomed everyone including the Mayor of Union Township, who was in the audience. He invited her to come to campus for a tour and lunch,

and he asked the Board Chair to allow the Mayor to address the Board first. Chair Morell agreed, and Mayor Suzette Cavadas spoke to the Board and the public about the concerns of residents who live near the campus, particularly on Woodland Avenue. She said she first learned about plans for new residence halls from an article in Bloomberg News, and emphasized that is not good town and gown relations. She requested information on this project be shared with Township officials and residents; she noted she should not have to come before the Board to ask for such information. She suggested it's the University's duty to share information with the township in advance of moving forward with a project.

President Farahi thanked Mayor Cavadas again for coming to the meeting, and said he would meet with her and township officials about this project. He directed Ms. Kelly to schedule a meeting. He also said the University will send all information on the project to the mayor and he would work with the township to ensure all parties are informed on projects and initiatives at Kean.

President Farahi said the conversation with Union Township about this project has been going on for several years and information has been provided in the past. Dr. Farahi added there are over 200 students living in dorms constructed in 1963 and 1965, which need investments of \$15 million each to be sustainable and that this is not feasible for the university to maintain. He said the new residence hall would provide 385 beds for students and would be 250 feet from any residential housing. He added university officials met several times with various Union Township officials, and the university has been and will always try to be helpful to the town and its residents.

President Farahi then welcomed Dr. Holger Henke, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs at Wenzhou-Kean. Dr. Henke presented a current overview of programs and initiatives underway at the Wenzhou Kean campus.

President Farahi then welcomed Mr. Ed Esposito, Alumni President, for an update on Distinguished Alumni Award Luncheon on April 23, 2017. Mr. Esposito briefly shared with the Board and the public the name and backgrounds of the five individuals receiving the prestigious award this year.

President Farahi introduced Mr. Andrew Brannen, the University's new Vice President of Administration and Finance. Mr. Brannen joined the University leadership team on March 6.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The Board received public comments from: Daniel Antonelli, David Arminio, and James Castiglione. Copies of comments, where provided, will be filed in Board office.

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

Trustee Trabert reported the committee members met and reviewed the following resolutions. He presented each for Board consideration:

- 7.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising in FY17

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Korn Hynes Advertising	\$60,000
MB Productions	\$90,000
Education Advisory Board	\$125,000

<u>Advertising Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Graphic Presentation Systems	\$93,380

Chair Morell provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding each of the resolutions. Following discussion, each resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

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

Trustee Dr. Bistocchi noted the committee met to reviews various items including recommendations for personnel actions, resolutions and agreements. He presented the following items for Board consideration:

- 8.1 Personnel Actions -Faculty
- 8.2 First Year Faculty Reappointments
- 8.3 Faculty Promotions
- 8.4 Resolution Establishing a Cohort Tuition and Fee Schedule for the Ocean County College International Pilot Program
- 8.5 Resolution Authorizing the Establishment of a Cohort Tuition Rate for High School Partnerships for Fiscal Year 2018
- 8.6 Resolution Approving Amendments to the Kean University Academic and Non-Academic Program Review Guidelines
- 8.7 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Advertising and Bidding For Certain Professional Services Required for the Professional Impact NJ Grant Program in FY17

<u>Professional Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Child and Family Resources	\$80,000
Jude Cade/dba Destiny Early	\$50,000

Childhood Consulting	
Montclair State University	\$220,000
Iowa College Acquisitions/dba	\$60,000
Kaplan University	
New Jersey City University	\$50,000
NORWESCAP	\$60,000
	\$66,000 in FY18
	\$66,000 in FY19

Chair Morell provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding each of the resolutions. Following discussion, the personnel actions and resolutions were moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

**9. ITEMS OF THE FACILITIES AND MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee D’Agostino presented the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 9.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Public Bidding and Advertising for for Emergency Repair Services in FY2017

<u>Emergency Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Long Hill Contractors	\$60,000
Nelcon Construction	\$55,000

Chair Morell provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding each of bid waivers. Following discussion, the resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

**10. ITEMS OF THE LEGAL AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEES**

Trustee Cockren presented the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 10.1 Personnel Actions—Administrative

Chair Morell provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask questions regarding the personnel recommendations. The report was then moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

**11. ITEMS OF THE JOINT FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES**

Trustee Bistocchi presented the following resolutions for Board consideration:

- 11.1 Resolution Authorizing the Waiver of Advertising and Public Bidding for Specified Professional Services for FY2017, 2018

<u>Technology</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Optimum Lightpath	\$70,000
Richard Loalbo	\$90,000

<u>Commencement Materials</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Jostens	\$100,000
<u>Intergovernmental Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Union County Sheriff's Office	\$80,000
<u>Food Supplies and Services</u>	<u>Not to Exceed</u>
Compass Group USA/Canteen Vending	\$550,000

The Chair provided an opportunity for the trustees to ask for questions regarding the bid waivers resolutions. Each resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

**14. RESOLUTION ADVISING THE PUBLIC OF A CLOSED MEETING**

Ms. Kelly read the resolution advising the public of a closed session of the Kean University Board of Trustees on Monday, March 6, 2017. Chair Morell requested a motion to approve the resolution. A motion was made, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved. Chair Morell noted for the public that the Board expected to be in executive session for about 2 hours and would possibly return to public session to take action.

**15. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board entered executive session at approximately 5 p.m.

**16. RETURN TO PUBLIC SESSION**

The Board returned to public session at approximately 6:55 p.m.

**17. Resolution Taking DE NOVO Action to Approve Personnel-Related Actions and Resolutions from the Board of Trustees' December 6, 2014 Public Meeting**

Trustee Kean Jr. presented the resolution, and Chair Morell and opened the floor for questions by the Board. Following discussion, the resolution was moved, seconded and approved by the Board.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the board, Chair Morell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7 p.m.