

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 30, 2009
Room 214, Oscar Ritchie Hall**

Board Members Present

Stephen Colecchi
Dennis Eckart
Emilio Ferrara
Sandra Harbrecht
Patrick Mullin, Chair
Jane Murphy Timken
Brian Tucker
Jacqueline Woods
Gina Spencer
Erin West

KSU President's Cabinet Present

Lester A. Lefton, President
Robert Frank, Provost
Patricia Book
Eugene Finn
Gregg Floyd
Harold Goldsmith
Iris Harvey
Edward Mahon
Charlene Reed, Board Secretary
Willis Walker

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Patrick Mullin called the meeting to order at 10:50 a.m. Secretary Jacqueline Woods called the roll, and a quorum was present.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Mullin announced the Board had a need to meet in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing personnel matters, litigation involving the university, and collective bargaining, in accordance with Chapter 121.22, Section G of the *Ohio Revised Code*. Trustee Harbrecht moved, seconded by Trustee Tucker, that the Board retire into Executive Session. By virtue of a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. At 12:05 p.m., the executive session concluded and Chair Mullin announced the Board would recess for lunch.

The Board of Trustees reconvened at 2:00 p.m. for its public business meeting.

PROOF OF NOTICE

Chair Mullin announced that public notification of the meeting was given pursuant to Ohio law and University policy.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Hearing no changes, the agenda was approved by general consent.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2009, BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Hearing no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Board Chair Mullin thanked Dr. Fran Dorsey, faculty, staff and students of the Department of Pan-African Studies for hosting the Board meeting. After lunch, trustees toured the facility and learned more about the educational, cultural, and community-building activities that take place here, he said. Trustee Mullin observed that his last memory of Oscar Ritchie Hall was as a Kent State student on May 4, 1970. The building then served as the university's student center and he was in the building when Guardsmen ordered students to vacate the campus. Its name reflects Kent State's heritage and commitment to diversity and inclusion, as Oscar Ritchie became the first African-American faculty member at a public university in Ohio when he was hired at Kent State in 1947.

Trustee Mullin stated that the Board's guests for lunch included the Rev. Ronald J. Fowler, chair, and members of the President's Commission on Inclusion, which has issued its final report to Dr. Lefton. Trustees applaud this initiative and concur that Kent State's excellence, strength, and success require a strong commitment to diversity and an environment that is welcoming, affirming, and empowering to all people, he said.

On behalf of the Board and the university, he thanked Governor Strickland for his unwavering support for higher education. The Governor reiterated his support for higher education in his State of the State address on January 28. Trustee Mullin said he was encouraged that leaders at the state and national level not only are saying that education is key to our nation's future—they are acting upon it by investing in people and infrastructure. He acknowledged that investments in higher education come at some cost to other segments of the state budget, but he expressed confidence that higher education in general and Kent State in particular will continue to deliver needed results—vigorously and effectively.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Trustee Mullin asked President Lefton to give his report. Dr. Lefton reported that Spring 2009 enrollment is up at Kent and the regional campuses according to preliminary reports. The university's official enrollment will be calculated as the 15th day count, which occurs February 3. Other encouraging trends include improvement in the fall-to-spring retention rate across the eight campuses and significant growth in applications and admits for fall 2009, he said.

Dr. Lefton shared several recent examples of Kent State's excellence in action. Three faculty members received Spring 2009 Fulbright awards: Dr. Richard Aron, mathematical sciences, to the University of Dublin, Ireland; Dr. Kevin Floyd, English, to the Technical University of Dresden, Germany; and Dr. Evonne Whitmore, news and electronic media, to the Ahram Canadian University, Egypt. Professor Daniel Flannery, director of Kent State's Institute for the

Study and Prevention of Violence (ISPV), has been named to the U.S. Department of Education's Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Advisory Committee. Earlier in the week, CNN's Roland Martin served as keynote speaker for the university's Martin Luther King Day observance. The university's fashion school has been in the news lately, he said. Isabel Toledo, designer of Michelle Obama's inaugural dress, is featured exclusively in an online exhibit on the Kent State University Museum website and will return to KSU on February 19 as the Schroth Lecturer. Fashion major Sharon Dranko received national attention and a \$3,000 college scholarship by crafting award-winning prom attire from 134 rolls of Duck brand duct tape. In December, Kent State formally dedicated the Marantz collection of 21,000 children's books, and a new gift from the Thornbury family will create performing arts library in the Roe Green center. Coming soon is a speaking appearance by Trustee Colecchi, who will deliver the Pilliod Lecture on the topic of Northeast Ohio's future in health care.

He also shared several highlights in university research during the first six months of the fiscal year. As of December, external research funding stood at \$35 million, which compares to \$32 million received in all of 2008-09. Faculty set an all-time high mark for proposals in a one-month period. The university landed a world-renowned nanotechnology expert, Dr. Hiroshi Yokoyama, as its new Ohio Research Scholar. Also in December, Kent State signed a lease with the firm, AlphaMicron, bringing the Centennial Research Park to full occupancy. Its fellow tenant will be startup company, Pathogen Systems Inc. (PSI), which grew out of the collaborative research of Kent State and the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine and Pharmacy (NEOUCOM).

In terms of enrollment, expanded out-of-state recruitment appears to be bearing fruit as there now are 400 more out-of-state applications and 200 more admitted applicants compared to this time last year, he said. International student recruitment also is progressing, as illustrated by recent successes of the university's new China initiative. Agreements have been signed with 10 leading Chinese universities, producing 77 additional new Chinese students this year. Kent State recently joined King Saud Universities in Saudi Arabia in a three-year, \$3.4-million entrepreneurship education project. Dr. Lefton thanked Vice Provost Steve Michael for his leadership in expanding international programs, noting Dr. Michael will be missed when he becomes vice president for academic affairs and provost of Arcadia University on July 1.

Finally, President Lefton shared several recent initiatives that are contributing to the economic revitalization of Northeast Ohio. He thanked Trumbull Campus Dean Wanda Thomas for her leadership in creating the Fresh Start program, which is providing newly laid-off workers with full tuition scholarships for the spring semester. More than 100 people have enrolled in spring classes and another 50 have joined the Advanced Manufacturing Institute, a workforce training project funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Kent State's Cleveland Urban Design Center (KSU-CUDC) will become the first tenant of Cleveland's District of Design, when it moves to 1305 Euclid Avenue. Finally, Kent State is leading a \$500,000 Call to Action pilot project, sponsored by the Fund for Our Economic Future. The project seeks to demonstrate the effectiveness of collaborative government entities and to help collaborations gain public support. Project partners include Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Cuyahoga Community College, and Oberlin College.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

President Lefton asked Provost Frank to present the academic personnel actions and Vice President Walker to present the non-academic personnel actions.

ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

Provost Frank reported that the academic actions were routine in nature.

NON-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

Vice President Walker noted that the non-academic actions were routine.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing the personnel actions on the consent agenda.

REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Eckart noted that the External Relations and Development Committee heard two informational reports. First was a comprehensive presentation by Vice President Harvey regarding her first steps in revitalizing the role of the University Relations division. Second, trustees learned that fundraising continues to be strong in spite of the economic downturn. A total of \$26.3 million was raised in the first six months of the year, compared to \$9.6 million at this time last year. He commended Vice President Finn and his staff for their valiant efforts to sustain fundraising efforts in the midst of financial turmoil. There were no action items to report.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Sandra Harbrecht reported that the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee approved three action items for the Board's consideration and heard three informational reports.

CONFIRMATION OF DEGREES CONFERRED DECEMBER 13, 2008

She recommended Board approval of the conferral of 1,853 degrees awarded at the December 13, 2008 Commencement exercises.

Resolution 2009-1

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES December 13, 2008

WHEREAS, Section 3341.05 of The Revised Code of Ohio provides that "...On the recommendation of the (KSU) faculty, the (KSU) Board of Trustees may

confer such honorary and academic degrees as are customarily conferred by colleges and universities in the United States..."; and

WHEREAS, the Faculties, Deans and Directors of Kent State University's Colleges and Schools recommend that appropriate degrees be conferred on those Kent State students who completed, during the period August 16, 2008 to December 13, 2008, the various requirements of the respective programs of study they pursued; and

WHEREAS, the university has recognized completion of said programs of study by awarding diplomas as appropriate at a suitable time, during the period cited, upon such persons listed in the accompanying Summary of Candidates for Degrees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby confirms the conferral of their respective degrees upon those persons who have been officially recorded by the Kent State University Registrar as having completed the requirements during said period, August 16, 2008 to December 13, 2008.

ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Trustee Harbrecht asked trustees to approve a resolution endorsing continued development and ultimately the establishment of a College of Public Health at Kent State. The proposed college is consistent with the University System of Ohio strategic plan in that it will leverage Kent State's existing areas of excellence in accordance with the vision for higher education in Ohio, she noted. A College of Public Health at Kent State will expand education, research, service and economic opportunities across Northeast Ohio and the state, adding a critical component to the region's world-class health and medicine economic cluster.

Resolution 2009-2

ESTABLISHING A COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

WHEREAS, leading public health organizations including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Public Health Association (APHA) warn that a massive increase in the number of trained public health professionals is needed to avert a public health crisis within the next decade; and

WHEREAS, public health needs in the state of Ohio are particularly profound, given both an underproduction of trained public health professionals and the current state of the public's health as evidenced by a wide array of national statistics; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the University System of Ohio strategic plan, Kent State University is committed to leveraging its existing areas of excellence to provide the state of Ohio with a second accredited College of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation to establish the College of Public Health has been reviewed and approved by curricular bodies, the Educational Policies Council, the Faculty Senate, the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, establishing a College of Public Health by the Board of Trustees will enable the university administration and faculty to proceed with a multi-year, comprehensive implementation plan; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves establishing a College of Public Health, effective immediately.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUSIC TECHNOLOGY (MUST) MAJOR WITHIN
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM, STARK CAMPUS*

Trustee Harbrecht presented the third action item recommended by the committee: establishment of a Music Technology (MUST) major within the Bachelor of Science degree program on the Stark Campus. The degree will reside in the School of Music within the College of the Arts. Students enrolled in the program will be able to complete the degree fully at the Stark Campus or they may also elect to take courses at the Kent Campus. The curriculum is designed to prepare students in computer technology, recording applications, audio engineering, and music production. Students will develop instrumental and/or vocal skills through one-on-one lesson training, and ensemble rehearsal as well as performance experiences in contemporary and traditional music.

Resolution 2009-3

**ESTABLISHMENT OF MUSIC TECHNOLOGY (MUST) MAJOR WITHIN
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE PROGRAM, STARK CAMPUS**

WHEREAS the Music Technology major is being proposed in response to student interest in a new and growing field; and

WHEREAS, in the music industry, there is a high demand for technologically savvy individuals to work in a wide variety of venues; and

WHEREAS, no other state institution in northeastern Ohio offers such a degree program; and

WHEREAS, the degree program can be completed at the Stark Campus, but also offers students the opportunity to attend classes at the Kent Campus; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the Music Technology (MUST) major within the Bachelor of Science (BS) degree program on the Stark Campus has been reviewed and approved through the appropriate governance bodies in the College of the Arts, the Educational Policies Council, the Faculty Senate, and has the approval of the Provost and the President; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of the Music Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree program on the Stark Campus, effective the Fall 2009 semester.

Trustee Harbrecht noted that the committee also heard three informational reports: the inactivation of the high technology manufacturing technology major at the Trumbull Campus; highlights from the College of Arts and Sciences, delivered by Dean Timothy Moerland; and a regional development update, presented by Vice President Book.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee decision items on the consent agenda.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

On behalf of Committee Chair Andrew Banks, Trustee Mullin presented the report of the Finance and Administration Committee, noting that the group had eight recommendations for Board action.

PURCHASE OF ADAMS PROPERTY, CITY OF KENT

Trustee Mullin asked trustees to approve the purchase of property at 219 South Willow Street, City of Kent, for the appraised value of \$132,500. Land acquisition in this area of campus is needed to provide additional parking in support of the relocation of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication in Franklin Hall. Redevelopment in this area also is consistent with community plans to revitalize the area between the campus and downtown Kent.

Resolution 2009-04

PURCHASE OF THE ADAMS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, additional property in the area of South Willow Street is needed for future expansion of the university; and

WHEREAS, Parcel No. 17-024-40-00-162-000 is a .270 acre site owned by David M. and Amy L. Adams located at 219 South Willow Street, Kent, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Adams' have agreed to sell this parcel to Kent State University for the appraised value of \$132,500; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this site is consistent with the funds held by the university for investment in real estate near the Kent Campus; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the purchase of this parcel of land owned by David M. and Amy L. Adams, located in the City of Kent, 219 South Willow Street, for the sum of \$132,500.

PURCHASE OF AMERICAN RED CROSS PROPERTY, EAST LIVERPOOL

Trustee Mullin recommended Board approval of the purchase of properties owned by the American National Red Cross Corporation, located at 401 College Street, East Liverpool, for use by the East Liverpool Campus. The three properties, recently appraised at a value of \$98,500, will be purchased for \$75,000, he said. Through the purchase, the campus will be able to develop needed lab space for its occupational therapy assistant technology program.

Resolution 2009-5

PURCHASE OF AMERICAN RED CROSS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, funds are available for the purchase of the properties owned by the American National Red Cross Corporation located at 401 College Street, East Liverpool, Ohio 43920, Parcel ID 37-08296.000 and Parcel ID 37-05974.000; and

WHEREAS, the American National Red Cross Corporation properties have been appraised at \$98,500 and the American National Red Cross Corporation has agreed to sell these parcels to Kent State University for \$75,000; and

WHEREAS, the university finds it desirable to purchase these properties making it possible to provide needed lab space for its occupational therapy assistant technology program; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of authorization by the Board of Trustees to purchase the American National Red Cross Corporation properties, the required approvals will be sought from the State of Ohio; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the purchase of these parcels of land owned by the American National Red Cross Corporation, located in the City of East Liverpool, 401 College Street, for the sum of \$75,000.

PURCHASE OF AXE PROPERTY, CITY OF KENT

The committee also recommended approval of the purchase of property at 208 North Lincoln Street in Kent, at a cost of \$141,000, Trustee Mullin reported. The property, owned by Howard and Marsha Axe, is adjacent to other Kent State property and is needed to meet parking demand for the Front Campus.

Resolution 2009-6

PURCHASE OF THE AXE PROPERTY

WHEREAS, additional property in the area of North Lincoln Street, adjacent to Kent State University property, is needed for parking in support of Front Campus activities; and

WHEREAS, Parcel No. 17-024-33-00-132-000 is a .239 acre site owned by Howard and Marsha Axe, located at 208 North Lincoln Street, Kent, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, they have agreed to sell this parcel to Kent State University for the negotiated value of \$141,000; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the purchase of this parcel of land owned by Howard and Marsha Axe, located in the City of Kent, 208 North Lincoln Street, for the sum of \$141,000.

PURCHASE OF NICHOLS PROPERTY, CITY OF KENT

Trustee Mullin asked trustees to consider the purchase of property on South Willow Street in Kent, for the appraised value of \$155,000. The property, owned by David and Patricia Nichols, also adjoins other Kent State property along College and Willow Street. It will be used for additional parking in the near term and ultimately fits into plans for redevelopment in the area.

Resolution 2009-7

PURCHASE OF THE NICHOLS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, additional property in the area of South Willow Street is needed for future expansion of the university; and

WHEREAS, Parcel No. 17-024-40-00-163-000 is a .204 acre site owned by David and Patricia Nichols, located at 225 South Willow Street, Kent, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Nichols have agreed to sell this parcel to Kent State University for the appraised value of \$155,000; and

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this site is consistent with the funds held by the university for investment in real estate near the Kent Campus; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the purchase of this parcel of land owned by David and Patricia Nichols, located in the City of Kent, 225 South Willow Street, for the sum of \$155,000.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PROGRAM FEE FOR ONLINE BSN FOR RNS PROGRAM

Trustee Mullin presented the next action item recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee: approval of a special program fee for a newly developed online BSN for RNs program. He explained that this new online program has been developed to better serve the needs of working adults and to help alleviate a severe shortage of bachelor's degree-prepared nurses in the region, state, and nation. Approximately 20 students have already registered for the first online cohort, which began January 20. These students will be able to graduate in December 2010 because of the program's accelerated, flexible format. As a result of careful analysis of program costs as well as market considerations, it was recommended that a special program fee be established for the program at a rate of \$384 per credit hour, effective immediately.

Resolution 2009-8

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PROGRAM FEE FOR
ONLINE BSN FOR RNS PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, under Ohio law, the Board of Trustees is authorized to establish special program fees where necessary for the development and delivery of specific specialized academic programs; and

WHEREAS, effective Spring 2009, Kent State University is launching a fully online BSN for RNs program to better serve the needs of working registered nurses seeking an accelerated, convenient and affordable way to complete their undergraduate degrees; and

WHEREAS, a special program fee of \$384 per credit hour is recommended to cover the program's instructional and associated service costs; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the special program fee of \$384 per credit hour and implementation recommended for the online BSN for RNs program, effective immediately.

APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-01

Trustee Mullin asked Board members to approve the establishment of a new university policy regarding employment at Kent State University. The proposed rule is essentially an enabling policy that codifies the delegation of day-to-day employment operations to the Vice President for Human Resources, he said. The policy also implements an employee general code of conduct to assure a more efficient and orderly workplace.

Resolution 2009-9

APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-01

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Kent State University requires the university to maintain a register of policies and procedures (University Policy Register); and

WHEREAS, through powers provided by the Ohio Revised Code and the Constitution of Kent State University, the President has delegated to the vice president for human resources the responsibility for the development, implementation, and enforcement of the employment policies and practices at Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, such delegation has been in place for several years and is ingrained in the current University structure and operations; and

WHEREAS, several of the policies and procedures under the purview of employment are provided for in Chapter 6 of the University Policy Register; and

WHEREAS, University Policy 3342-6-01 provides the enumeration of these responsibilities through the enactment at the University Policy level while at the same time providing a clear delegation of authority; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby approves the adoption of University Policies 3342-6-01.

AMENDMENT OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-03

He recommended Board approval of proposed changes to the university's policy regarding unlawful discrimination and harassment. These amendments are needed to ensure university policies are up to date with recent legal decisions and also to provide additional protections for complaining parties as well as for accused parties.

Resolution 2009-10

AMENDMENT OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-03

WHEREAS, the Constitution of Kent State University requires the university to maintain a register of policies and procedures (University Policy Register); and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of Kent State University that there shall be no unlawful discrimination or unlawful harassment against any student, employee, or applicant for admission or employment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Kent State University through University Policy 3342-6-02 assigned responsibility and authority for administration of equal opportunity policies to the President, Vice President for Human Resources, and Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs; and

WHEREAS, University Policy 3342-6-03 outlines the application of the university's policy regarding unlawful discrimination and harassment toward members of protected classes"; and

WHEREAS, the current policy on sexual harassment should be revised to encompass "such conduct that is sufficiently severe, pervasive, or persistent" to align with the current legal environment and guidance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby approves the amendment to 3342-6-03.

REQUEST AND ACCEPTANCE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LAND

Chair Mullin presented the final action item— approval of a formal request and transfer of 57.5139 acres of land, located south of State Route 261 at Burnett Road, from the Ohio Department of Transportation. He noted that the land transfer was informally discussed and supported by trustees, but formal action was needed to complete the transaction. The property includes land formally dedicated as a wetland, which will be used by the university's biology department for wetland research. The remaining area could be used as overflow parking for special events at Dix Stadium, he said.

Resolution 2009-11

REQUEST AND ACCEPTANCE OF OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION LAND

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees discussed and informally supported request to the Ohio Department of Transportation for 57.5139 acres of land located south of State Route 261 at Burnett Road; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Vice President for Administration transmitted that request to the Ohio Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Transportation has now offered a deed to that land to Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, the university desires to formalize the request and accept the transfer; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby formally requests the transfer of 57.5139 acres of land located south of State Route 261 at Burnett Road; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board accepts the transfer of the property.

Trustee Mullin noted that the committee heard seven information reports: updates on administrative policy changes, human resources, information services, the ERP budget and progress report, expenditures, investment performance, and capital projects.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing the Finance and Administration Committee recommendations on the consent agenda.

ACTION: Trustee Harbrecht moved, seconded by Trustee Ferrara, that the consent agenda be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY MEDALLION

Board Chair Mullin called upon President Lefton to present his recommendations for the University Medallion. Dr. Lefton noted that he was delighted to recommend Walter and Robert Wick as candidates for the University Medallion.

Resolution 2009-12

**AWARDING OF UNIVERSITY MEDALLION TO
WALTER M. WICK AND ROBERT J. WICK**

WHEREAS, the University Medallion was created to honor those who have contributed significantly to the well-being of Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, for more than four decades the Wick Family has supported Kent State in many capacities ranging from the creation of the Milton I. Wick Scholarship in Journalism at Kent Trumbull, to the Stan and Tom Wick Memorial Poetry Prize, to the nationally renowned Wick Poetry Center; and

WHEREAS, Walter and Robert Wick have been steadfast supporters of aspiring and emerging poets, graduate students pursuing the Northeast Ohio collaborative master's degree in creative writing, talented children involved in the Wick Poetry Center's annual Giving Voice program, and all others who have benefitted from their long-term financial and philosophical commitment to the center; and

WHEREAS, Robert Wick had been a valued member of the faculty of the university's School of Art and today is a nationally known sculptor whose work has garnered awards throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the Wicks have been recognized by the Arizona Newspaper Hall of Fame for their commitment to their communities and for their devotion to community journalism; and

WHEREAS, their community service has included membership on the boards of Wick Communications, Inc. and the Arizona Community Foundation; and

WHEREAS, their philanthropy has been evidenced through their company and through the Walter M. Wick Family Foundation; and

WHEREAS, bestowing this honor upon the Walter and Robert Wick is particularly fitting in this 25th anniversary year of the Wick Poetry Center, which has impacted the lives of thousands of students, poetry fans, faculty, and members of the Northeast Ohio community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Citation and Recognition Committee, with the full concurrence of the President, hereby awards the University Medallion to Walter M. Wick and Robert J. Wick for their immeasurable contributions to Kent State University.

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO GEORGE E. STEVENS

Chair Mullin asked Trustee Harbrecht to present the resolution of appreciation to George E. Stevens, who provided exceptional leadership as dean of the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Management from 1995 until October 20, 2008.

Resolution 2009-13

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO GEORGE E. STEVENS

WHEREAS, Dr. George E. Stevens joined Kent State University as Dean of the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Management in June 1995; and

WHEREAS, for Dean Stevens it was a sentimental journey of sorts—returning to lead the Kent State college where he earned his doctorate in business administration; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Management has provided literally thousands of undergraduate and graduate students with a high-quality education, developed nationally recognized programs such as the master's in financial engineering, established a center for entrepreneurship, forged new combined degrees in collaboration with other niche programs at Kent State, among other accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stevens has established himself as a respected scholar and as a national leader in the arena of business school accreditation, ensuring that individual programs and the profession as a whole adhere to the highest of professional standards; and

WHEREAS, he has provided devoted service to the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the Beta Gamma Honor Society's Board of Governors, which he currently leads as president; and

WHEREAS, Dean Stevens gives generously of his time and talents to help others reach their goals, whether expanding opportunities for students, supporting colleges and universities in their quest for accreditation, or cheering his beloved Golden Flashes to victory; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his exceptional professional contributions and university citizenship, the faculty of the College of Business Administration and Graduate School of Management recommended that he be awarded the title of Dean Emeritus upon his return to full-time teaching on October 20, 2008; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees expresses gratitude to Dr. George Stevens for his significant contributions to the enrichment of students, the development of the College of Business Administration and the Graduate School of Management, and the advancement of Kent State University, and wishes him well in his return to faculty life; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby bestows upon Dr. Stevens the title of Dean Emeritus, effective immediately.

ACTION: Trustee Tucker moved, seconded by Dr. Ferrara, that the recommendations be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.

There was no additional new business to come before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Woods moved, seconded by Trustee Timken, that the meeting be adjourned. On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.