

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
December 15, 2010
Urban Conference Room**

Board Members Present

Stephen Colecchi
Margot J. Copeland
Dennis Eckart
Emilio Ferrara
Patrick Mullin
Katherine O'Brien
Lawrence Pollock
Brady Ruffer
Jane Murphy Timken
Jacqueline Woods, Chair

KSU President's Cabinet

Lester A. Lefton, President
Alfreda Brown
Eugene Finn
Gregg Floyd
Robert Frank
Iris Harvey
Greg Jarvie
Ed Mahon
Joel Nielsen
Charlene Reed, Board Secretary
Willis Walker

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Patrick Mullin called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. Secretary Jane Murphy Timken called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PROOF OF NOTICE

Chair Mullin stated that public notification was given pursuant to state law and university policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Mullin announced the Board had a need to meet in Executive Session for the purposes of personnel, real estate, legal, and collective bargaining matters in accordance with Chapter 121.22, Section G of the *Ohio Revised Code*. Trustee Eckart moved, seconded by Trustee Pollock, that the Board retire into Executive Session. By virtue of a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. At 11:00 a.m., the session concluded and Chair Mullin declared the meeting in recess for committee meetings.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board of Trustees reconvened for the business portion of the meeting at 2:05 p.m. Chair Mullin then turned the meeting over to incoming Chair Jacqueline Woods, stating that he was thankful for the opportunity to serve as Chair the previous two years. Trustee Mullin noted

further that he had great confidence in Trustee Woods' ability to continue to move Kent State forward. With that, Chair Woods thanked Trustee Mullin for his kind words and for his service to the university. She then asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by general consent.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Chair Woods asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2010. Hearing no corrections, the minutes were approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON

Chair Woods noted for the record the installation of 2010-2011 officers: Trustee Jane Murphy Timken as Vice Chair and Trustee Dennis Eckart as Secretary. She announced leadership of Board committees as follows: Trustee Eckart, Chair of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee; Trustee Patrick Mullin, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Audit Committee; and Trustee Lawrence Pollock, Chair of the External Relations and Development Committee. Trustee Jane Timken also will serve as the Board's representative to the Kent State University Foundation Board, she stated.

Chair Woods then turned to the external environment in which the university exists, congratulating all those who won election to public office in 2010, including newly elected Gov. John Kasich. The Board looks forward to working with Governor Kasich and the General Assembly in the coming year, she said. Chair Woods then thanked outgoing Gov. Ted Strickland for his support of higher education and the role it plays in the state economy.

On behalf of the Board, she congratulated the administration, faculty, staff and students for a highly successful fall semester, which saw record enrollments and path-breaking accomplishments. Kent State was recognized by the *Times of London* as one of the top 200 universities in the world and by *U.S. News and World Reports* as one of the best national universities, she noted. Also, Chair Woods observed that among Northeast Ohio universities, Kent State enrolls more veterans. As the university's centennial year came to a close, she noted that Kent State is looking toward the next 100 years dedicated to student success, serving our communities, and continuing the momentum gained this fall.

Chair Woods remarked that Trustee O'Brien and she would be on hand for the winter commencement exercises, congratulating the university's newest 1,982 graduates on behalf of the Board. Commencement is the high point of the academic year, she noted, and an opportunity for trustees to see the product of everyone's hard work. She then announced commencement speakers: Andre Thornton, President and CEO of ASW Global, and Terry Scott, Global Head of Creative Brand Services & Cake Mix Studios, Hasbro, Inc.

Chair Woods then commented upon the annual external audit of the financial statements of the university. While Trustee Mullin will give a detailed report from the Audit Committee, she was pleased to note that the outside auditors again issued an unqualified report for the fiscal year

ending June 30, 2010. Chair Woods remarked that along with its responsibilities for educational quality, the Board must ensure the fiscal integrity of the institution. She congratulated President Lefton and his staff for the outstanding results.

Chair Woods then asked President Lefton to give his report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Lefton began his report on Intercollegiate Athletics by stating that the current “bowl mania” seemed like an ideal time to talk about the subject.

He remarked that the university’s excellence agenda demands excellence in all areas, including intercollegiate athletics. He stated further that his presentation would focus on the national athletic scene, how Kent State measures up, and how the university can optimize its value proposition. President Lefton continued by saying that he believes Kent State has the right values, manages the athletic program carefully in a rapidly changing environment, and all things considered is in the right place competitively.

Like Kent State overall, Intercollegiate Athletics had its best year ever in 2010, he said. In terms of leadership the department saw a seamless transition from retiring athletic director Laing Kennedy to Joel Nielsen. Kent State also won the conference’s Reese and Jacoby trophies and was named the Excellence in Management Cup National Champion for running the most economically efficient athletic department in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS). Kent State student-athletes are excelling in their studies, posting impressive Graduation Success Rates (GSRs) as well as Academic Performance Rates (APRs). President Lefton continued his praise by showing that Kent State student-athletes donated \$30,000 and hundreds of hours of volunteer service. Athletic fundraising was on pace to exceed FY10 totals and the program boasts an important impact on the local economy. He added, that Kent State football met the NCAA attendance requirement due in large part to the successful 90KSU campaign. President Lefton wrapped up his good news by showing several prominent former Golden Flashes who now play their sports professionally.

President Lefton then turned his attention to where Intercollegiate Athletics fits in terms of the university as a whole, and when compared to national trends. He continued by showing how the Mid-American Conference (MAC) compares to total expenses and generated revenues of FBS institutions. He noted that while Kent State leads the MAC in performance, it trails on key financial metrics, including revenues generated.

Nationally the field is very much in flux, he said. There are growing concerns about athletic priorities and finances, he noted, pointing to the recent reports of the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics. Kent State is meeting each of the three major recommendations from the Knight Commission report, including greater transparency, making academic values a priority, and treating athletes as students, he said. President Lefton continued by pointing out the large increases in revenues

among the nation's six power conferences, and that growth in spending among the top 10 institutions is unprecedented and likely to continue.

President Lefton then turned the presentation over to Director of Athletics Joel Nielsen. Mr. Nielsen discussed the department's strategy map as it relates to academic achievement and student success. He remarked that national athletic exposure has significant impact on an institution like Kent State, pointing to increases in student applications and enrollment at colleges where teams have excelled. He discussed the department's strategy map as it relates to resource development, noting the university's goal is to increase revenue from external fundraising and ticket sales. He concluded his remarks by discussing the football enhancement program and the goals the department has set to ensure the program is competitive.

President Lefton summed up by stating that he has concluded that Kent State does have the right values, manages carefully in a rapidly changing environment, and all things considered seems to be in the right place competitively. He then opened the floor for questions.

Trustee Mullin asked Mr. Nielsen if it was true that his commitment to beat Alabama next year is a top priority. Mr. Nielsen replied that that was the very reason he scheduled the contest! Trustee Eckart then remarked that 415 student-athletes seems to be relatively low when compared to the total student body. He asked how many students participate in sports, adding team, club sports, intramurals, and other team sports and recreation leagues at Kent State. Vice President Jarvie replied that close to 250 students participate in club sports on campus, and thousands of students play intramural sports. Trustee Eckart then observed that intercollegiate athletics and intramural athletics seem to reinforce each other. President Lefton noted that the university has invested heavily in sports and recreation, pointing to new fields that will replace the small group housing on campus. Vice President Jarvie added that Mr. Nielsen and his staff have been gracious with facility usage for intramurals. Trustee Copeland commented that Boise State has grown to a national brand of late, and she asked Mr. Nielsen what ingredients go into producing such success. Mr. Nielsen replied that investing in people is key, facility upgrades, and making a continuous investment in the program. Chair Woods then asked Mr. Nielsen how philosophies differ between an institution like Kent State and a top 12 athletic institution. He said spending at those top institutions is rising at such a rate that other colleges do not have an opportunity to catch up. He said one prediction is the top six conferences will break off into their own enterprise; however, the likelihood of this in the near term seems very small, he said. Trustee Eckart asked if Kent State was offering the right sports with regard to geographic traditions in Northeast Ohio. Mr. Nielsen responded that he was confident Kent State is offering the right mix of sports. Trustee Copeland observed that over the years Ohio State has done an excellent job leveraging Archie Griffin's brand. She wanted to know what the leadership's thoughts were about leveraging pro Kent alumni. Mr. Nielsen replied the department is actively reaching out to Kent State professional alums, citing the example of the Josh Cribbs Day held during the 2010 football season.

Chair Woods thanked President Lefton and Director Nielsen for their reports and asked Dr. Lefton to move to the personnel actions.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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

ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

Provost Frank reported the emeriti recommendations, and that the remaining 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.

Chair Woods then called on Trustee Lawrence Pollock for the External Relations and Development Committee report.

REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Pollock reported that the External Relations and Development Committee met that afternoon to discuss the proposed naming of the George Jenkins and Jim Phelan Hall of Fame Plaza at Dix Stadium. In addition the committee received an update on the Centennial Campaign, and heard a proposal for an All-Boards Leadership Retreat to be held in 2011. Trustees also received a report from Government Relations on the 2010 elections and the university's strategy moving forward, he noted.

NAMING OF THE GEORGE JENKINS AND JIM PHELAN HALL OF FAME PLAZA

On behalf of the committee, Trustee Pollock recommended one item for placement on the consent agenda. The Department of Intercollegiate Athletics proposed the naming of the plaza in the south end zone of Dix Stadium in honor of George Jenkins, a former member of the Kent State University Board of Trustees and Jim Phelan, a member of the university's National Athletic Development Council. Their support of KSU athletics is longstanding and widely appreciated by the students, student-athletes, faculty, staff and fans, he said.

Resolution 2010-71

**NAMING OF THE GEORGE JENKINS AND JIM PHELAN
HALL OF FAME PLAZA AT DIX STADIUM**

WHEREAS, Kent State alumni George Jenkins and Jim Phelan have provided the lead gifts of \$250,000 and \$150,000 respectively, to assist in funding the Kent State University Football Enhancement Plan; and

WHEREAS, the south end zone facility at Dix Stadium will recognize former Kent State football student-athletes who have retired jerseys, have played in the NFL, or have been inducted into the university's Varsity "K" Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, the facility will play a key role in the successful reconnection and cultivation of former student-athletes and alumni alike in the hopes of garnering long-term philanthropic support; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, on behalf of Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the many former student-athletes and alumni who will benefit from this valuable resource, expresses sincere appreciation to George Jenkins and Jim Phelan for their generosity and years of dedicated service to their alma mater; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names the new George Jenkins and Jim Phelan Hall of Fame Plaza at Dix Stadium in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Trustee Pollock concluded his report of the External Relations and Development Committee.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing the proposed naming on the consent agenda.

Chair Woods then called upon Trustee Dennis Eckart for the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee report.

**REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS
COMMITTEE**

Trustee Eckart reported that the committee met, and recommended four resolutions for Board approval.

Trustee Eckart recommended Board approval of a resolution that confers the appropriate degrees on those Kent State students who completed – during the period of May 16, 2010 to August 21, 2010 – the various requirements of the respective programs of study they pursued.

Resolution 2010-72

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
August 21, 2010**

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 May 16, 2010 to August 21, 2010 – 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 May 16, 2010 to August 21, 2010.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CENTER FOR NUTRITION OUTREACH

Trustee Eckart brought forth a resolution establishing a Center for Nutrition Outreach. He explained the reason behind the name change was to allow the existing program to better promote its services and to expand research and service opportunities.

Resolution 2010-73

**ESTABLISHMENT OF A CENTER FOR NUTRITION OUTREACH IN
THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval for the establishment of a Center for Nutrition Outreach from the Nutrition Outreach Program; and

WHEREAS, the Nutrition Outreach Program was begun in 2002 as a service to the university, providing free nutrition education programming for students, faculty, and staff; and

WHEREAS, the program currently serves 6,000 individuals across Portage, Summit, and Stark counties in collaboration with the Portage County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, elevating the program into a center will help increase its visibility and demonstrate to external funders the center's official structure within Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, no other Kent State centers provide the nutrition education and wellness services available through the program; and

WHEREAS, the proposed establishment has been reviewed and approved through the Educational Policies Council and the Faculty Senate, and also has the endorsement of the Provost and the President; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of a Center for Nutrition Outreach in the College of Education, Health and Human Services, effective Spring 2011.

REVISION OF THE NAME OF COMMUNICATIONS STUDIES MAJOR

Trustee Eckart recommended approval of a resolution renaming the Communications Studies major to Communications and Information within the Doctor of Philosophy degree.

**REVISION OF THE NAME OF THE COMMUNICATION STUDIES
MAJOR TO COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION
WITHIN THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Communication and Information seeks approval for the revision of the name of the Communication Studies major to Communication and Information, within the Doctor of Philosophy degree; and

WHEREAS, the name change reflects the new college-level administrative home and interdisciplinary focus of the program within the College of Communication and Information; and

WHEREAS, Communication and Information as the name of the degree program will be more marketable to students drawn to the program's interdisciplinary offerings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name change has been reviewed and approved by the College of Communication and Information, the Educational Policies Council and the Faculty Senate, and also has the endorsement of the Provost and the President; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revision of the name of the Communication Studies major to Communication and Information within the Doctor of Philosophy Degree, effective Fall 2011.

REVISION OF THE NAME OF ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR

Trustee Eckart recommended approval of a resolution renaming the Environmental Technology major within the Associate of Applied Science degree to Environmental Health and Safety.

Resolution 2010-75

**REVISION OF THE NAME OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL
TECHNOLOGY MAJOR TO ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND
SAFETY WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the Regional College seeks approval of the revision of the name of the Environmental Technology major to Environmental Health and Safety within the Associate of Applied Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the three new concentrations of Environmental Technology, Environmental Safety and Security, and Occupational Health and Industrial Hygiene will be established to better address the career demands in environmental technology; and

WHEREAS, the revision of the name of the Environmental Technology major to Environmental Health and Safety better reflects the flexibility offered by the new concentrations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision has been reviewed and approved by the Regional College, the Educational Policies Council and the Faculty Senate, and also has the endorsement of the Provost and the President; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revision of the name of the Environmental Technology major to Environmental Health and Safety within the Associate of Applied Science degree, effective Fall 2011.

Trustee Eckart then commented on the discussion topics brought forth at the committee meeting, stating that they were particularly relevant. Provost and Senior Vice President Frank gave the committee a presentation regarding how to refocus the College of Technology, with the goal of creating a viable niche and fostering economic growth of the community. Trustee Eckart continued by saying that without a doubt, job opportunities in fields such as sustainability, construction management and industrial engineering would be increasingly valuable in attracting and retaining students. In the view of the committee, this vision is bold thinking in uncertain times, he said. He remarked that uncertainty does not mean retreat from the proposal, but the committee would like the provost and senior administration to make sure they are placing it among the calculus of current economic realities.

Trustee Eckart stated that the committee also received a presentation on the College of Business Administration from Dean Yank Heisler. The committee felt that Dean Heisler's presence and work have helped to revitalize the college and its relevance in field, he said. In addition, the committee also received a 2011 enrollment preview from Vice President Greg Jarvie. Trustee Eckart noted that the committee had positive reviews, particularly in regard to the planned Kaizen event to make student enrollment, admission and financial processes more user-friendly.

Trustee Eckart concluded his report of the Academic Excellence and Student Success committee.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing the management decision items on the consent agenda.

Chair Woods then called upon Trustee Patrick Mullin for the reports of the Audit Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Trustee Mullin reported that the Audit Committee met with members of the external auditing firm Plante & Moran to discuss the fiscal year 2010 audit of Kent State University. Once again, the university's financial statements received a clean audit opinion. In addition, Trustee Mullin said he was pleased to report that no management discussion items were brought forward. The Audit Committee wished to acknowledge the great work of the finance staff and internal auditor on this clean audit, he said.

The committee also reviewed the first quarter report of the fiscal year 2011 Internal Audit Activities, he reported.

That concluded the report of the Audit Committee.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Mullin reported that the Finance and Administration Committee also met and considered five board decision items in addition to information items that were routine in nature. The committee also was informed about changes in two administrative policies. Administrative Policy 3342-6-07.3 was updated to add executive officer approval to job reclassifications prior to sustaining an increase in job scope or salary levels for classified, non-bargaining employees. The changes made to Administrative Policy 3342-6-08.1 add appointing authority approval to job reclassifications prior to sustaining an increase in job scope or salary level when an administrative and professional salaried employee is determined to be working out of his or her classification, he said.

CONSIDERATION OF PROPERTY PURCHASES, CITY OF KENT

Trustee Mullin brought forth a resolution seeking approval to purchase three properties within the general area of planned extension of the university Esplanade. These three properties have high strategic value to the university and funds are available for these purchases, he said.

Resolution 2010-76

PURCHASE OF LISS, DUBOIS, AND HEIMAN PROPERTIES, CITY OF KENT

WHEREAS, Kent State University has identified areas of interest for the expansion of the Kent Campus for purposes of enhancing the academic, athletic, recreational, and residential programs as well as extending the Esplanade into downtown Kent; and

WHEREAS, the properties owned by the individuals, as noted below, are available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the properties listed below have been appraised by an independent appraiser at the values noted, which is equal to the purchase price in each case; and

WHEREAS, a sufficient balance is currently available in the university's real estate fund for these acquisitions; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of authorization by the Board of Trustees to purchase the properties listed below, 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 authorize the Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the purchase of these parcels of land owned by the individuals, addresses, and purchase prices as noted, for the total sum of \$390,000.

List of Properties for Purchase

<u>Name of Owner</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>
1. Sylvia Liss	330 Erie St	17-024-40-00-048-000	0.090	\$180,000
2. Pierre Dubois	Vacant land, Erie St	17-024-40-00-055-000; 17-024-40-00-054-000	0.100	\$10,000
3. Christopher & Robin Heiman	204 South Willow St	17-024-40-00-047-000	0.120	\$200,000

MUSIC AND SPEECH CENTER PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS

Trustee Mullin recommended Board approval of the renovation of the Music and Speech Center parking lot on the Kent Campus. This project will rehabilitate the 40-year-old parking lot, which provides parking for commuter students, faculty, staff and visitors to the Music and Speech Center, Nixon Hall, and several residence halls in the area. This project also will include energy savings through the installation of high efficiency lighting.

Resolution 2010-77

MUSIC AND SPEECH CENTER PARKING LOT RENOVATIONS

WHEREAS, the parking facilities serving the Music and Speech building, including the new Roe Green performance facility, have deteriorated over a 40-year life, and the lot is illuminated by antiquated and insufficient lighting mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project also will include the rehabilitation of lighting, parking lot pavement, curbs, walks, and asphalt surfaces as well as improve pedestrian circulation through the lot; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction of this project will follow all state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, local funds in the amount of \$1.6 million will be used to renovate the existing parking area at the Music and Speech Center; 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 the design and construction of this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

LAKE AND OLSON ELEVATOR REPLACEMENTS

Trustee Mullin recommended Board approval to replace the elevators in Lake and Olson halls on the Kent Campus. Built in 1961, the halls still utilize the original elevators and equipment. The new elevators will be larger, providing ADA access to the upper floor levels, as well as improved access for moving furniture and accommodating gurneys in emergency situations, he said.

Resolution 2010-78

LAKE AND OLSON HALLS ELEVATOR REPLACEMENTS

WHEREAS, the original 1961 elevators are still in use at Lake and Olson halls and are inadequate to address current needs including Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) access to upper floor levels; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will allow for larger elevators and provide needed ADA access to upper floors; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction of this project will follow all state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, local funds in the amount of \$1,575,000 will be used to construct a new four-story masonry hoist-way for each building and install a new four-stop elevator; 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 the design and construction of this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

LOOP ROAD RECREATIONAL FIELD IMPROVEMENTS

Trustee Mullin then brought forth a resolution seeking approval to improve the Loop Road Recreation Fields to create a large recreation zone on campus in close proximity to the Student Recreation and Wellness Center, the Ice Arena and the Allerton Sports Complex. The project will include illumination of the recreation fields, he said. The

proposed improvements will take place on the site of the former Small Group housing, which was demolished in 2008.

Resolution 2010-79

**LOOP ROAD RECREATION FIELDS AND RELATED
PARKING IMPROVEMENTS**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the Department of Recreational Services to demonstrate excellence in recreation, wellness and educational opportunities through dynamic and innovative programs, first-class facilities and superior customer service to students, faculty, staff and community members; and

WHEREAS, insufficient multisport fields, tennis courts, and basketball facilities are available to meet student needs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will include two natural grass fields, tennis courts, irrigation system, field lighting, pedestrian lighting, sidewalks, landscaping and an additional parking area; and

WHEREAS, adjacent parking improvements will be needed to address student and staff parking demands; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction of this project will follow all state laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, local funds in the amount of \$1,115,000 will be used to improve the overall area of the Loop Road Recreation Fields; 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 the

design and construction of this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

*APPROVAL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT, REGIONAL
CAMPUSES*

Trustee Mullin asked the Trustees to approve a comprehensive energy conservation project for five regional campuses. An agreement with The Brewer-Garrett Company to perform the project will enable the campuses to meet energy reduction goals required by House Bill 251.

Resolution 2010-80

**APPROVAL OF ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT
(ASHTABULA, EAST LIVERPOOL, GEAUGA, SALEM, AND
TRUMBULL CAMPUSES)**

WHEREAS, energy conservation measures are required to reach the House Bill 251 20% energy reduction goal by FY 2014; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University publicly solicited proposals for a design-build energy conservation project for the Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, and Trumbull campuses; and

WHEREAS, the solicitation and evaluation were completed in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3345.761-3345.65; and

WHEREAS, the selection team has reviewed and validated the proposals, and has selected The Brewer-Garrett Company to perform the design-build contract; and

WHEREAS, the project will be self-funded from energy savings within a maximum of 15 years for each campus; and

WHEREAS, the contractor will be responsible for any costs that do not meet the projected savings; and

WHEREAS, the design and implementation of this project will follow all state laws and regulations; 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 this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

Trustee Mullin concluded his report of the Finance and Administration Committee.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing the management decision items on the consent agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR PATRICK S. MULLIN

Chair Woods presented a framed resolution of appreciation for outgoing Board Chair Patrick Mullin. In addition to the resolution below, President Lefton also presented him with a personalized game-day Kent State football jersey as a token of the university's appreciation of his leadership.

Resolution 2010-81

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO PATRICK S. MULLIN

WHEREAS, Patrick S. Mullin was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Kent State University by Governor Bob Taft on June 13, 2003; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure Trustee Mullin has devoted extraordinary time, effort and passion to the stewardship of his beloved alma mater; and

WHEREAS, he is completing a two-year term as Board Chair with the formal passing of the gavel to Trustee Jacqueline F. Woods at the Board's December 15, 2010 meeting; and

WHEREAS, he has provided inspired leadership in an extraordinary time in the university's history, which has included celebration of its Centennial; the formal launch and remarkable success to date of the \$250-million Centennial Campaign; the approval of a new strategic plan and strategy map for Kent State; the development of and advocacy for a bold and comprehensive plan of improvements to university academic facilities and expansion of educational opportunities across the regional campuses; the creation of a cabinet-level officer and division of diversity, equity and inclusion; and other accomplishments too numerous to cite here; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Mullin—a Kent State student on May 4, 1970—was in the role of Board Chair for the momentous occasion of May 4, 2010, when he participated in the dedication of the May 4 walking tour and the site's National Register of Historic Places marker, a designation that was studied and supported by resolution of the board; and

WHEREAS, Chair Mullin has made engagement with students a hallmark of his tenure, seeing that students were invited to interact with trustees regularly and their issues and well-being were of utmost importance in the deliberations and agendas of the Board of Trustees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees expresses its sincere gratitude to Patrick S. Mullin for his superb commitment and contributions as Chair of the Board of Trustees, September 2008 through this day.

ACTION: Trustee Colecchi moved, seconded by Trustee Eckart, that the resolution be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Woods announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees will occur March 9, 2011, at the Kent Campus in Kent, Ohio. On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.