

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
March 16, 2010  
Urban Conference Room**

**Board Members Present**

Dennis Eckart  
Emilio Ferrara  
Patrick Mullin, Chair  
Katherine O'Brien  
Lawrence Pollock  
Jane Murphy Timken  
Brian Tucker  
Erin West  
Jacqueline Woods

**KSU President's Cabinet Present**

Lester A. Lefton, President  
Alfreda Brown  
Eugene Finn  
Gregg Floyd  
Iris Harvey  
Greg Jarvie  
Charlene Reed, Board Secretary  
Willis Walker  
John West

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Board Chair Patrick Mullin called the meeting to order at 8:06 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 discussing personnel matters, potential litigation, and real estate matters, in accordance with Chapter 121.22, Section G of the *Ohio Revised Code*. Trustee Tucker moved, seconded by Trustee Eckart, that the Board retire into Executive Session. By virtue of a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. At 9:25 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 at 2:00 p.m. Chair Mullin then asked if there were any additional changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by general consent.

**DISPOSITION OF MINUTES**

Chair Mullin asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2009. Trustee Woods made one spelling correction, and the minutes were approved by general consent.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Chair Mullin opened his report with thanks to Congressman Tim Ryan and congratulations to university and city leaders upon receipt of a \$20-million federal grant for construction of a new multi-modal transportation center in downtown Kent. He said plans to transform downtown Kent have been discussed since he was a Kent State student in 1970, and it is great to see these dreams coming to life in 2010.

Next, Chair Mullin commented on the listing of the May 4, 1970 site on the National Register of Historic Places. He noted that a new walking tour, narrated by civil rights activist Julian Bond, would open May 3, 2010. He invited all present to join to attend the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

He then extended congratulations to Trustee Emilio Ferrara, on behalf of the Board, who received the 2010 Distinguished Alumni Award from the Varsity "K" Association. Chair Mullin also congratulated KSU student-athletes and teams who had highly successful seasons within the Mid-American Conference (MAC) this winter. He offered best wishes to the men's basketball team, who were to host a first-round game of the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) against the University of Tulsa the following day (March 17, 2010).

Chair Mullin reminded trustees that at the previous meeting they had expressed hope that the Ohio General Assembly would support placing renewal of the Third Frontier initiative on the May ballot. This move was approved with bipartisan support, and so a resolution of support for State Issue 1 will be brought before the Board under New Business. The Third Frontier initiative has produced impressive results, he said, for example, supporting creation of a whole new industry around liquid crystal flexible displays in Kent and Northeast Ohio.

Spring Commencement will be held on May 15, 2010, and he noted that Undergraduate Student Trustee Erin West would be graduating at that time. Chair Mullin then announced the names of two distinguished Kent State alumni who have agreed to serve as speakers: Barry Fetterman, retired investment banker and chair of the Kent State University Foundation Board of Directors, Mark Ford, publisher of Sports Illustrated. He encouraged all Board members to attend if their schedules permitted.

In closing, Chair Mullin spoke on the subject of trustee service. He noted that Trustee Colecchi later in the meeting would update trustees on plans to increase communication between the Ohio Board of Regents and institutional boards of trustees. He went on to say that he, along with trustees Banks, Colecchi, and Eckart serve on a project oversight committee that is engaged in the development of the Kent Campus facilities improvement plan. He announced that trustees Woods, Colecchi, O'Brien, and Pollock would be representing Kent State at a meeting of Northeast Ohio trustees and business leaders later in the month. Kent State also will be recognized at the 2010 National Conference on Trusteeship, as he and Board Secretary Reed will be presenting on the university's all-boards leadership retreat in June 2009. Finally, he encouraged trustees to attend a special luncheon at the Statehouse Atrium on May 19, 2010, celebrating the centennial of both Kent State and Bowling Green State University.

Chair Mullin then asked President Lefton to give his report.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Lefton opened his report with recent good news items. At the top of the list is the \$20-million federal grant to support the downtown Kent Central Gateway mentioned earlier by Chair Mullin. Once again, the Kent, Stark, and Tuscarawas campuses were named to the President's Community Service Honor Roll, which is the highest recognition a university can receive for its commitment to service learning. Kent State also was named as a Tree Campus USA University for the second straight year. President Lefton then spoke about the new LGBTQ Student Center, which opened in March. Kent State researchers, working in collaboration with the Brookhaven Laboratory and peers, contributed to significant discoveries this year as well, he said. He then concluded the good-news portion of his report by congratulating winter sports teams for their athletic accomplishments.

President Lefton then turned his attention to the regional campuses. He began by sharing the strategic vision for the regional campuses, and explaining the large footprint they create. Kent State's regional campuses serve a diverse population, and many have roots spanning as much as 60 years in their communities. Each of the campuses, he said, has made significant contributions to the local economy as well as to the Kent Campus and the Kent State system as a whole. He added that 13% of the students at the regional campuses ultimately transfer to the Kent campus.

Regional campuses, he continued, are exemplars of community and economic development partnerships. They engage students in a unique way, and fulfill the needs of the students they serve. Their student bodies are growing, and they are slowly changing their enrollment mix to increase the number of upper division and graduate students served, he said.

President Lefton stated that while the action steps are still under discussion, the university's overall vision is clear. He outlined several strategic areas of focus, and spoke about the goals for regional campuses over the next five years.

He then asked the regional campus deans in attendance to stand and introduce themselves, and asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Eckart had two observations. First, he noted that, often because of their unique local characteristics and economies, many of the regional campus communities lack a culture of going to college, an "aspiration gap" as he put it. He then noted statistics about Ashtabula's three main school districts, and the relatively low proportion of students who ultimately enroll in college. He then asked President Lefton and the regional deans what Kent State could possibly do to help reverse this trend.

President Lefton commented that he has spoken with Chancellor Fingerhut, along with other university presidents, that a marketing campaign is needed in Ohio, one that would seek to increase awareness of the benefits of college attendance, particularly in areas of Ohio where college participation rates are not as strong because students in the past were able to go directly

into jobs in industry or agriculture, for example. He added that in his opinion, such conversations should begin during elementary school, setting the expectation of college at an early age.

Dean Gregg Andrew of the Tuscarawas campus noted that college attendance is a problem in his region as well, with only 12% of the local population holding a baccalaureate degree, which is below Ohio's average. For the last decade, the Tuscarawas campus has engaged in eighth grade visits, but Dean Andrews agreed with the President that such a dialogue should begin at an earlier age. However, it's often difficult to get access to students because of all the mandates and goals the various school districts are trying to meet, he said.

Interim Dean Ruth Capasso of the Stark campus said the campus has a middle childhood education program, which brings children to campus beginning in the sixth grade. She noted that Stark County has a very strong education service center, which promotes college participation very aggressively across the county through dual credit.

President Lefton then asked Dean Sue Stocker of the Ashtabula campus to explain her institution's remarkable increase in enrollment. She responded by saying that the increase was due in part to the new programs and facilities on campus, which translate into jobs for the students. She added that another reason is because individuals don't have jobs and are realizing the need to further their education in this economy.

Trustee Eckart suggested that Kent State, because of its broad footprint and wide-ranging communities served, may be uniquely positioned to create a model within the regional communities addressing these needs. He added that while the next state budget will be difficult, there is already talk of \$200-million in funding for internships and mentorships. President Lefton observed that it takes a long-term view on the part of legislators, chancellors, and others starting with fourth graders and following them through their schooling. Everyone wants the quick fix, he said, by offering dual credit at the high school level, but what's needed is a culture change and that takes a community effort. He added that students must also be prepared for college, which is a topic U.S. Secretary of Education Arnie Duncan has raised.

Referring to the statistic that 13% of regional campus students ultimately transfer to the Kent campus, Trustee Tucker asked if the university knows from which campuses students come. Dean Stocker said Ashtabula accounts for maybe 2% of that total, as most students are placebound and cannot travel the distance to Kent on a daily basis. Thus, students either transfer to local institutions or do not complete a bachelor's degree. President Lefton agreed that geography plays a large role in this transfer activity, noting that most of the students who transfer to the Kent campus come from the Stark campus. The Twinsburg Center also accounts for a large number of transfers, he said. In response to a question by Trustee Tucker, Dean Stocker said the best way to serve these students is to increase baccalaureate offerings at the regional campuses. Dean Andrews concurred, noting that a local study within the past few years found that if students in his area didn't get their degree at the Tuscarawas campus, they never got one at all. He fully supported the effort to offer more baccalaureate programs at the regional campuses.

President Lefton added that if he had unlimited resources, there are several baccalaureate programs that could be successful at the regional campuses immediately. He cited the

Construction Management program in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design as an example.

Vice President Iris Harvey stated that efforts are underway with state government leaders to understand what types of internship programs they'd be interested in funding. Trustee Eckart asked those present, including the regional deans, to begin putting together a proposal that would be ready to submit quickly after any such program is announced. President Lefton noted that last year the Provost's office put together a consortium of five universities to develop such a proposal. Trustee Eckart reiterated the need to begin selling a program to state leaders soon, utilizing the University's large footprint. President Lefton then asked Senior Associate Provost Chandler to ask the Provost to work with Vice President Harvey and to add this to the university's agenda.

Trustee Eckart then continued with his second question. Noting his time in the U.S. Congress, he stressed the potential power that could be achieved if the regional campuses worked together when advocating for proposals and funding. Vice President Harvey agreed, stating the goal is to present a system-wide approach, with the needs of all eight campuses included. Trustee Eckart observed that each of the regional deans have good working relationships with legislators. However, it's important that they know each other's needs and how those needs fit within the university's overall plan. How impactful it would be if all the regional deans visited a legislative office together and spoke about overall system needs, he said. Trustee Pollock agreed. Trustee Tucker added how important it is to continually raise the consciousness of legislators that Kent State operates as a system, and not as individual campuses. President Lefton agreed, adding that while there was a time when each campus operated independently, they must help each other because all campuses are all in this together, particularly with the current economic climate.

Commenting that this was the best regional campus discussion since he's been on the Board, Trustee Tucker thanked the regional deans for coming to the meeting. Chair Mullin agreed.

Chair Mullin then asked President Lefton to present the personnel actions.

## **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

President Lefton asked Senior Associate Provost Timothy Chandler to present the academic personnel actions and Vice President Walker to present the non-academic personnel actions.

### *ACADEMIC PERSONNEL*

Senior Associate Provost Chandler noted the appointment of Dr. Mark A. James as the founding Dean of the College of Public Health, then reported 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 Mullin then called on Trustee Tucker for the External Relations and Development Committee report.

**REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

*NAMING OF THE DR. JAMES T. LAING CONFERENCE ROOM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY*

Trustee Tucker presented a resolution naming the conference room in the Department of Sociology after Dr. James T. Laing, chair emeritus. This recommendation is consistent with the university's naming policy, he said.

**Resolution 2010-7**

**NAMING OF THE DR. JAMES T. LAING CONFERENCE ROOM  
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY**

WHEREAS, approval is sought to name the conference room in the Department of Sociology in honor of Dr. James T. Laing, chair emeritus; and

WHEREAS, Tom and Barbara Laing provided a major gift to the Department of Sociology to support an undergraduate and graduate scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Laing, the first chair of the department of Sociology, inspired many students to pursue the field of sociology; and

WHEREAS, among his many lasting contributions to Kent State, Dr. Laing was instrumental in the hiring of Dr. Oscar Ritchie, the first African American professor hired at an Ohio public university; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees on behalf of the Department of Sociology, and the many students who will benefit from this scholarship, express their sincere appreciation to Tom and Barbara Laing for their generosity and to Dr. James T. Laing for his dedication to his field and to this institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with University policy, hereby name the Dr. James T. Laing Conference Room in the Department of Sociology.

Trustee Tucker reported that Vice President Gene Finn gave a presentation on the status of Kent State's donor prospect pool. He added that there was nothing but good news for the Centennial Campaign, with attainment to date at \$193 million.

In government relations, Kent State is using its influence as a system to strategically align a package of federal and state priorities, he said. According to a report given by Vice President Harvey, the university is engaging the Ohio delegation in support of defining projects that would tie into stimulus funding, particularly in jobs, health, and education. In 2010, he continued, the university's three key federal appropriation requests center around public safety and security, and environmental health. Kent State has introduced the concept of a \$40-million state-of-art facility, to be located on the Trumbull campus, which would address both state and local needs in the area of public safety. Trustee Tucker added that the second request is for a college readiness, work, skills assessment and training center, that would extend a highly successful federally funded pilot project at the Trumbull campus to all KSU campuses. He described the third request in support of a Kent State/Summa Institute for Clinical and Translational Research.

Regarding May 4<sup>th</sup>, Trustee Tucker noted that the goal of the events surrounding the 40th commemoration is to communicate a consistent and forward-looking message about today's Kent State. An online pressroom is being created to help serve the media and to facilitate dialogue that will reinforce this message, he said.

With that, Trustee Tucker concluded his report.

**ACTION: There were no objections to placing the proposed naming of the Laing Conference Room on the consent agenda.**

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

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

Committee Chairman Eckart submitted to the Board a thorough written report of the committee meeting to the Board in lieu of an extended verbal report. He noted the hiring of Dr. Mark James as the founding dean of the College of Public Health, and the excitement surrounding that appointment.

He presented seven management decision items for Board approval as follows: conferral of degrees, Fall 2009; establishment of the Exercise Physiology major within the Master of Science degree; revision of the name of the Physical Education major to Exercise Physiology within the Doctor of Philosophy degree; revision of the name of the Community Counseling major to Clinical Mental Health Counseling within the Master of Arts and Master of Education degrees; revision of the name of the Industrial Technology major to Applied Engineering within the Bachelor Of Science degree; revision of the

name of the Department Of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; and inactivation of the Early Childhood Education Technology major within the Associate of Applied Science degree at Kent State at Ashtabula

**Resolution 2010-8**

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES  
December 19, 2009**

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 23, 2009 to December 19, 2009 -- 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 23, 2009 to December 19, 2009.

**Resolution 2010-9**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY MAJOR  
WITHIN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval for the establishment of an Exercise Physiology major within the Master of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Exercise Physiology program is currently a concentration within another major that does not accurately reflect its purpose and content; and



WHEREAS, with the restructuring of the College (approved by the Board of Trustees on June 4, 2009), the current Exercise Physiology concentration is in one school within the college, while its faculty is in another school; and

WHEREAS, establishing Exercise Physiology as its own degree program will bring both the program and faculty together in the School of Health Sciences to ensure consistency and collaboration; and

WHEREAS, with the recent establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science—which includes a concentration in Exercise Physiology—there will be a more visible pathway for undergraduates considering a master’s degree; and

WHEREAS, Exercise Physiology as its own degree program will be more marketable to prospective students and enhance its continual growth and success; and

WHEREAS, the proposed establishment has been reviewed and approved by the College of Education, Health and Human Services; 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 an Exercise Physiology major within the Master of Science degree, effective Fall 2010.

#### **Resolution 2010-10**

### **REVISION OF THE NAME OF THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJOR TO EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY WITHIN THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval for the revision of the name of the Physical Education major to Exercise Physiology, within the Doctor of Philosophy degree; and

WHEREAS, Exercise Physiology is currently the sole and required concentration within the Physical Education major; in essence, the current major *is* the Exercise Physiology curriculum; and

WHEREAS, with the recent establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science—which includes a concentration in Exercise Physiology—and the proposed Master of Science in Exercise Physiology, there will now be a more visible pathway for undergraduates considering a master’s degree and for graduate students considering a doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Exercise Physiology as the name of the degree program will reduce confusion regarding the course of study, is a change students repeatedly have requested, will be more marketable to prospective students, and will enhance the program's continual growth and success; and

WHEREAS, the proposed establishment has been reviewed and approved by the College of Education, Health and Human Services; 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 Physical Education major to Exercise Physiology, within the Doctor of Philosophy degree, effective Fall 2010.

### **Resolution 2010-11**

#### **REVISION OF THE NAME OF THE COMMUNITY COUNSELING MAJOR TO CLINICAL MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING WITHIN THE MASTER OF ARTS AND MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREES**

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval for the Community Counseling major to be renamed the Clinical Mental Health Counseling major; and

WHEREAS, the Community Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP); and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the CACREP changed accreditation categories, where what used to be titled "Community Counseling" is now titled "Clinical Mental Health Counseling;" and

WHEREAS, the revision of the program name maintains congruency with the governing learned society and accreditation body; and

WHEREAS, the revision of the program name is a more accurate description of the program and the scope of practice of program graduates; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revision 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 revision of the name of the Community Counseling major within the Master of Arts and Master of Education degrees to Clinical Mental Health Counseling, effective Fall 2010.

### **Resolution 2010-12**

#### **REVISION OF THE NAME OF THE INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR TO APPLIED ENGINEERING WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Technology seeks approval for the Industrial Technology major (INDT) to be renamed the Applied Engineering major; and

WHEREAS, within the past year, the accrediting agency for the Industrial Technology major has changed its name from the National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT) to the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE); and

WHEREAS, the ATMAE definition of applied engineering is consistent with the current Industrial Technology program and provides the opportunity to focus and advance the program; and

WHEREAS, graduates from the current Industrial Technology major often acquire jobs with the word “engineer” in the job title; and

WHEREAS, the abbreviation for Industrial Technology (IT) is almost universally known as an abbreviation for Information Technology and the term Industrial Technology has largely fallen from favor; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revision 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 revision of the name of the Industrial Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree to Applied Engineering, effective Fall 2010.

### **Resolution 2010-13**

#### **REVISION OF THE NAME OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY**

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks approval for the Department of Chemistry to be renamed the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Chemistry currently offers a broad range of biochemistry courses; and

WHEREAS, internet searches for universities with departments of “Biochemistry” and “Chemistry and Biochemistry” will not identify departments of “Chemistry,” and

WHEREAS, the departmental name revision will enhance Kent State University’s appeal to prospective undergraduate students with interests in the medical professions; and

WHEREAS, many universities identified as “high research activity” in the Delaware Study have departments of “Chemistry and Biochemistry;” and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revision 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 revision of the name of the Department of Chemistry to the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, effective Fall 2010.

#### **Resolution 2010-14**

### **INACTIVATION OF THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA**

WHEREAS, the result of a comprehensive review of associate degree programs offered at Kent State at Ashtabula indicated that the Early Childhood Education Technology (ECET) program is not a sustainable degree program due to its low graduation rate and economic viability; and

WHEREAS, inactivation of the ECET will not have a significant positive or negative impact on the community or on other programs or campuses; and

WHEREAS, a recommendation to inactivate this major was reviewed and approved through the Educational Policies Council and the Faculty Senate, and has the endorsement of the President and the Provost; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby approves the inactivation of the Early Childhood Education Technology Major within the Associate of Applied Science Degree at Kent State at Ashtabula, with the official inactivation to be effective Fall 2010.

Trustee Eckart also noted presentation given at the committee meeting by Dean Timothy Moerland of the College of Arts and Sciences. Simply put, he stated, all the indicators that should be up for Arts and Sciences are up, and those that should be down are down.

The college is headed in the right direction, and Trustee Eckart was delighted to see that a liberal arts education is still an important part of Kent State.

He concluded by stating that future committee meetings will focus on qualitative issues related to educational matters between the regional campuses and the Kent Campus. The committee is also interested in distance and online learning, given the rise of the University of Phoenix and other for-profit educational entities. That concluded his report.

Trustee Tucker asked for a statistic showing that even without the weak economy, Kent State enrollment numbers would still be up. President Lefton responded that enrollment this year at Kent State rose by about 12%, while the statewide average is about 5%. This pattern suggests there is something different about Kent State, he said. Trustee Tucker felt that this fact was an important point to share with the Board.

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

Chair Mullin then called upon Trustee Jane Murphy Timken to deliver the reports of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Audit Committee.

### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Timken reported that the committee reviewed four management decision items and received status reports on the university's Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) budget model and capital projects.

#### *ROOM AND BOARD RATES*

On behalf of the committee, Trustee Timken recommended approval of room and board rates, effective Fall 2010. The proposed increases are necessary to cover debt service obligations, maintenance and repair for ADA compliance and renovation projects, as well as rising costs in utilities and food products, she said. The university operates its residence halls and dining programs on a self-sufficient basis with the goal of providing high-quality accommodations and services at an affordable price. The resolution also established room rates for the university's new leased facility in Geneva, Switzerland, which will house students for the first time during the Fall 2010 semester.

#### **Resolution 2010-15**

#### **ROOM AND BOARD RATES EFFECTIVE FALL 2010**

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the university to operate its residence hall and dining programs on a self-sufficient basis; and

WHEREAS, the residence hall and dining programs are intended to provide quality services at a reasonable price that is competitive in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees has an interest and responsibility regarding the affordability of higher education at Kent State and desires room and board charges be kept to the lowest amount necessary to meet operating and facility needs; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by housing and dining management that the standard double-room rate be increased by 5.90%, and the basic board rate be increased by 4.85%, resulting in a combined increase in the standard undergraduate room and board rate of 5.49%; and

WHEREAS, newly established room rates are also recommended by management for the university's new lease agreement in Geneva, Switzerland, which will house students for the first time in fall semester 2010; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached Schedule of Residence Hall Room and Board rates for 2010-2011, with the Allerton Apartment rates to be effective September 1, 2010; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of room rates for students participating in the Kent State University - Geneva Switzerland program.

*PURCHASE OF DUSSEL AND SMITH PROPERTIES, CITY OF KENT*

Trustee Timken then referred the Board to two resolutions regarding the purchase of properties located between the downtown area of Kent and the Kent campus boundary. These parcels are critical for the transition area being developed in partnership with the City of Kent and will include the extension of the esplanade to the downtown area, she said.

**Resolution 2010-16**

**PURCHASE OF DUSSEL PROPERTY, CITY OF KENT**

WHEREAS, Kent State University has planned campus expansion in the area between campus and downtown Kent; and

WHEREAS, property owned by Michael Dussel, Linda M. Dussel and Michael Paul Dussel located at 116 South Willow Street, Kent, Ohio 44240, Parcel ID 17-024-40-00-016-000 is available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Dussel property has been appraised by an independent appraiser at \$145,000, which is equal to the purchase price; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for the purchase of this property; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of authorization by the Board of Trustees to purchase the Dussel property, 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 this parcel of land owned by Michael Dussel, Linda M. Dussel and Michael Paul Dussel, located in the City of Kent, 116 South Willow Street, for the sum of \$145,000.

### **Resolution 2010-17**

#### **PURCHASE OF M. SMITH PROPERTY, CITY OF KENT**

WHEREAS, Kent State University has planned campus expansion in the area between campus and downtown Kent; and

WHEREAS, property owned by Michael W. Smith located at 325 Erie Street, Kent, Ohio 44240, Parcel ID 17-024-40-00-012-000 is available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, the Smith property has been appraised by an independent appraiser at \$125,000, which is equal to the purchase price; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for the purchase of the property owned by Michael W. Smith; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of authorization by the Board of Trustees to purchase the Smith property, 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 this parcel of land owned by Michael W. Smith, located in the City of Kent, 325 Erie Street, for the sum of \$125,000.

#### ***APPROVAL OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA MAIN HALL AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING RENOVATIONS***

Finally, Trustee Timken recommended Board approval of the first phase of renovations to occur on the Ashtabula Campus. Several academic programs were relocated to the new Robert S. Morrison Health and Science Building and as a result, the outdated Main Hall and the Technology Building may be renovated without jeopardizing student enrollments. The

renovated space will provide needed classrooms for physics and geology, general classrooms, and a small number of faculty offices.

### **Resolution 2010-18**

#### **KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA MAIN HALL AND TECHNOLOGY BUILDING RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS, Kent State University at Ashtabula intends to use \$2.45 million in local funds for Phase 1 of this project; and

WHEREAS, the initial phase of a multi-phase project is to renovate and remodel space for general classrooms and offices; and

WHEREAS, the renovations would allow the campus to address shortfalls with the current configurations while providing additional instructional and operational areas, resulting in an improved use and efficiency of space; and

WHEREAS, the project will include energy conservation measures for lighting, mechanical systems, and windows; 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 Phase 1 of this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

With that, Trustee Timken concluded her report.

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

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

#### **REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Trustee Timken reported that the committee received the FY2010 Internal Audit Plan Quarterly Review. With that, Trustee Timken concluded her report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Mullin called on Trustee Colecchi for his report concerning statewide trustee communication.



Trustee Colecchi reminded trustees that he was appointed as their representative on the Ohio Board of Regents Communications Working Group. The group was established by the Regents as a result of trustee feedback seeking timely, relevant, interactive, two-way communication between the Ohio Board of Regents and trustees. The primary responsibility of the working group was to develop a communications plan that meets this need. Several meetings have been held, resulting in the approval of a charter for the group, which was given to the each trustee. Several initiatives are underway, including the development of a University System of Ohio trustees website. The site is being tested and will include a private, password-protected area for trustees. Trustee Colecchi described the functions of the site and the purpose for it, and noted that the site should be live within 60 to 90 days.

Trustee Pollock asked how many trustees are in the University System of Ohio. President Lefton responded that including the two-year colleges, there probably are more than 300 public institution trustees statewide.

Trustee Timken remarked that knowing the state's priorities in terms of higher education would help trustees know what to advocate and support. President Lefton agreed, and pointed to the Third Frontier initiative as an example of how increased communication from the state could help trustees become more involved in advocacy efforts.

#### *SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 1*

Chair Mullin then introduced a resolution supporting state issue 1, a ballot issue continuing the Third Frontier Initiative. He reminded the Board that at the January meeting there was discussion about whether or not to pass a resolution at that time encouraging state legislators to place an issue on the ballot. Since that meeting the legislature passed a ballot issue with overwhelming bi-partisan support. Chair Mullin noted the direct impact Third Frontier funding has had on Kent State. With that, he asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

#### **Resolution 2010-19**

##### **SUPPORT OF STATE ISSUE 1—THE THIRD FRONTIER INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, Ohio's Third Frontier initiative was created to preserve and create jobs, enhance educational opportunities, and improve the quality of life and general well-being of people and businesses by expanding the state's research capabilities to promote product innovation, development and commercialization; and

WHEREAS, The Third Frontier program has laid the foundation for the creation and growth of technology-based jobs and businesses, increased early stage capital investments, improved the environment for technology entrepreneurs, increased collaboration in research and development, and enhanced Ohio's economic competitiveness and diversity; and

WHEREAS, the program has delivered impressive results for Ohio taxpayers, yielding \$6.6 billion in economic activity, \$2.4 billion in wages and benefits, and more than 48,000 jobs on an investment of \$681 million since 2002; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University is an integral partner in the effort to advance scientific knowledge and to develop new products and applications that will enhance Ohio's economy; and

WHEREAS, through the Third Frontier initiative, Kent State has received more than \$20 million in research funding, most of it advancing discovery, application, and commercialization of the university's world-class liquid crystal technology; and

WHEREAS, Kent State, together with its research partners and startup companies, are creating a whole new industry in flexible liquid crystal displays, an emerging industry that already has contributed more than 12 percent of the employment growth in Ohio's technology industries; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio is taking the lead in the manufacture of flexible liquid crystal optical devices, including the world's first roll-to-roll production of a liquid crystal display (Kent Display's Boogie Board) and the only flexible liquid crystal lenses (AlphaMicron); and

WHEREAS, Issue 1 is needed to continue job creation through the advancement of new products and services based on science and technology research and development—exemplified by Kent State's world-class liquid crystal technology—which will ensure Ohio's ability to create and compete for jobs, today and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly deserves appreciation for its strong bipartisan support of the Third Frontier program and its placement of the constitutional amendment on the May 2010 ballot; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees supports and endorses the passage of State Issue 1 and directs that a copy of this resolution be provided to the Governor, the Ohio General Assembly, and other interested constituencies.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mullin announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees would be May 26, 2010 at the Ashtabula Campus. On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.