

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 3, 2014
Urban Conference Room**

Board Members Present

Virginia Albanese
Stephen Colecchi
Margot James Copeland
Ralph Della Ratta
Dennis Eckart, Chair
Emilio Ferrara
Perry (PJ) Kimmel
Richard Marsh
Monique Menefee
Stephen Perry
Lawrence Pollock
Michael Solomon

KSU President's Cabinet Present

Beverly Warren, President
Todd Diacon
Alfreda Brown
Gregg Floyd
Iris Harvey
Greg Jarvie
Edward Mahon
Charlene Reed, University Secretary
Steve Sokany
Willis Walker
Joseph Vitale
Joel Nielsen

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Dennis Eckart called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. in the Urban Conference Room. Trustee Richard Marsh called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PROOF OF NOTICE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Section 121.22(G) of the *Ohio Revised Code*, Chair Eckart announced that the Board had a need to meet in Executive Session for the purposes of: (i) considering the employment and compensation of a public employee or official [R.C. 121.22(G)(1)]; (ii) considering the purchase of property for public purposes [R.C. 121.22(G)(2)]; and (iii) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment [R.C. 121.22(G)(4)].

Trustee Colecchi moved, seconded by Trustee Marsh, that the Board retire into Executive Session in the Trustees' Conference Room.

By virtue of a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. The session concluded at 8:46 a.m. Chair Eckart announced that the executive session was in recess and would resume at 11:30 a.m. in the Alumni Conference Suite in the Kent State University Student Center.

Following meetings of the Board as a committee of the whole, and of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee and the Audit and Compliance Committee, the Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m. for purposes of executive session. The executive session was declared in recess at 12:25 p.m., and trustees returned to the Library second floor for meetings of the External Relations and Development Committee and the Finance and Administration Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board reconvened for the business portion of the meeting at 2:00 p.m. in the Urban Conference Room. Chair Eckart requested additions or corrections to the afternoon's agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by general consent.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Chair Eckart requested additions, corrections, and deletions to the minutes of the August 11, 2014, special meeting and the September 17, 2014, Board of Trustees meeting. Hearing none, the minutes for both meetings were approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Eckart thanked everyone for being there as the Board gathered to conduct important business of the university and he noted the presence of a quorum.

Chair Eckart congratulated President Beverly Warren on her success since joining Kent State University, including the return of the coveted Wagon Wheel trophy to Kent State. He then lifted the trophy, which goes to the victor of the Kent State-Akron football game, to the applause of the audience. Both Chair Eckart and President Warren commended the football team for its dedication and effort during the trials and tribulations of the past season. Chair Eckart congratulated Kent State administration, faculty, staff, and students on a highly successful fall semester, one in which the university experienced its best freshman class ever and made noted accomplishments in education, research, and service. He noted the Board of Trustees' pride in the accomplishments of the university's students, faculty, and staff, and he wished all a successful conclusion to the semester.

Chair Eckart commented on recently accompanying Dr. Warren on her President's Listening Tour to New York City, along with Interim Vice President of Institutional Advancement Steve Sokany, Foundation Board Chairman Gary Brahler, and Trustee Emeritus Jane Timken. The group visited the Kent State NYC Studio, where students shared their incredible experiences participating in this program in the "Big City." Chair Eckart noted the strength of marrying

students' academic pursuits with a vibrant environment in a manner that contributes to securing their future success. Chair Eckart encouraged trustees to speak with students at every opportunity as a means of remembering why they serve on the Board and to provide a source of motivation.

Referencing the recent November election, Chair Eckart reported that Kent State looks forward to working with the members of the new Ohio General Assembly, Governor John Kasich, and other officeholders successful in the election as they continue to strengthen Ohio and the opportunities for constituents. Chair Eckart also noted the importance of the state budget, and acknowledged the challenges of the upcoming state budget process.

Chair Eckart announced that May 1, 2015, will be a historic day for Kent State University as it is the date of the formal inauguration of President Beverly Warren, the university's 12th president. The inaugural will include a week of celebrating the impact of both President Warren and Kent State University, providing an ongoing vision for the future and for our constituents – a redefinition of the greatness that is Kent State University, he said. A working committee, led by Valoree Vargo, will provide more information as it becomes available, and Chair Eckart encouraged the Board to reserve time to participate in this important event.

Chair Eckart then thanked Foundation Board Chairman Brahler and Vice President Sokany for providing continued dialogue relative to the Kent State University Board of Trustees and Foundation Board of Directors relationship. He invited Board members to attend the Foundation Board's next meeting scheduled for March 5-6, 2015, in Naples, Florida.

Chair Eckart noted Kent State will recognize 2,000 graduates on December 13, 2014, during the university's fall commencement exercises. Chair Eckart recognized commencement as the highlight of the academic year, and indicated the activities will include two distinguished alumni speakers. David Webster, CEO of Electrical Components International Inc. will address the undergraduates, while Dr. Walter Horton, dean of graduate studies and vice president for research at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), will speak to students receiving graduate degrees. Chair Eckart extended congratulations to the graduates and their families on behalf of the Board.

Chair Eckart recognized Trustee PJ Kimmel, who attended the recent 2014 University System of Ohio Trustees Conference, hosted by the Ohio Board of Regents. Trustee Kimmel thanked the Board for providing him with the opportunity to represent Kent State and to learn from the leadership in attendance. Trustee Kimmel noted the conference introduced seven recommendations for boards, and he shared that two of the recommendations – improving public trust in higher education and focusing on issues of greatest consequence – were of special interest to him. Chair Eckart thanked Trustee Kimmel for his report as well as his participation as a trustee, and he noted that trustees would receive the full conference report. Chair Eckart then called on President Beverly Warren to present her report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Warren stated her pleasure in delivering her second report to the Board. Responding to several current issues of national interest, specifically the aftermath of the Ferguson grand jury decision and allegations of sexual assaults on campuses nationwide, President Warren noted that Kent State is engaging stakeholders to move through their concerns in thoughtful ways. She complimented the KSU Black United Students group for its recent march from campus to the City of Kent police department, and she noted the great concern across the country as we continue to struggle with issues of race and social justice 50 years after the U.S. civil rights movement. President Warren reported that Kent State will host a student town hall meeting in January to discuss race and social justice in a forum where voices can be heard from a variety of viewpoints. The town hall will occur in conjunction with the university's celebration of Martin Luther King Day, and will include opportunities for celebration, reflection, and dialogue.

President Warren also commented upon the recent evidence of sexual assaults on campuses across the nation. Referencing the U.S. Department of Education's identification of 76 institutions with noted campus sexual assault concerns, President Warren stated that Kent State is not immune to issues of assault. She recognized Kent State's current support mechanisms, including the university's Sexual Relationship and Violence Support Services. Additionally, President Warren commended the university's network of opportunities targeting assault, which include prevention efforts, regular policy reviews, and the campus Sexual Assault Response Team – all efforts designed to promote dialogue on how Kent State can respond effectively to assault concerns. President Warren called on the university community to continue the dialogue relative to sexual assault, including the confounding issues of alcohol and alcohol-impaired judgment, as a means of leading the university to increasingly positive outcomes.

Moving forward to discuss the university's collective call for action, President Warren shared the university's recent accomplishments relative to her first-year strategic priorities, including recognition of individuals playing key roles in these endeavors. Beginning with the priority *Students First*, President Warren commended the university on its role as a member of the Akron metropolitan statistical area (MSA) in winning the Talent Dividend competition, a national competition sponsored by CEOs for Cities, which resulted in a \$1-million prize to the area. Noting Kent State's contribution to increasing college attainment by 20% in Portage and Summit counties in four years, President Warren recognized several individuals instrumental in ensuring student success at Kent State, including Provost Diacon, Associate Provost for Academic Affairs Melody Tankersley, and Associate Provost for Accreditation, Assessment, and Learning Fashaad Crawford.

President Warren then introduced Vice President for Information Services Ed Mahon and his staff members, Coleen Santee and Jason Wearley. Recognizing the significance of their efforts in providing information systems such as the Graduation Planning System (GPS) and electronic class registration that assist Kent State students in accomplishing their academic goals, President Warren thanked Vice President Mahon, Ms. Santee, and Mr. Wearley for their work.

In discussing the priority *Distinctive Identity*, the President recognized Vice President Alfreda Brown, who recently received the national Diversity Visionary Award by *Diverse* magazine. President Warren thanked Vice President Brown and expressed the university's gratitude for her efforts to establish and maintain best practices every day that promote inclusive environments.

Dr. Warren also announced the conclusion of her Presidential Listening Tour, an important outreach within the university's *Distinctive Identity* efforts. Noting that the tour consisted of 56 meetings soliciting feedback from more than 5,000 university stakeholders, the president recognized and thanked Valoree Vargo, Patty Bujorian, and Liz Henry, who were instrumental in branding the tour and assisting President Warren throughout the tour process.

Moving to *Global Competitiveness*, the president commended consultant Dr. Brad Fenwick for his services advising the university. Noting Dr. Fenwick's focus on moving research forward in powerful ways, President Warren emphasized the importance of developing a culture of research through thoughtful discussion that will move Kent State forward as a public research university.

Addressing *Local and Regional Impact*, President Warren noted the impact of the recent Ebola crisis on Kent State and the local community. She commended university leadership for its quick, clear, and courageous response to the crisis in the midst of great national attention. President Warren also praised the university's immediate development of its university-based medical and public health services team and communication and crisis management team. These two teams working in collaboration allowed Kent State to communicate well, not only within the university, but also to the world at large. She singled out Dr. Angela DeJulius, Kent State's medical director, and Dr. Chris Woolverton, professor from the College of Public Health and a member of the City of Kent Board of Health, and thanked them for their efforts during this time. Additionally, President Warren commended Iris Harvey, vice president for university relations, and Eric Mansfield, executive director of university media relations, for their expertise in communication management. President Warren noted their assistance in communicating the university's management of the crisis in the midst of extreme public anxiety and national exposure resulted in both local and national praise for the Kent State.

Addressing a *Sustainable and Vibrant Future*, President Warren recognized Interim Vice President Sokany and celebrated Kent State's recent \$3-million gift from the estate of Wallace J. Hagedorn. Mr. Hagedorn visited Kent State 75 years ago and became an amateur photographer for the rest of his career due to the transformational experience he had here. She thanked Interim Vice President Sokany for his continued contact with Mr. Hagedorn, and she recognized the importance of random acts of kindness. President Warren indicated that the gift will assist Kent State's photojournalism program, and she introduced Thor Wasbotten, director of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications, and photojournalism students Adriana Noel and Amani Williams, representing those who will benefit from Mr. Haegorn's generosity.

The President also recognized Gregg Floyd, senior vice president for finance and administration, and his colleagues Tom Euclide and Michael Bruder for their leadership relative to the university's Foundations of Excellence Plan, which includes seven new university buildings,

significant renovations to many university structures, and the Lester A. Lefton Esplanade. President Warren thanked Vice President Floyd, Mr. Euclide, Mr. Bruder, and their many administrative and facility colleagues for their vision and hard work. She noted the Board's role in overseeing and approving the plan's projects and recognized the Joint Project Oversight Committee for its work in enacting the shared vision of the board and administration. Trustee Eckart thanked President Warren for her presentation, asked for questions, and heard none.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Chair Eckart asked President Warren to present the personnel actions. President Warren called on Provost Diacon to present the academic personnel actions followed by Interim Vice President Joe Vitale to present the non-academic personnel actions.

ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

Provost Diacon reported that the personnel actions to be considered at this meeting were routine in nature. Of special note was the retirement of Dr. Donald Hassler after 49 years of service to Kent State, and the Board's approval of Dr. Hassler's emeritus standing, effective July 1, 2015.

NON-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

Interim Vice President Vitale reported that all non-academic actions to be considered at this meeting were routine in nature.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Eckart called on Committee Chair Larry Pollock to present the report of the External Relations and Development Committee.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Pollock reported that the External Relations and Development Committee met this afternoon to consider two management decision items and receive two informational reports. He noted that the committee recommendations are consistent with university naming policy and procedures, and that the committee recommended they be placed on the consent agenda.

NAMING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN BUILDING

The naming actions for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design Building are described in the resolutions below.

Resolution 2014-76

NAMING OF THE BELDEN BRICK MATERIALS LIBRARY

WHEREAS, The Belden Brick Company Charitable Trust recognizes Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design as a leader in higher education and excellence in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design programs provide high-quality learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, The Belden Brick Company Charitable Trust supports the success of students of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design; and

WHEREAS, The Belden Brick Company Charitable Trust, in recognition of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design's leadership in this field, has provided a \$40,000 commitment to support the construction of the new facility; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University and the current and future students who will benefit from the facility, memorializes the university's sincere appreciation to The Belden Brick Company Charitable Trust for its generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names The Belden Brick Materials Library in Kent State University's new Center for Architecture and Environmental Design.

Resolution 2014-77

NAMING OF THE GEORGE T. SIMON III CAFÉ

WHEREAS, George T. Simon recognizes Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design as a leader in higher education and excellence in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simon recognizes that Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design programs provide high-quality learning opportunities; and

WHEREAS, his son, George T. Simon III, graduated with a B.S. in Architecture in 2008 and a Master of Architecture in 2009 from Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simon has donated \$25,000 to the College of Architecture and Environmental Design and has provided an additional commitment of \$36,500; and

WHEREAS, he would like this gift to honor his son, George T. Simon III; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University and the current and future students who will benefit from the facility, memorialize the university's sincere appreciation to Mr. George T. Simon for his generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names The George T. Simon III Café in Kent State University's new Center for Architecture and Environmental Design.

Trustee Pollock noted that the committee also received a report on the Kent State University Foundation Board strategy map and a fundraising update from Interim Vice President Sokany and Foundation Board Chair Gary Brahler. The fundraising update indicated that gift commitments to date are in excess of \$12 million.

With that, Trustee Pollock concluded the External Relations and Development Committee report.

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

Chair Eckart called on Committee Chair Margot Copeland to present the report of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Trustee Copeland reported that the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee met this morning and considered four management decision items. She noted that the recommendations were reviewed and approved through the appropriate faculty and college committees, the Educational Policies Council, and Faculty Senate, and they carried the endorsement of the President and Provost. Trustee Copeland indicated that the committee recommended approval of the items as part of the consent agenda.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES, SUMMER 2014

Trustee Copeland announced that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-78, which recognizes the university's awarding of 1,490 degrees in summer 2014: 206 associate

degrees, 792 bachelor's degrees, 402 master's degrees, 22 educational specialist degrees, and 68 doctoral degrees.

Resolution 2014-78

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES Summer 2014

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 17, 2014, to August 14, 2014 – 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 17, 2014, to August 14, 2014.

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-4-14 REGARDING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-79, establishing University Policy 3342-4-14 regarding support and assistance for service members and veterans.

Resolution 2014-79

ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-4-14 REGARDING SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS

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

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees is required by House Bill 488 to adopt a policy regarding support and assistance provided to veterans and service members; and

WHEREAS, currently there is no formal policy in the Kent State University policy register; and

WHEREAS, University Policy 3342-4-14 Regarding Support and Assistance for Service Members and Veterans has been developed to establish the support and assistance Kent State University will provide to service members and veterans as defined by Section 3345.421 of the *Ohio Revised Code*; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees approves the establishment of University Policy 3342-4-14 Regarding Support.

REVISION IN NAME OF THE FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-80, revising the name of the Faculty Professional Development Center to the Center for Teaching and Learning.

Resolution 2014-80

REVISION IN NAME OF THE FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO THE CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

WHEREAS, the Faculty Professional Development Center was established in 1998 as an independent university structure to support scholarship and scholars; and

WHEREAS, since its establishment, the center has seen little change in its structure, budget, and function; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Provost Diacon charged a steering committee to examine the direction, mission, and focus of the center; and

WHEREAS, following careful analysis and feedback, the steering committee recommended shifting the focus of the center to teaching, learning innovation, and educational support; and

WHEREAS, revising the name of the Faculty Professional Development Center to the Center for Teaching and Learning clearly defines the focus and better reflects the work of the unit; and

WHEREAS, centers for teaching and learning are normative practices at universities with similar size and focus as Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision in name has been reviewed and approved by the Educational Policies Council and the Faculty Senate, and carries 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 in name of the Faculty Professional Development Center to the Center for Teaching and Learning, effective Spring 2015.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESPIRATORY CARE MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-81, establishing the respiratory care major within the Bachelor of Science degree.

Resolution 2014-81

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE RESPIRATORY CARE MAJOR
WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the Regional College and Kent State University at Ashtabula seek approval of the establishment of the Respiratory Care major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major will be offered at Kent State University at Ashtabula as a fully online, two-year completer bachelor's degree, offering professional growth for certified and registered respiratory therapists; and

WHEREAS, the major will meet the projected demand for respiratory care professionals; and

WHEREAS, need for this new degree program is supported by administrators, nurses, professionals, and hiring managers in area hospitals, practicing therapists, and the American Association for Respiratory Care; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college and campus faculty, administrators and curriculum

committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate, and also carries 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 the Respiratory Care major within the Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2015.

Trustee Copeland noted that the committee also received a report on the multiple campus retention programs and other efforts aimed at increasing AALANA student persistence at Kent State University from Vice President Brown.

With that, Trustee Copeland concluded the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee report.

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

Chair Eckart asked Committee Chair Richard Marsh to present the Audit and Compliance Committee report.

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Marsh reported that the Audit and Compliance Committee met this morning with members of the external auditing firm Plante & Moran to discuss the university's FY 2014 audit findings. The university financial statements received a clean audit opinion, and Trustee Marsh recognized the Finance and Internal Auditing staff as well as Plante & Moran for their work on behalf of Kent State.

APPROVAL OF REVISED INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

Trustee Marsh then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-82, revising Kent State University's internal audit charter.

Resolution 2014-82

APPROVAL OF REVISED INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Kent State University approved the revised Audit and Compliance Committee Charter on December 12, 2012, to provide greater clarity to both the Audit and Compliance Committee and to the broader public regarding the important purpose and duties of this standing committee for the financial reporting process, the system of internal control, the audit process, and the university's process for monitoring compliance with laws and regulations and a code of conduct; and

WHEREAS, the approved Audit and Compliance Committee Charter includes responsibilities of the Committee to review the Internal Audit Charter; and

WHEREAS, the professional standards of the Institute of Internal Auditors were updated to remain current and relevant and require the Internal Audit Charter be accepted and approved by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the revision of this Internal Audit Charter requires the approval of the Audit and Compliance Committee and the full Board of Trustees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby approves the recommended revised Internal Audit Charter as presented.

Trustee Marsh reported that the committee received a brief summary of the Jeanne Clery Act and its impact. Kent State staff continues to work together to ensure the university's compliance with its provisions, he said. Trustee Marsh also reported the committee reviewed the university's first quarter performance report for FY2015, comparing the Internal Audit Plan budgeted hours to actual hours, and there were no unusual items to report.

With that, Trustee Marsh concluded the Audit and Compliance Committee report.

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

Chair Eckart then called on Committee Chair Stephen Colecchi to present the Finance and Administration Committee report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Colecchi reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met earlier today to consider several management decision items, nine of which are recommended for the consent agenda, as well as routine information items prepared by the administration for each meeting of the Board of Trustees. He commented that, if the committee's recommendations today are approved, the Board will have authorized all major projects identified in the Foundations of Excellence plan, resulting in approximately \$250 million in building and renovation to Kent State University.

In addition, Trustee Colecchi asked that two items be pulled for separate consideration: resolutions 2014-91 Termination of Greek Village Ground Lease, and 2014-92 Approval of Acquisition of Sigma Nu House.

APPROVAL OF THE NEW BUILDING FOR THE COLLEGE OF

ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

Trustee Colecchi recommended that Resolution 2014-83, approving the new building for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, be placed on the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-83

**APPROVAL OF THE NEW BUILDING FOR THE COLLEGE OF
ARCHITECTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN**

WHEREAS, at its September 12, 2012 meeting, the Kent State University Board of Trustees approved construction of a new facility for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design as a prioritized project within the Foundations of Excellence, Building the Future initiative; and

WHEREAS, the design development plans for the new College of Architecture and Environmental Design are complete; and

WHEREAS, the planning process has been monitored by the university's Joint Project Oversight Committee; and

WHEREAS, the proposed facility for the College of Architecture and Environmental Design will be approximately 107,000 gross square feet, and will include classrooms, studios, research laboratories, faculty offices, lecture/seminar rooms, library and an outdoor fabrication area; and

WHEREAS, total cost for design and construction will not exceed \$47.9 million, including at least \$3.8 million from gifts and donations; and

WHEREAS, an early bid and construction phase for site clearing, construction of the deep foundations, building pad, utility extensions and the installation of the geo-thermal well field was necessary to meet the construction schedule; and

WHEREAS, the bids and guaranteed maximum price of \$4,210,264 for this early bid phase has been received and reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees previously approved Resolution 2013-21 at its March 13, 2013, meeting allowing the delegation of authority to the Finance and Administration Committee to approve Foundations of Excellence-related management decisions requiring expedited approval; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Administration Committee met on November 20, 2014 and approved proceeding with the first phase of construction; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the Finance and Administration Committee's decision to authorize the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with the first phase of this project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with the overall project at a total cost not to exceed \$47.9 million.

APPROVAL OF THE NEW INTEGRATED SCIENCES BUILDING

Trustee Colecchi asked that Resolution 2014-84 be placed on the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-84

**APPROVAL OF THE NEW INTEGRATED SCIENCES BUILDING FOR
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES**

WHEREAS, the proposed building will wrap around and connect to the existing Williams Hall in the Science Mall; and

WHEREAS, the interdisciplinary research addition will be designed as a versatile space that will address the needs for research in all the science disciplines, Chemistry, Biology and Physics; and

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

WHEREAS, the budget estimate for the Integrated Sciences Building and 13,500 square feet of shelled basement is \$37.55 million, which includes \$5 million in capital funding, \$30.5 million in bond revenue funds, and \$2 million from the university contingency reserve for campus facilities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO MULTIPLE SCIENCE BUILDINGS

On behalf of the committee, he recommended that Resolution 2014-85, approving the renovations to multiple science buildings, be placed on the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-85

APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO MULTIPLE SCIENCE BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees approved renovations to the university's science facilities as part of the overall Foundations of Excellence, Building the Future initiative; and

WHEREAS, Williams, Cunningham and Smith Halls all were constructed in the late 1960's and require critical renovations to address deferred maintenance and code compliance; and

WHEREAS, \$57.2 million has been allocated to address major deferred maintenance, code compliance, and program needs within each of the three buildings; and

WHEREAS, \$7.2 million of the allocated funding previously has been approved for projects of imminent failure and work already has been completed or is underway; and

WHEREAS, \$29.5 million of the remaining \$50.0 million has been received from the State of Ohio as part of two separate state capital appropriations; and

WHEREAS, \$20.5 million in bond revenue funding also has been allocated to the science buildings, which produces a total project budget of \$50.0 million now to be allocated for strategic use within the three buildings; and

WHEREAS, the project will address HVAC, electrical, fire protection and detection, and building envelope upgrades, building accessibility, code compliance upgrades and targeted teaching areas improvements; and

WHEREAS, the design work is underway and will be bid in multiple phases with the overall completion anticipated in 2017; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction of these projects will follow all state laws and regulations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO WHITE HALL

He recommended that Resolution 2014-86 be placed upon the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-86

APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO WHITE HALL

WHEREAS, preserving a quality environment is a priority for Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, major repairs will continue to be necessary for many of the aging campus facilities; and

WHEREAS, \$1 million has been set aside by the university to upgrade and renovate the existing public restrooms in White Hall to help extend the life of the building; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will renovate and modernize the restrooms on all five floors of the building, replace the failing utilities and ventilation systems as well as provide the physical improvements necessary to meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction 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 Senior 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 REVISED BUDGET FOR HVAC REPLACEMENT AND
STUDENT ROOM IMPROVEMENTS FOR BEALL, MCDOWELL, DUNBAR,
AND PRENTICE HALLS*

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended Resolution 2014-87, approving a revised budget for HVAC replacement and student room improvements for Beall, McDowell, Dunbar, and Prentice halls, for consideration on the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-87

APPROVAL OF REVISED BUDGET FOR HVAC REPLACEMENT AND STUDENT ROOM IMPROVEMENTS FOR BEALL, MCDOWELL, DUNBAR AND PRENTICE HALLS

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2014, the Kent State University Board of Trustees approved a resolution to replace the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning

(HVAC) as well as provide student room improvements in Beall, McDowell, Dunbar and Prentice halls for \$15.8 million; and

WHEREAS, the university has contracted the design and construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, the overall cost for the project has increased due to inflation, design complications, and additional scope; and

WHEREAS, the increased scope will allow the HVAC and student room improvements to be expanded including the central building within the Beall and McDowell complex; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding will be supported with residence hall capital reserves in the amount of \$3.505 million, bringing the total project budget to \$19.305 million; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction 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 Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION TO OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)

Trustee Colecchi recommended that Resolution 2014-88, transferring jurisdiction to the Ohio Department of Transportation in accordance with the upcoming Summit Street improvement project, be placed upon the consent agenda for approval.

Resolution 2014-88

**APPROVAL OF TRANSFER OF JURISDICTION TO OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT)**

WHEREAS, Summit Street is the most important roadway for accessing the Kent Campus buildings and parking; and

WHEREAS, the university has been working with the City of Kent to improve traffic flow on Summit Street as well as with improvements to pedestrian and transit movement along this roadway; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$16-million capital improvement project (“Summit Street Project”), funded by state and federal transportation grants with the local match equally shared by the university and the City of Kent, will significantly improve traffic and safety near the campus; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet funding requirements the university must agree to transfer control of approximately 11.13 acres (“the property”) along Summit Street from South Lincoln to Whitehall Boulevard to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT), which is part of the Right of Way plan for the Summit Street Project; and

WHEREAS, the university has no greater need for the property; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Administration to enter into a Transfer of Jurisdiction Agreement with the Department of Administrative Services and the Ohio Department of Transportation to allow ODOT to maintain and control the property.

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR SUMMIT STREET PROJECT

Trustee Colecchi asked trustees to consider Resolution 2014-89, approving the temporary easement for the Summit Street improvement project, as part of the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-89

APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY EASEMENT FOR SUMMIT STREET PROJECT

WHEREAS, Summit Street is the most important roadway for accessing the Kent Campus buildings and parking; and

WHEREAS, the university has been working with the City of Kent to improve traffic flow on Summit Street as well as improvements to pedestrian and transit movement along this roadway; and

WHEREAS, an estimated \$16-million capital improvement project (“Summit Street Project”), funded by state and federal transportation grants with the local match equally shared by the university and the City of Kent, will significantly improve traffic and safety near the campus; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kent has requested a non-exclusive temporary easement over university property to permit the installation, construction, reconstruction

and improvements associated with the Summit Street Project for a period of four years; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Administration to enter into an agreement to grant the City of Kent a non-exclusive temporary easement for a period of four years, commencing January 1, 2015.

*APPROVAL OF STARK CAMPUS EASEMENT TO OHIO POWER COMPANY
FOR STARK SCIENCES BUILDING*

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-90, approving an easement to Ohio Power Company for the electrical service to the Stark Campus sciences building now under construction as part of the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-90

**APPROVAL OF STARK CAMPUS EASEMENT TO OHIO POWER
COMPANY FOR STARK SCIENCES BUILDING**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Power Company is seeking a non-exclusive easement in the Township of Jackson, Stark County, for the purpose of installing and maintaining electrical lines to provide electrical energy to the new Stark Sciences Building on Loop Road; and

WHEREAS, the granting of the easement will inure to the benefit of Kent State University by providing electrical energy to the new sciences building and thus contributing to the quality of the academic experience at the Stark Campus; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to enter into a 25-year nonexclusive easement agreement with the Ohio Power Company for the purpose of installing and maintaining electrical lines to provide electrical energy to the Stark Sciences Building on Loop Road.

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee had two motions for the Board's approval that required a separate vote outside of the consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF TERMINATION OF GREEK VILLAGE GROUND LEASE

Trustee Colecchi asked to remove Resolution 2014-91, terminating the current Greek Village ground lease, from the consent agenda for separate consideration. He explained that the property

cannot be developed under the current structure of the lease and the Board's action would clear the way for future construction.

Resolution 2014-91

TERMINATION OF GREEK VILLAGE GROUND LEASE

WHEREAS, Kent State University identified six acres of land for Greek housing on its Campus Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the entire Greek Village site is currently subject to a ground lease between the State of Ohio, Department of Administrative Services, for the use and benefit of Kent State University, and New Sigma Capital Partners, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the initial effort to prioritize the development of the Greek Village has not proved successful to date; and

WHEREAS, the parties to the ground lease agree that it is in the best interests of both parties to terminate the lease and return control of the property to Kent State University for development of Greek housing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the termination of the ground lease to New Sigma Capital Partners, LLC, upon mutually acceptable terms.

ACTION: Trustee Colecchi moved, seconded by Trustee Pollock, that this resolution, separate from the consent agenda, be approved. There were no objections. Trustee Ferrara abstained from the vote and from all discussions of the matter. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF SIGMA NU HOUSE

Trustee Colecchi asked that Resolution 2014-92, approving the acquisition of the Sigma Nu fraternity house, be removed from the consent agenda for separate consideration. The property will be purchased and managed by Residence Services.

Resolution 2014-92

APPROVAL OF ACQUISITION OF SIGMA NU HOUSE

WHEREAS, the Sigma Nu house, a 6,125 square foot residential facility located on the only subleased parcel in the Greek Village, has critical importance to Kent State University's ability to regain control of the site and extinguish all encumbrances on the land; and

WHEREAS, the owner of those improvements has indicated a willingness to have the university acquire same and continue to lease it to its current tenant; and

WHEREAS, the residential facility owned by Zeta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity House Corporation, located at 1375 West Campus Center Drive, Kent, Ohio, 44242, Lot 2 of the Kent State University Greek Village, has been appraised by an independent appraiser at \$665,000; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of authorization by the Board of Trustees to purchase the Sigma Nu residence, 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 Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the acquisition of the improvements consisting of a 6,125 square foot residential facility known as the Sigma Nu house.

ACTION: Trustee Colecchi moved, seconded by Trustee Pollock, that this resolution, separate from the consent agenda, be approved. There were no objections. Trustee Ferrara abstained from the vote and from all discussions of the matter. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, CITY OF KENT

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-93 as part of the consent agenda.

Resolution 2014-93

PURCHASE OF PROPERTY, CITY OF KENT

WHEREAS, Kent State University has identified areas of interest for the expansion of the Kent Campus for purposes of enhancing academic, athletic, recreational, and residential programs; and

WHEREAS, the property owned by Iris J. Meltzer, located at 419 College Avenue, Kent, Ohio 44240, Parcel ID 170244000166000, has been appraised by an independent appraiser at \$250,000, which is higher than the purchase price of \$235,000; and

WHEREAS, the property has high strategic value to the university development and is available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, funding will be provided by the university's real estate fund for this

acquisition; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt of authorization by the Board of Trustees to purchase the property 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 authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with and conclude the purchase of property at 419 College Avenue, Kent, Ohio, for the total sum of \$235,000.

Lastly, Trustee Colecchi reported that the group had received information about the university's new administrative policy to support a university-wide compliance program regarding the security of credit card transactions. The policy was effective on November 1, 2014. With that, Trustee Colecchi concluded the report of the Finance and Administration Committee.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing Resolutions 2014-83 through 2014-90 and Resolution 2014-93 on the consent agenda.

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

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN INCREASING EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Chair Eckart then presented a resolution of appreciation honoring Kent State and its regional partners for national leadership in increasing educational attainment. He noted his pleasure to have joined President Warren, Provost Diacon and others from Northeast Ohio who attended the recent CEOs for Cities conference in Washington, DC, that focused on best practices and ended with the Portage and Summit county area winning a \$1-million Talent Dividend Prize. President Warren said through collaboration, the area achieved a 20-percent increase in the number of college degrees produced during the four-year period.

Resolution 2014-94

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR NATIONAL LEADERSHIP IN INCREASING EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

WHEREAS, Kent State University has had as its top priority increasing student success through higher retention and graduation rates and increased educational attainment throughout its broad system footprint, the region and the state; and

WHEREAS, the Akron metropolitan statistical area, consisting of Portage and Summit counties, was one of 57 metro areas nationally that entered the Talent Dividend competition sponsored by CEOs for Cities, with a \$1-million prize going to the metro area that increased educational attainment the most from 2009-10 through 2012-13; and

WHEREAS, during that period educational attainment in Portage and Summit counties increased by a remarkable and pace-setting 20.3 percent, bringing home to Northeast Ohio national recognition and the \$1-million Talent Dividend Prize; and

WHEREAS, the victory was possible due to a broad collaboration of partners including Kent State University, Hiram College, Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED), the University of Akron, the Northeast Ohio Council on Higher Education (NOCHE), and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, Kent State led the Akron metro area's growth in degrees awarded, contributing an increase of 1,234 in degrees awarded and earning more than 61 percent of the points awarded to the metro area; and

WHEREAS, this shared accomplishment demonstrates the power of partnership and collective action in improving educational attainment in our region, with the real victors being the graduates and families during this period and beyond whose lives are forever, changed; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees expresses deep gratitude to members of the Kent State University community for their exemplary service and dedication to student success; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees commends and congratulates all of the regional partners that together earned this distinguished national recognition for Northeast Ohio and Ohio.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

With that, Chair Eckart said there was no additional business to come before the Board and the business meeting now was at its conclusion. He announced that the Board would resume its meeting in executive session, which had been declared in recess at 12:25 p.m. The purpose of this executive session, as previously authorized by a unanimous roll call vote, was to discuss the employment of a public employee or official [R.C. 121.22(G)(1)].

ADJOURNMENT

At 4:55 p.m., the Board reconvened in public session and on motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned.