

**Kent State University Board of Trustees
Summary of Board Agenda Items – December 8, 2015**

Committee of the Whole	
Discussion Items	Summary
Strategic Roadmap for a Distinctive Kent State	Presentation led by President Beverly Warren; included statements of university mission, core values and priorities approved under new business.
Healthy Campus Initiative	Presentation of developing initiative for students, faculty and staff led by vice presidents Shay Little and Willis Walker.
Freedom of Expression/Free Speech	Free speech/freedom of expression issues across higher education led by Board Chair Dennis Eckart.
Executive Session	
<p>The following purposes were stated for the executive session: (i) considering the employment and compensation of a public employee or official [121.22(G) (1)]; (iv) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment [121.22 (G)(4)]; and (vi) details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office [121.22(G)(6)]. There was a conference with external auditors as permitted under Ohio law.</p>	
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee Recommendations Approved	
Action Items	Summary
Personnel Actions	Approval of recommended personnel actions including awarding of Emeritus status to Kathleen Browne, art; Dr. Thomas Froehlich and Dr. Donald Wicks, library and information science.
Conferral of Degrees – Summer 2015	Conferral of 1,679 degrees during the period May 16-August 15, 2015.
Approval of Honorary Degree Recommendation	By recommendation of the President and the Citation and Recognition Committee, the Board approved the awarding of the honorary Doctor of Letters degree to Kent State alumnus and Boston College Professor Dr. Arch Woodside.
Revision of Degree Designation for the Photo-Illustration Major from the Bachelor of Science Degree to the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree	Revision of the degree designation for the Photo-Illustration major from the Bachelor of Science degree to the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree to enhance graduates' competitiveness in the commercial marketplace and increase accessibility to graduate studies for students wishing to pursue the terminal Master of Fine Arts degree.
Revision in Policy Number for University Policy 3343-3-09 Regarding Use of Copyright-Protected Works	Change in numbering of policy adopted at September 2015 meeting to next available sequence, 3342-3-10; no substantive revisions were made to the policy previously approved.
University Response to State Budget Legislation – Review of Courses and Programs	Results of Academic Affairs review of all programs and courses based upon enrollment and student performance; Board action required by Ohio budget bill (Ohio House Bill 64).
Information Items	Summary
Appointment of Dr. Barbara Broome and Dr. Robert Haynie to KSU Foot & Ankle Clinic Board of Directors	Notification of the President's appointment to KSU Foot & Ankle Clinic Board of Directors
Student Affairs Administrative Policy: Establishment of Administrative Policy 3342-4-01.2 Regarding Voluntary and Involuntary Withdrawal for Health Reasons	Creation of Administrative Policy 3342-4-02.5 Regarding Voluntary and Involuntary Withdrawal for Health Reasons that clearly articulates the university's procedures.
Student Affairs Administrative Policy: Establishment of Administrative Policy 3342-4-01.3 Regarding Promotion of Mental Health Resources	New Administrative Policy 3342-4-02.7 Regarding Promotion of Mental Health Resources formalizes Kent State's priority of promoting mental health resources for students and employees.

Student Affairs Administrative Policy: Revision of Administrative Policy and Procedures 3342-4-01.4 Regarding Publications by Student Organizations	Revisions to reflect efficiencies approved by the Student Media Policy Committee and the Journalism and Mass Communication Media Board to create one board - the Student Media Board - and to accurately identify the title of the Director of the Center for Student Involvement.
Student Affairs Administrative Policy: Revision of Administrative Policy 3342-7-05.3 Regarding Student Leader Scholarships	Revisions to reflect current practices and accurately identify the Center for Student Involvement and the Division of Student Affairs.
Enrollment Update	Positive report on Fall 2016 recruitment by Senior Associate Vice President David Garcia; applications and admissions each up by more than 1,000 compared to this time last year.
Audit and Compliance Committee Recommendations Approved	
Discussion Items	Summary
Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for FY2015	Presentation by Robb Rose and Sadie Mayle, external auditors from the firm Plante & Moran; Kent State received a clean audit report for the fiscal year 2015.
FY 2016 First Quarter Internal Audit Plan Review	Internal Auditor Jo Ann Gustafson reported on results against the plan for the year.
Presentation of H-1B Visa Compliance	Presentation by the Office of General Counsel regarding H-1B visa measures in place to ensure compliance with federal regulations; a recent external audit requested of all state universities by the Ohio Attorney General showed compliance by Kent State.
Finance and Administration Committee Recommendations Approved	
Action Items	Summary
Non-Academic Personnel Actions	Routine
Approval of Six-Year Capital Plan	Approval a six-year capital plan/request for FY2017-2022 as required by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.
Approval of Renovations to Tri-Towers Rotunda	Approval of \$2.4 million project to replace the Rotunda window wall system and renovate portions of the building for new student service offerings; funded by Residence Services.
Approval of Stark Sanitary Easement to Stark County Commissioners	Approval of easement for a private sanitary sewer line owned by the Kent State Stark campus that connects to the public sewer line owned by Stark County. County is seeking a 25-year exclusive easement for this utility that will allow access for other users who wish to tap into a public sewer line; this is contingent upon additional approvals by the State of Ohio and the parties.
Approval of Vendor Selection for A Web-Based Learning and Assessment System	Approval of contract with McGraw-Hill Education for ALEKS web-based learning and assessment system to provide placement and course applications for freshmen math courses; initial two-year contract at \$1.16 million, with a potential of five years duration.
Approval of Vendor Selection Off-Site Storage and Retrieval Services for Portions of the University Library Collection	Continuation of AssureVault LLC contract for off-site storage and servicing of large portions of the Libraries collections; initial five-year contract at \$1.41 million with potential nine-year duration.
Approval of Amendment of Current Transportation Services Agreement for Kent State University, Kent Campus (PARTA)	Approval of amended service fee schedule revisions for the 2015-2017 renewal period.
Approval of Contracts for Electric Rates with FirstEnergy Solutions	Approval of three-year contract with FirstEnergy Solutions to take advantage of current rate savings.
Approval of Vendor Selection for A Constituent Relationship Management System and Related	Approval of a constituent relationship management (CRM) system for the eight-campus system, at an acquisition cost of

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Implementation Services	\$1.2 million from Salesforce Foundation/TargetX/Sierra-Cedar consortium, to support student recruitment, admissions, advising, retention initiatives, and advancement; five-year agreement including implementation.
Information Items	Summary
Report of Investment Committee	Routine
Administrative Policy Updates: Administrative Policy 3342-5-12.7 Regarding Persona Non Grata Status for Nonstudent Visitors	Overview of policy including who can issue a PNG (Persona Non Grata) notice, clarifications on the authority and scope for all authorized university officials issuing a PNG notice, and other language clarification.
Human Resources/Wellness Update	Routine
Information Services Update	Routine
Report of Purchasing Activity Greater than \$500,000	Routine
Report of Expenditures	Routine
Foundations of Excellence Update	Routine
Report on Capital Projects	Routine
External Relations and Development Committee Recommendations Approved	
Action Items	Summary
Naming of the Fastenal Professional Sales Laboratories	Three-year naming action for College of Business Administration sales laboratories. Consistent with university naming policy
Information Items	Summary
Fundraising Update	Routine
Brand Update	Discussion with representatives of the firm 160over90 regarding initial results of the Bridge Campaign and how the Strategic Roadmap offers opportunities to enhance the distinctiveness of Kent State
New Business	
Action Items	Summary
Endorsement of Strategic Roadmap	Approval of resolution endorsing Strategic Roadmap, including core values, strategic priorities, university-level initiatives, and dashboard
President's Review and Compensation for 2015-16	Positive report by Board of Trustees on 2014-15 performance of President Warren; approval of 2% salary increase and full value (\$75,000) of performance incentive per her employment contract.

Summary report prepared by Dr. Charlene Reed, Vice President and University Secretary, creed2@kent.edu. Official minutes of the December Board of Trustees meeting will be approved by the Board at its next business meeting, scheduled for March 9, 2016, in Cleveland, Ohio.