

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 13, 2017
Urban Conference Room**

Board Members Present

Virginia Addicott
Margot James Copeland
Ralph Della Ratta
Carly Evans
Robin Kilbride
Donald Mason
Jessica Peck
Stephen Perry
Lawrence Pollock, Chair
Shawn Riley
Michael Solomon

KSU President's Cabinet Present

Beverly Warren, President
Alfreda Brown
Karen Clarke
Paul DiCorleto
Nick Gattozzi
Shay Little
Joel Nielsen
Mark Polatajko
Steve Sokany
Charlene Reed, University Secretary
Nathan Ritchey

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Larry Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. in the Urban Conference Room on the Kent campus. Board Secretary Margot Copeland, called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PROOF OF NOTICE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Preceding meetings of the Board standing committees, the Board convened at 7:45 a.m. for the purposes of executive session.

In accordance with Chapter 121.22, section G of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board has a need to meet in Executive Session for the purposes of: (i) considering the employment and compensation of a public employee or official [121.22(G)(1)]; (ii) considering matters of real estate for public purposes [121.22 (G) (2)]; and (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)]. Trustees also met in audit conference with the university's external auditors, Plante & Moran, as permitted by Ohio law.

Trustee Shawn Riley moved, seconded by Trustee Ralph Della Ratta, that the Board retire into Executive Session. Trustee Copeland took a roll call vote of the membership. By virtue of a

unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. The session concluded at 8:50 a.m.

The session was followed by a meeting of the Board as a committee of the whole, which included presentation and discussion of a proposed strategic partnership with the Berkshire Local Schools. Additionally, during the Board engaged in an interactive session focused on the ongoing comprehensive facilities master planning process. After the Committee of the Whole, the Board met in committees including the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, External Relations and Development Committee, and the Finance and Administration Committee. The Board also participated in a luncheon program.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board reconvened for the business portion of the meeting at 2:45 p.m. in the Urban Conference Room on the Kent campus. Before the consideration of the agenda, Chair Pollock welcomed Mark Rhodes, executive chair of the Graduate Student Senate; Dan Oswald, president of the Undergraduate Student Government; and Nora Jacobs, chair of the Kent State University Foundation Board of Directors.

Moving to the consideration and approval of the agenda, Chair Pollock noted two additions to the agenda: first, consideration of a resolution of support for the establishment of a strategic partnership with the Berkshire Local Schools, which was reviewed by the Finance and Administration Committee; and second, the proposed revision in name and structure of the Liquid Crystal Institute to the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute, which was reviewed by the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee. He explained that these two additional matters would be reported out by the respective committee chairs.

Chair Pollock then requested any other additions or corrections to the agenda.

Hearing no further corrections or additions, the agenda was adopted by general consent.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Chair Pollock requested additions, corrections, or changes to the minutes of the September 13, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Pollock began his report noting that he would condense his remarks in the hopes of allowing attendees to avoid anticipated winter weather and in consideration of the large amount of Board business conducted that day.

On behalf of the Board, Chair Pollock congratulated President Warren, the faculty, the staff, and the students for another outstanding semester. He added that because of their efforts, Kent State

is making excellent progress toward the goals of the Strategic Roadmap and continues to excel as a university community that places “students first” in all it does.

He also congratulated the nearly 3,000 students across the Kent State system who would graduate at the December 2017 commencement ceremonies. He thanked the trustees who planned to participate in the commencement ceremonies. Chair Pollock observed how meaningful it is to share the joy of the students and families upon reaching this important milestone in their lives.

With that, Trustee Pollock concluded his report and called on President Warren to provide her report to the Board.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Warren used her report to highlight a powerful interdisciplinary initiative on design thinking and innovation that is developing at Kent State. She observed that Kent State – with its unique array of disciplines, program strengths and entrepreneurial spirit – is uniquely positioned to manage a culture and ecosystem of design innovation where the university sheds traditional silos and embraces a more interconnected approach where majors, disciplines, and colleges, have less rigid barriers and more fluid engagement among the disciplines. She noted that the development of a design innovation initiative has been underway at Kent State for more than four years. Through this development process “spark nodes” had been identified throughout campus and the goal now is to create a central hub for a center for design innovation that will create sparks among the nodes that exist across the university.

President Warren introduced two college deans who have been co-chairs of this initiative – Mark Mistur, dean of Architecture and Environmental Design, and John Crawford-Spinelli, dean of the College of the Arts – and thanked them for their leadership.

She commented that the design innovation approach not only aligns with the interconnected nature of today’s world, it fits well with Generation Z, those individuals born after 1995 who are true digital natives who are super-connected, communicating adeptly across multiple platforms. If Kent State is going to serve its students, it must respond to this new generation, she said. She observed that 72 percent of Generation Z individuals want to start a business and 60 percent would rather be an entrepreneur than an employee. These students also want to change the world, as 60 percent of Generation Z want to make an impact through their work. She stressed that now is the time to be an innovation university and Kent State is well positioned to create an innovation center that is like no other. President Warren described how the developing facilities master plan will support this initiative by raising the former art building up to its creative potential as a place where students can have 24/7 access to dining and create all through the night. The plan also envisions an innovation building near downtown Kent that would bring designers, entrepreneurs, and innovators, young and old, seasoned and neophytes, seamlessly together to be creative and to learn, and to give Kent State students a distinctive advantage into their future, she observed.

President Warren shared several potential opportunities at the forefront of the planning for the design innovation center. These may include design-thinking core-courses, workshops, and a Grand Challenge capstone where multidisciplinary teams can come together to create and share their understanding through a shared thesis, dissertation, or senior project. While Kent State already has successful efforts that leverage hackathons and industry challenges, a funded designer in residence or design innovation fellows could enhance these efforts, she said.

President Warren noted that the university's design innovation initiative will extend beyond campus as evidenced by an announcement planned early in 2018 regarding an exciting new partnership with the Akron Public Schools. In collaboration with the school district, Kent State is developing a career and college academy centered around design thinking and innovation, incorporating its strengths in architecture, fashion, visual communication design, aeronautics, mechatronics, and performing and visual arts. She shared her excitement about this partnership, observing that Kent State's innovation zone at an Akron public high school will provide a direct pipeline for high school students to summer programs, engagement, and entry into the university.

With that, President Warren concluded her remarks.

Chair Pollock thanked President Warren for her report, commending the true uniqueness of Kent State's approach to design innovation that President Warren had outlined. Reflecting on his own experiences with innovation across various industries, he expressed confidence in the power of this approach to combine the best assets of Kent State to create a unique and special innovation environment that will propel the university and the region forward. With that, Chair Pollock moved to the next order of business.

INVITED REPORTS

Chair Pollock then moved to the invited reports that he had placed on the meeting's agenda. He explained that in the spirit of "students first," he invited leaders of the university's recognized student governments to provide brief reports on their activities and priorities this year. He added that Board members enjoyed the opportunity to meet and converse with several members of both groups at lunch earlier in the day.

Chair Pollock then called on President Warren to introduce the speakers. President Warren began her introductions noting that she learns from these students every time she interacts with them and is always impressed by the passion, purpose and drive they bring to their work in student government. She then introduced Mark Rhodes, executive chair of the Graduate Student Senate, whom she noted is a Ph.D. candidate in Geography.

Executive Chair Rhodes thanked the Board and the President for inviting him to speak. He then outlined a number of accomplishments of the Graduate Student Senate (GSS) including the awarding of student grants, which he identified as being at the core of the senate's work. He shared that the awards cover a range of research and travel costs allowing students to complete research studies and to present at and attend international and national conferences. He added that these experiences were not only important for students as they complete their degrees, they

also are pivotal in their pursuit of employment after graduation. Next, he highlighted the success of the Graduate Research Symposium, another initiative spearheaded by GSS. Executive Chair Rhodes stated that the symposium has seen significant growth in the number of students participants. Due to the growth in interest and popularity of this opportunity celebrating student research, the GSS has expanded the event to include an evening arts showcase and poster presentation session. He added that a third major component of the work of GSS is its function as an advocacy group speaking for the perspectives of graduate students related to policy matters affecting their work. He noted several policy issues impacting graduate students including Title IX, health care coverage, and immigration policies. Additionally, Executive Director Rhodes stated that during the next year, he hopes to work with members of the university community to explore the issues at Kent State University that directly affect graduate students and, where needed, work to revise and establish policies and structures that best serve the university and the students. Finally, Executive Chair Rhodes added he looks forward to partnering with President Warren and other university administrators to help advance the university's goals related to research and innovation. With that, Executive Chair Rhodes ended his remarks.

President Warren thanked Executive Chair Rhodes for his remarks and then introduced Dan Oswald, president of the Undergraduate Student Government (USG).

USG President Oswald began his remarks asking for a moment of silence in remembrance of Devin Moore, a Kent State University student who suddenly and unexpectedly passed away in early December. After a moment of silence, he thanked the Board and President Warren for inviting him to represent the undergraduate student body. He outlined his vision for USG's role, which includes sharing opinions and perspectives, including those that may not always be popular, on behalf of the student body. He outlined a number of USG's accomplishments including hosting a successful concert, hosting and planning TEDx events, and awarding funds for undergraduates to pursue and present on their research. He then outlined a number of issues that USG was addressing on behalf of the undergraduate student body, including peer-to-peer mentoring on financial literacy, health and wellness initiatives related to mental health, and proposed recreation facilities included in the facilities master plan. With that he concluded his report by again thanking the Board for this invitation to speak.

Chair Pollock thanked both Executive Chair Rhodes and President Oswald for their remarks.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Next, Chair Pollock called on President Warren to present the personnel actions. Of note, President Warren highlighted the promotion of Provost Todd Diacon to Executive Vice President and Provost, recognizing the Provost's integral role at the university as second in leadership. This promotion comes after an outstanding administrative review of Provost Diacon, and she thanked him for all he does for Kent State.

President Warren called on Mark Polatajko, senior vice president for finance and administration, to present the non-academic personnel actions. Senior Vice President Polatajko stated that the non-academic personnel actions stood as written and all matters were customary and routine.

President Warren next called on Provost Diacon to present the academic personal actions. He stated that the academic personnel actions were routine in nature.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Pollock then moved to the committee reports and noted that committee recommendations would be placed on the Consent Agenda and acted upon in one motion, unless any trustee wished to remove an item for further discussion. Chair Pollock then called on Committee Chair Ralph Della Ratta to present the report of the External Relations and Development Committee.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Della Ratta began his report, noting that the External Relations and Development Committee met that afternoon to consider two proposed naming actions and to receive updates on government relations, campaign planning and fundraising.

NAMING OF THE HOOVER FOUNDATION MUSICOLOGY CLASSROOM

Trustee Della Ratta then presented a resolution requesting Board approval of the naming of The Hoover Foundation Musicology Classroom.

Resolution 2017-43

NAMING OF THE HOOVER FOUNDATION MUSICOLOGY CLASSROOM

WHEREAS, Kent State University at Stark has served as the center for excellence in higher education and community engagement in Stark County since 1946; and

WHEREAS, the Hoover Company was founded in North Canton in 1908 and became a world leader in floor care, providing a livelihood for generations of Stark County workers and improving the quality of life for area residents; and

WHEREAS, The Hoover Foundation recognized the university's importance in Stark County's development by providing a \$100,000 pledge toward the expansion and renovation of the Fine Arts Building on the Stark campus to provide enhanced learning opportunities to students in the arts; and

WHEREAS, this commitment serves as an enduring example of how Kent State University can continue to foster artistic and educational aspirations for generations of its students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University at Stark and current and future students and alumni who will benefit from this valuable resource, expresses sincere appreciation to The Hoover Foundation for its generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names The Hoover Foundation Musicology Classroom, located on the ground floor in the Fine Arts Building at the Stark campus.

Trustee Della Ratta explained that this action recognizes The Hoover Foundation's commitment to serving the residents of Stark County and its support of Kent State University at Stark in order to further educational opportunities for students. The Hoover Foundation has given nearly \$480,000 to Kent State University and in June 2017, pledged \$100,000 to Kent State Stark's Fine Arts Building expansion and renovation project, he noted. The recommendation has the support of the Stark campus, the Division of Institutional Advancement and the President, and is consistent with university naming policy. He explained that as such, the committee recommended that the resolution be placed on the consent agenda for approval.

*NAMING OF THE WILLIAM J. AND PEARL F. LEMMON VISITING ARTIST
GALLERY AND THE MJ AND PAT ALBACETE STUDENT ART GALLERY*

Next, Trustee Della Ratta presented a resolution recommending the naming of The William J. and Pearl F. Lemmon Visiting Artist Gallery, and The MJ and Pat Albacete Student Art Gallery.

Resolution 2017-44

**NAMING OF
THE WILLIAM J. AND PEARL F. LEMMON VISITING ARTIST
GALLERY AND THE MJ AND PAT ALBACETE STUDENT ART
GALLERY**

WHEREAS, Kent State University at Stark has served as the center for excellence in higher education and community engagement in Stark County since 1946; and

WHEREAS, William Lemmon is a friend of Kent State, a supporter of WKSU and higher education in Stark County; and

WHEREAS, MJ Albacete, emeritus executive director of the Canton Museum of Art and an adjunct art history instructor at Kent State Stark, is Mr. Lemmon's close friend, and Mrs. Albacete received an associate's degree from the Stark campus in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lemmon recognized the university's importance in Stark County's development by providing a \$200,000 pledge toward the expansion and

renovation of the Fine Arts Building on the Stark campus to provide enhanced learning opportunities to students in the arts; and

WHEREAS, this commitment serves as an enduring example of how Kent State University can continue to foster artistic and educational aspirations for generations of students and the broader community; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University at Stark and current and future students and alumni who will benefit from this valuable resource, expresses its sincere appreciation to William Lemmon for his generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with University policy, hereby names The William J. and Pearl F. Lemmon Visiting Artist Gallery and the MJ and Pat Albacete Student Art Gallery, both located on the first floor in the Fine Arts Building at the Stark campus.

Trustee Della Ratta explained that William J. Lemmon, a friend of Kent State and a supporter of WKSU and higher education in Stark County, pledged \$200,000 to the Kent State Stark's Fine Arts Building expansion and renovation project. The visiting artist gallery will be named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lemmon's gift of \$150,000 to the project. Additionally, Trustee Della Ratta explained that Mr. Lemmon also requested to honor his friends, MJ and Pat Albacete, with the proposed naming of the student art gallery. Mr. Albacete is emeritus executive director of the Canton Museum of Art and an adjunct art history instructor, and Mrs. Albacete is an alumna of the Stark Campus. This recommendation had the support of the Stark campus dean, the Division of Institutional Advancement and the President, and is consistent with university naming policy. Therefore, Trustee Della Ratta stated that the committee recommended that the resolution be placed on the consent agenda for approval.

Trustee Della Ratta reported that the committee also received a state and federal legislative update from President Warren and Nick Gattozzi, executive director of government and community relations. The report was very informative and provided great context to the university's interactions with elected officials and advocacy involving pending legislation in Columbus and Washington, DC. He said of particular interest was the intense work that had been completed related to next year's state capital bill and the integration of facilities master plan emerging themes and transformational projects that the Board saw earlier today. Executive Director Gattozzi also discussed some of the concerns and challenges for higher education in the pending federal tax overhaul bill, particularly those issues that would negatively affect students and the university's fiscal operations.

Additionally, Trustee Della Ratta outlined that the committee received an update on campaign planning and fundraising year-to-date from Steve Sokany, vice president of institutional advancement. Trustee Della Ratta stated that Vice President Sokany highlighted the results of the recent Giving Tuesday initiative, noting that the 2017 campaign shattered numerous records, including raising more than \$1 million, more than doubling the dollars attained in 2016, and

increasing participation by 250% from the prior year. Vice President Sokany also provided the committee with a campaign update, and shared examples of the progress that is being made on major priorities, he said.

Trustee Della Ratta also stated that the committee received the most recent fundraising report. He explained that even though year-to-date fundraising totals in late November stood at \$3 million less than the last year at that time, Vice President Sokany had referenced the robust pipeline that currently exists and expressed confidence that this year's fundraising goal of \$42 million would be met. Additionally, Trustee Della Ratta highlighted the increase in total donors by nearly 1,000 over the previous fiscal year and emphasized that this will positively impact the goal of increasing alumni participation.

Finally, Trustee Della Ratta stated that the committee was informed of President Warren's approval, consistent with university naming policy, of three naming actions. These naming actions honor donors who had given substantial support for the Integrated Sciences Building and Kent State University at Stark Fine Arts Building.

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

Chair Pollock thanked Trustee Della Ratta for his report and then called on Committee Chair Margot Copeland to present the next committee report.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Trustee Copeland reported that the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee met that morning and considered Academic Personnel Actions that were routine in nature.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES SUMMER 2017

Next, Trustee Copeland reported that the committee recommended the conferral of 1,589 degrees in summer 2017 for approval by the Board of Trustees.

Resolution 2017-45

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES SUMMER 2017

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 14, 2017, to August 17, 2017 – 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 14, 2017, to August 17, 2017.

*ENDORSEMENT OF UNIVERSITY RESPONSES TO STATE BUDGET LEGISLATION
RELATED TO REMEDIATION, DUPLICATION AND REVIEW OF COURSES AND
PROGRAMS*

Next, Trustee Copeland presented a resolution recommending the endorsement of university responses to state budget legislation related to remediation, duplication and review of courses and programs for approval by the Board.

Resolution 2017-46

**ENDORSEMENT OF UNIVERSITY RESPONSES TO STATE BUDGET
LEGISLATION RELATED TO REMEDIATION, DUPLICATION AND
REVIEW OF COURSES AND PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, Kent State University is committed to advancing student success while keeping true to its mission of providing an accessible education for the citizens of Ohio and beyond; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State of Ohio budget deliberations for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, policymakers and university leaders alike were committed to assisting Ohio students and families in accessing a college education; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly ultimately passed House Bill 49 that requires the boards of trustees of public universities to issue a report regarding the remediation of students and to evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on duplication with other state institutions, enrollment and performance in each course or program; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3345.062, the remediation report must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, under Sections 3345.49, findings of the review of courses and programs must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education by December 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, consistent with that requirement, the university administration has conducted reviews of remediation, low-enrollment courses, course performance, low-enrollment programs, and program performance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby endorses the above-mentioned university reports, which will be submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction by the required deadline of December 31, 2017.

Trustee Copeland then stated that the committee recommended six additional curricular actions for approval by the Board to become effective in the upcoming academic year, which included the recommendation to establish three new majors effective Fall 2018: Musical Theatre Major and the Theatre Design, Technology and Production Major, both within the Master of Fine Arts Degree, and the Clinical Epidemiology Major within the Master of Science Degree.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUSICAL THEATRE MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Resolution 2017-47

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MUSICAL THEATRE MAJOR
WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the School of Theatre and Dance within the College of the Arts seeks approval of the establishment of the Musical Theatre major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, Musical Theatre has existed for the past 36 years at Kent State University as a concentration within the Theatre Studies major; and

WHEREAS, the Musical Theatre program prepares students for life as working artists by offering practical training and creative experiences, coupled with an interdisciplinary liberal arts curriculum and a foundation in theatre history, analysis, and criticism; and

WHEREAS, elevating the concentration into a defined major will allow the Musical Theatre program to be more visible to prospective students as well as differentiate it from the specialized Design/Technology major and the generalized Theatre Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree program has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty 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 Musical Theatre major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THEATRE DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY, AND PRODUCTION MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Resolution 2017-48

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THEATRE DESIGN, TECHNOLOGY, AND PRODUCTION MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

WHEREAS, the School of Theatre and Dance within the College of the Arts seeks approval of the establishment of the Theatre Design, Technology, and Production major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program has existed for the past 28 years at Kent State University as a concentration within the Theatre Studies major; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre Design, Technology, and Production program prepares students for occupations as theatre designers, technicians and artisans by offering practical training and creative experiences, coupled with a study of traditional theatre practices and new methods, materials and technologies; and

WHEREAS, elevating the concentration into a defined major will allow the Theatre Design, Technology, and Production program to be more visible to prospective students as well as differentiate it from the specialized Musical Theatre major and the generalized Theatre Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree program has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty 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 Theatre Design, Technology, and Production major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, effective Fall 2018, pending

approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE*

Resolution 2017-49

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLINICAL EPIDEMIOLOGY MAJOR
WITHIN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Public Health requests the establishment of the Clinical Epidemiology major within the Master of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the proposed major is to develop strong clinical practitioners who can conduct epidemiology research; and

WHEREAS, the degree program will be offered both fully online and in a hybrid online/on-ground format at the Kent Campus, with the potential to reach working professionals and students outside of Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the complexities of clinical trial designs and protocols have led to a growing need for trained clinical researchers; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio hospital administrators have indicated the need for graduates trained in clinical epidemiology methods; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Ohio is rich with world-renowned hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, and insurance agencies that conduct cutting-edge research; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college faculty 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 Clinical Epidemiology major within the Master of Science degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

*REVISION IN NAME OF THE FASHION MAJOR TO THE FASHION INDUSTRY
STUDIES MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF FASHION INDUSTRY STUDIES
DEGREE*

Additionally, the committee recommended for approval by the Board, the revision in name of the

Fashion major to the Fashion Industry Studies major within the Master of Fashion Industry Studies Degree, Trustee Copeland reported.

Resolution 2017-50

**REVISION IN NAME OF THE FASHION MAJOR TO THE FASHION
INDUSTRY STUDIES MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF FASHION
INDUSTRY STUDIES DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of the Arts seeks approval of revision in name of the Fashion major to the Fashion Industry Studies major; and

WHEREAS, the college also requests the revision in name of the major's degree from the Master of Fashion degree to the Master of Fashion Industry Studies degree; and

WHEREAS, the revised name of major and degree aligns with the intent and content of the program, which addresses emerging trends in the fashion industry to support a greater diversity of employment opportunities and to respond to integrated use of technologies, theories and practices; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions will not affect students as admission has been suspended while faculty have been revising the program and seeking professional accreditation; and

WHEREAS, the program under the revised name has been approved by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, which accredits Kent State University for all art and fashion degree programs, including those in the Shannon Rodgers and Jerry Silverman School of Fashion Design and Merchandising; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revisions have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty and curriculum committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate, and also carry 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 Fashion major within the Master of Fashion degree to the Fashion Industry Studies major within the Master of Fashion Industry Studies degree, effective Fall 2018.

Next, she stated that the committee recommended inactivation of two majors including the Theatre Studies major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree and the Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree.

INACTIVATION OF THE THEATRE STUDIES MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE

Resolution 2017-51

**INACTIVATION OF THE THEATRE STUDIES MAJOR
WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the School of Theatre and Dance within the College of the Arts seeks approval of the inactivation of the Theatre Studies major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, the Theatre Studies major's two concentrations—in musical theatre and design/ technology—are being established as separate majors, which negates the need for the Theatre Studies major; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the major, along with the elevation of the concentrations to majors, will have no impact on students, course offerings, facilities, faculty or staff, as all programs and courses will remain available; and

WHEREAS, the School of Theatre and Dance will continue to offer the Theatre Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree, which is viable in its own right; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Theatre Studies major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty 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 inactivation of the Theatre Studies major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the establishment of the Musical Theatre major and the Theatre Design, Technology, and Production major.

INACTIVATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Resolution 2017-52

INACTIVATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY MAJOR

WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

WHEREAS, the College of Aeronautics and Engineering has recommended the inactivation of the Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the Technology major has had a significant decline in enrollment due to college reorganization and the establishment of other more robust and viable technology-related programs; and

WHEREAS, the Technology major has served an important purpose at Kent State University for decades, but no longer aligns with employer need and college mission; and

WHEREAS, inactivation of the major has no adverse fiscal impact and no impact on faculty, staff, library, facilities, or equipment; and

WHEREAS, courses in the Technology major will continue to be offered for other majors leading to no loss of faculty and no delay in graduation for the eight students enrolled currently in the major; and

WHEREAS, admission to the Technology major was suspended for Spring 2018; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Technology major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college faculty 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 inactivation of the Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2018.

REVISION IN NAME AND STRUCTURE OF THE LIQUID CRYSTAL INSTITUTE TO THE ADVANCED MATERIALS AND LIQUID CRYSTAL INSTITUTE

Lastly, Trustee Copeland presented a resolution recommending an additional item for approval by the Board of Trustees that was added to the agenda: the revision in name and structure of the Liquid Crystal Institute to the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute.

Resolution 2017-53

REVISION IN NAME AND STRUCTURE OF THE LIQUID CRYSTAL INSTITUTE TO THE ADVANCED MATERIALS AND LIQUID CRYSTAL INSTITUTE

Whereas, the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs and the College of Arts and Sciences request the revision in name and structure of the Liquid Crystal Institute to the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute; and

WHEREAS, advanced materials represents a significant existing research strength at Kent State; and

Whereas, the proposed Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute will provide infrastructure support for researchers and opportunities for collaboration across multiple departments and colleges; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute aligns with the university's strategic goals to build a culture of research and innovation and to increase extramurally funded research; and

Whereas, the proposed restructuring and renaming of the Liquid Crystal Institute to the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute was reviewed and approved by the appropriate college faculty and curriculum committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate, and carries the endorsement of the Vice President for Research and Sponsored Programs, the Provost, and the President; now, therefore,

Be it resolved, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revision in name and structure of the Liquid Crystal Institute to the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute, effective Fall 2018.

Trustee Copeland stated that it was the recommendation of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee that the above-recommended items be included on the consent agenda.

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

In addition, the committee received three informational presentations. First, Provost Diacon provided the committee with a presentation on the Flash Transfer-Northeast Ohio initiative. Next, Melody Tankersley, senior associate provost and dean of graduate studies, provided the committee with a presentation on Graduate Studies. Finally, David Garcia, senior associate vice president for enrollment management, provided the committee with a presentation on implementation of the Common Application at Kent State.

Trustee Copeland then concluded her report for the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee.

Chair Pollock then asked Committee Chair Stephen Perry to present the Audit and Compliance Committee report.

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Perry began his report stating that the Audit and Compliance Committee met that morning with members of the external auditing firm, Plante & Moran, to discuss the FY 2017 financial statement audit of Kent State University where an unqualified, or “Clean,” opinion was issued on the university’s financial statements. On behalf of the Audit and Compliance Committee, Trustee Perry acknowledged the Finance and Internal Auditing staff for their excellent work on behalf of the university.

Next, Trustee Perry shared that the committee heard a brief presentation regarding financial statement highlights for fiscal year 2017, which demonstrated Kent State’s strong financial position. He stated that the university remains committed to enhancing revenue and cost containment wherever possible. He maintained that the presentation and the related conversation about the information were very helpful in understanding and advancing the ongoing impact of these important activities in support of the university’s commitment to organizational stewardship. He stated that of particular note, Trustee Virginia Addicott engaged the finance and administration team in a robust conversation regarding university strategies around enrollment, costs and budgeting.

Additionally, Trustee Perry reported that the performance report for the first quarter of fiscal year 2018 was reviewed. He explained that this report compares the Internal Audit Plan budgeted hours to actual, and he stated that there were no unusual items to report.

With that, Trustee Perry concluded his report for the Audit and Compliance Committee.

Chair Pollock then asked Committee Chair Shawn Riley to present the Finance and Administration Committee report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Riley began his report stating that the Finance and Administration Committee met earlier that afternoon and discussed several items to be considered by the Board.

Next, he stated that in addition to approval of the non-academic personnel action, the committee also was requesting approval of several action items, all of which were recommended for inclusion on the consent agenda.

CONSIDERATION OF TUITION GUARANTEE MODEL, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018

Trustee Riley then presented a resolution pertaining to a proposed tuition guarantee model to be effective in the fall of 2018. Trustee Riley continued by stating that in alignment with the State of Ohio’s strategy for tuition affordability, the proposed resolution sought approval for a tuition guarantee model that if approved, would be effective with the Fall 2018 semester.

Resolution 2017-54

**CONSIDERATION OF TUITION GUARANTEE MODEL,
EFFECTIVE FALL 2018**

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Tuition Guarantee is designed to provide students and their families a predictable and stable model for planning for the cost of a college degree; and

WHEREAS, the model is a cohort-based, guaranteed undergraduate tuition program adopted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §3345.48; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the Kent State Tuition Guarantee will apply to all new degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolling at the Kent Campus or the Regional Campuses for the first time in Fall Semester 2018 or later; and

WHEREAS, the university's Tuition Guarantee will provide all eligible new first-year undergraduates and their families the certainty that resident tuition and room and board charges will not increase during the ensuing four academic years from their first enrollment as a degree-seeking student; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with the implementation of the attached Tuition Guarantee Model, effective with the Fall 2018 semester and as permissible by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

The tuition guarantee model proposes that in-state undergraduate tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board for new entering degree-seeking students, beginning in Fall 2018, remain frozen for a four-year period for each cohort that begins at any of the Kent State University campuses, he added. If approved, the model would provide all eligible new first-year undergraduate students and their families the certainty that these costs would not increase during the four academic years from their first enrollment as degree-seeking students. He added that, in accordance with a request from the legislature, the proposal includes the Career Services fee in the model as a guaranteed non-changing fee.

***RATIFICATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 EFFICIENCY REPORTING AND
MASTER RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT***

Next, Trustee Riley stated that the committee sought approval of the ratification of the Fiscal Year 2017 Efficiency Reporting and Master Recommendations Report to the State of Ohio.

Resolution 2017-55

**RATIFICATION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 EFFICIENCY
REPORTING AND MASTER RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT**

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2015, Governor John Kasich created the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency to make recommendations to Ohio's institutions of higher education based on three simultaneous principles: to be more efficient both in expense management and revenue generation, while offering an education of equal or higher quality, and decreasing costs to students and their families; and

WHEREAS, each institution's board of trustees was required to complete an efficiency review by July 1, 2016, and submit its findings and implementation plans to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education by August 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees approved through Resolution 2016-66 the submission of its 2016 Affordability and Efficiency Report to the Chancellor; and

WHEREAS, an annual report must be completed by each institution, authorized by its board of trustees, and submitted to the Ohio Department of Higher Education, which demonstrates progress and realized savings from the 2016 Affordability and Efficiency Report submitted in the previous year; and

WHEREAS, savings from the original fiscal year 2017 estimate were \$1.24 million higher than originally projected; and

WHEREAS, in order to meet the Chancellor's stated deadline of October 13, 2017, Kent State University's Fiscal Year 2017 Efficiency Reporting and Master Recommendations report was completed and submitted on October 12, 2017, following a review by the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby ratifies the Fiscal Year 2017 Efficiency Report and Master Recommendations report as submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education on October 12, 2017, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 381.550.

Trustee Riley said that in the spring of 2015, Governor Kasich created the Ohio Task Force on

Affordability and Efficiency to make recommendations to Ohio's institutions of higher education for increasing efficiency in expense management and revenue generation, while offering an education of equal or higher quality and decreasing costs to students and their families. An annual report must be completed by each institution and authorized by its board of trustees, he said. Trustee Riley reported that the proposed resolution requested ratification of the university's fiscal year 2017 report submitted in accordance with state deadlines.

*APPROVAL OF SIX-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS
2019-2024*

Next, Trustee Riley stated that the committee sought approval of the proposed Six-Year Comprehensive Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2024.

Resolution 2017-56

**APPROVAL OF SIX-YEAR COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL PLAN
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2019-2024**

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Higher Education (ODHE) requires that each institution of public higher education in Ohio prepare a six-year capital plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan submitted to ODHE is to be consistent with the nature and level of anticipated appropriations as estimated by the ODHE; and

WHEREAS, the exact amount of the capital funding will not be known until the state funds are actually appropriated; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University, through its master planning and consultation processes, has identified specific capital projects for each campus for each biennium of the six-year plan; and

WHEREAS, the projects described on the attached document are in alignment with the university's master planning process, deferred maintenance priorities and the anticipated availability of dedicated funding; and

WHEREAS, the projects being recommended are considered important for addressing academic program needs, upgrading the campus infrastructure and addressing the backlog of deferred maintenance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University approves the Kent State University Higher Education Six-Year Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2024.

Trustee Riley explained that the proposed resolution sought approval of Kent State's six-year

capital plan submission to the State of Ohio for fiscal years 2019-2024. He explained that through its facility master planning and consultation processes, the university identified specific capital projects on each campus for each biennium of the six-year plan. The projects recommended are considered important for addressing academic program needs, upgrading campus infrastructure, and addressing the backlog of deferred maintenance throughout the university system, he added.

APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO THE MACC ANNEX BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

Additionally, Trustee Riley shared that the committee sought approval of renovations to the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MACC) Annex to create a basketball and volleyball development center.

Resolution 2017-57

APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO THE MACC ANNEX BASKETBALL AND VOLLEYBALL DEVELOPMENT CENTER

WHEREAS, the Kent State Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MACC) has limited court availability for five sponsored Athletics teams as well as university and student programming; and

WHEREAS, within the strategic vision for Kent State Athletics – The Game Plan 2016-2020, priority areas of competitiveness and resource development include facility improvements that support the overall student-athlete well-being with an initial focus on enhancements to the MACC; and

WHEREAS, a renovation for a new Basketball and Volleyball Development Center in space vacated by the College of Architecture and Environmental Design in the MACC Annex would allow for flexibility in practice scheduling around student-athlete class schedules as well as unfettered access for training of student-athletes; and

WHEREAS, the new center will have the amenities and playing surfaces appropriate for the development and training to benefit the men's and women's basketball and volleyball teams; and

WHEREAS, the estimated renovation cost of \$1.7 million will be supported by philanthropic gifts; 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.

Trustee Riley noted that a key point of the strategic vision for Kent State Athletics, known as The Game Plan 2016-2020, is to focus on student-athlete success and well-being. Due to the recent relocation of academic programs from the MACC to the Center for Architecture and Environmental Design, there is an opportunity to repurpose space in the MACC Annex to address priority space needs of the Game Plan, he explained. Trustee Riley noted that the resolution sought approval to renovate this vacated space to create a new multi-sport development center to support men's and women's basketball and volleyball. If approved, construction would commence in early fall 2018 with all work completed by spring 2019.

APPROVAL OF COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE BUILDING PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT

Trustee Riley next presented the consideration of approval of the College of Podiatric Medicine Building partial roof replacement project.

Resolution 2017-58

**APPROVAL OF COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE BUILDING
PARTIAL ROOF REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, the roof on the College of Podiatric Medicine building in Independence is almost 40 years old and in failing condition; and

WHEREAS, the college has budgeted \$1,070,000 in facility improvement funds to address this project; 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.

Trustee Riley noted that the proposed resolution sought approval to replace a portion of the roof on the College of Podiatric Medicine building in Independence, Ohio. If approved, construction would be completed during the summer and fall 2018 construction season.

*APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO THE MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA*

Additionally, Trustee Riley requested Board approval of renovations to the Main Hall Auditorium Kent State University at Ashtabula.

Resolution 2017-59

**APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO THE MAIN HALL AUDITORIUM
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT ASHTABULA**

WHEREAS, Kent State University at Ashtabula proposes to renovate its existing lecture hall in the Main Hall Auditorium; and

WHEREAS, the renovated lecture hall will provide an improved student learning environment and accommodate Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility; and

WHEREAS, \$1.1 million has been budgeted with \$325,000 from state capital funds, \$500,000 from a local donor, \$250,000 from a federal Appalachian Regional Commission grant, and \$25,000 from local campus funds; 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.

The resolution sought approval to renovate the lecture hall in the Main Hall Auditorium at the Ashtabula Campus, Trustee Riley explained. If approved, the proposed project would provide an improved student-learning environment and address Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility issues. The project would be completed during the summer 2018 construction season.

Next, Trustee Riley stated that the committee had received a report on the October 25, 2017 meeting of the Investment Committee, which provided background information and recommendations for the following management decision items. The first of the items addressed the need for amendments to the Investment Committee charter due to a recent change in the university's investment management model from traditional to discretionary, meaning the new investment advisor will take on more active management responsibility within the parameters provided in the Investment Policy Statement. The proposed resolution sought Board approval to amend the Investment Committee charter accordingly, he noted.

REVISION OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE CHARTER

Resolution 2017-60

REVISION OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE CHARTER

WHEREAS, the role and responsibilities of the Kent State University Board of Trustees are delineated in the Constitution of Kent State University and the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board from time to time reviews and amends the charters of its standing committees to better reflect the university's priorities and the workload expected of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Finance and Administration Committee has supported the creation of an Investment Committee to assist it in overseeing general management of the university's investments and to function as the investment committee of the university pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.05; and

WHEREAS, the Board recently authorized a change in its investment management model from traditional to discretionary, meaning the new investment advisor would take on more active management responsibility within the parameters provided in the Investment Policy Statement; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Committee has amended its charter to reflect its responsibilities, which has the approval of the Finance and Administration Committee and is recommended for ratification by the full Board of Trustees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby approves the Investment Committee charter as amended.

Trustee Riley then presented the second resolution pertaining to the work and functioning of the Investment Committee, which sought amendments to the university policy regarding university investments.

AMENDMENT TO UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-7-03 REGARDING UNIVERSITY INVESTMENTS

Trustee Riley next outlined that the committee sought approval of an amendment to University

Policy 3342-7-03 Regarding University Investments.

Resolution 2017-61

**AMENDMENT TO UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-7-03
REGARDING UNIVERSITY INVESTMENTS**

WHEREAS, Section 3345.05 (C) of the Ohio Revised Code assigns the oversight for investments made by public universities to the board of trustees of each state-supported university; and

WHEREAS, Section 3345.05 (C) also requires that such investments be made in accordance with an investment policy adopted by the board of trustees consistent with all provisions contained in Section 3345.05; and

WHEREAS, the Board's Investment Committee has worked with university administration along with its investment advisor, SEI Investments Management Corporation, to develop the appropriate language for clarity and purpose of the university's investment decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Committee recommends the revised policy be adopted; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees adopts amendments to University Policy 3342-7-03 Regarding University Investments as contained in the attachment.

Trustee Riley explained that due to the new investment advisory services contract noted above, the change in models affects the roles and responsibilities of the various parties. In addition, the Investment Committee and university administration have been working to review and approve new investment management guidelines and asset allocations. The proposed resolution sought approval to amend the university's policy regarding investments accordingly, he said.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR BANNER ERP SYSTEM

Additionally, Trustee Riley stated that the committee sought approval of a contract extension for the Banner enterprise resource planning (ERP) system.

Resolution 2017-62

APPROVAL OF CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR BANNER ERP SYSTEM

WHEREAS, University Policy 3342-7-12 requires Board of Trustees approval of any single agreement to purchase goods and/or services with an estimated total cost of \$1 million or more, including the initial term and any optional renewals; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University requires an enterprise resource planning solution to address a critical need across the university, allowing it to effectively perform financial, human resource, and student transactions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement for the provision of these services is an initial 11- month term with an estimated cost of \$1.19 million, followed by four one-year renewal periods at a cost of \$1.292 million each, for a total cost of \$6.35 million, representing no annual increase over the existing contract; and

WHEREAS, extension of the contract represents the best overall value; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to extend an existing contract with Ellucian for the provision of an ERP solution for the university for up to five years in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

Trustee Riley reported that the ERP provides the university's core financial, human resource, advancement, and student transaction processing and reporting requirements. By choosing to extend the current contract with Ellucian Company, the university will realize significant cost savings as negotiated by a committee of chief information officers from several Inter-University Council of Ohio Banner institutions, he explained.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

Next, Trustee Riley stated that the committee sought approval of vendor selection for the university's student health insurance program.

Resolution 2017-63

APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE

WHEREAS, University Policy 3342-7-12 requires Board of Trustees approval of any single agreement to purchase goods and/or services with an estimated total cost of \$1 million or more, including the initial term and any optional renewals; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University requires an agreement to provide health insurance and administrative services for its student health insurance plan; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposal issued by Kent State University, United HealthCare Student Resources provided the proposal with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services is an initial one-year term of \$3.612 million for 2,100 students with the potential of two additional one-year renewal periods at approximately \$3.612 million each year, to be funded primarily by student premiums; and

WHEREAS, under the proposal, undergraduate domestic and undergraduate/graduate international students will pay 100% of their premium costs and graduate student employees will pay approximately 30% of their premium costs, with the university funding the remaining 70% of their premiums; 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 contract with United HealthCare Student Resources for the provision of student health insurance and administrative services for its Student Health Insurance Plan for one year plus a university option to renew up to two additional one-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

Trustee Riley stated that the university requires an agreement to provide health insurance and administrative services for its student health insurance plan. The resolution sought approval to enter into an agreement with United HealthCare Student Resources for these services, he said. If approved, the agreement would be for an initial one-year term, with the potential of two additional one-year renewal periods. He added that this agreement provides quality coverage at a reduced cost to students.

*RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH BERKSHIRE
LOCAL SCHOOLS*

Trustee Riley presented one management decision item added to the agenda – the approval of a resolution of support for the establishment of a strategic partnership with the Berkshire Local Schools.

Resolution 2017-64

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP
WITH BERKSHIRE LOCAL SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, Kent State University owns real property in Burton, Geauga County, Ohio, which is part of the Kent State University at Geauga Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Berkshire Local Schools district is seeking a partner and location for a proposed K-12 educational facility and related improvements; and

WHEREAS, Section 3345.12(Q) of the Ohio Revised Code, authorizes the University to “lease lands or interests in land owned by it”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3313.37(A)(1) of the Ohio Revised Code, the Berkshire Local Schools district is authorized to “build, enlarge, repair and furnish the necessary schoolhouses” and to “purchase or lease sites therefor”; and

WHEREAS, the university and the school district along with a broad array of community leaders and organizations believe the proposed strategic partnership will provide significant benefits to the public in enhancing educational achievement and attainment in Geauga County and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of both organizations believe that a strategic partnership on the Geauga Campus also will be mutually beneficial to the university and the school district, providing opportunities for expansion of educational and shared services; and

WHEREAS, the university administration has determined that the land proposed for construction and operation of the school will not be needed for Kent State’s sole educational purposes during the term of the proposed partnership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees endorses the establishment of a strategic partnership with the Berkshire Local Schools that, if a sufficient and timely bond issue is supported by the local community, would include the construction of a K-12 school on the Kent State University at Geauga campus; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage of said bond issue approving the school construction and the district’s assurance of available funding for its operation, the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to complete formal negotiations with the Berkshire Local Schools to prepare for approval of the Board of Trustees a final agreement including a ground lease for real property of Kent State University in Burton, Ohio.

He explained that in July 2017, leaders of the Geauga County district proposed to construct and operate a new K-12 facility on unused land at Kent State University at Geauga housing all students in the Berkshire Local Schools. Materials were provided to the committee seeking approval to endorse the creation of a strategic partnership that, if a sufficient and timely bond issue is supported by the local community, would include the construction of the K-12 facility, he continued. In addition, upon approval of the above-referenced bond issue, university administration would be authorized to complete formal negotiations with Berkshire Local

Schools to prepare for approval of the Board of Trustees a final agreement including a ground lease for real property at Kent State University in Burton, Ohio. He reiterated that this item was recommended for inclusion on the consent agenda along with the other recommendations from the committee.

Trustee Riley added that in addition to other reports routinely provided to the committee, it was also provided with information regarding revisions to the administrative policy on electronic information security. He stated that the policy was revised to add more description of the criteria for securing sensitive data that resides on equipment outside of the data center, in addition to other general spacing and formatting changes.

With that, Trustee Riley concluded the report for the Finance and Administration Committee.

Chair Pollock thanked Trustee Riley for his report.

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

As there were no objections, the resolutions were added to the consent agenda by general consent.

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

With that, Chair Pollock announced there was no additional business to come before the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pollock announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at the Kent Campus with the exact location and time to be determined. He also noted there would be a pre-board dinner the evening of March 6. Finally, Chair Pollock thanked those who participated in the Committee of the Whole presentations and in all of the day's committee meetings, which he thought provided the Board well thought-out and necessary information.

On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.