

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 31, 2017  
Library, Urban Conference Room**

**Board Members Present**

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

**KSU President's Cabinet Present**

Beverly Warren, President  
Karen Clarke  
Todd Diacon  
Paul DiCorleto  
Nick Gattozzi  
Shay Little  
Ed Mahon  
Joel Nielsen  
Mark Polatajko  
Steve Sokany  
Charlene Reed, University Secretary  
Nathan Ritchey  
Willis Walker

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Board Chair Larry Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:48 a.m. in the Urban Conference Room of the Library. 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 7:52 a.m. for the purposes of executive session.

In accordance with Chapter 121.22, section G of the Ohio Revised Code, 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 [121.22(G) (1)]; (iii) conference with attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of court action [121.22 (G)(3)]; 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)].

Trustee Virginia Addicott moved, seconded by Trustee Stephen Colecchi, that the Board retire into Executive Session. Board Secretary 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 9:15 a.m.

The session was followed by a meeting of the Board as a Committee of the Whole, which focused upon 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. Following the committee meetings, the Board participated in a luncheon program.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

The Board reconvened for the business portion of the meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the Urban Conference Room of the Library. Before the consideration of the agenda, Chair Pollock welcomed Trustee Donald Mason, who was attending his first meeting of the Board, having been appointed to the Board on May 19, 2017 by Governor John Kasich. Chair Pollock noted that Trustee Mason was an attorney specializing in energy and environmental policy from Zanesville, who brought more than three decades of experience in state and local government. Chair Pollock then thanked Trustee Mason for his willingness to serve. Chair Pollock next acknowledged two special guests attending the day's meeting who would give brief reports later in the meeting – Dr. Deborah Smith, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and Mr. Gary Brahler, Chair of the Kent State Foundation Board of Directors.

Moving to the consideration and approval of the agenda, Chair Pollock requested additions or corrections to the agenda.

Hearing no 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 March 2, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by general consent.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chair Pollock congratulated President Warren, the faculty, the staff, and the students for another outstanding academic year. Because of their efforts, the university had made remarkable progress toward the *Strategic Roadmap to a Distinctive Kent State* goals and priorities and continued to excel as a community that truly places students first.

He then shared that at a social dinner the previous evening, the trustees met seven of the faculty members who place students first and are taking Kent State to the next level in research, scholarship and service. Board members enjoyed the opportunity to learn about their

scholarship, motivations to come to Kent State, passions, and contributions to the university. Additionally, Chair Pollock said he was pleased that during its meeting, the Board would have the opportunity to ratify the awarding of one of the university's highest honors to one of its most distinguished professors. He also was pleased that trustees would hear directly from the chair of the faculty body that is elected to recommend academic policies and programs. He expressed the high regard and appreciation the trustees have for the faculty who are essential to the university efforts and truly make the difference for the students and the university.

Chair Pollock reported trustees met earlier in the day as a Committee of the Whole to provide input into the comprehensive facilities master planning process and to hear an annual update from the administration on the University Dashboard.

He commended President Warren and the entire university community on recent highly successful first-ever One University Commencement. He offered special congratulations to Trustee Jennifer King and Michael Kavulic, director of board operations and technology, for earning their doctorates. Chair Pollock added that he especially enjoyed the One University Commencement speaker, Octavia Spencer, who connected with the graduates with her message to come early, stay late and work hard for their successes. With that, Chair Pollock concluded his report and called on President Warren for her report.

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Warren commended the university team on a wonderful, first One University Commencement that included all eight campuses and awarded associate through doctoral degrees.

She began her report observing that Kent State was concluding the second year of the Strategic Roadmap, a six-year plan. She shared several accomplishments toward the plan's five priorities and an overview of key challenges, or headwinds, ahead for higher education nationally.

President Warren cited several examples of how Kent State lives its "students first" philosophy. She underscored that the university has had a laser focus on this philosophy, as evidenced by a record 10 years of enrollment growth, and increasing retention and graduation rates. She expressed gratitude to the KeyBank Foundation for supporting the Dynamic Education and Engagement of Diverse Students (DEEDS) initiative with a \$1-million gift to advance the university's efforts to close the achievement gap. She also reported that 51 students, up from 32 in 2016, will participate in the eight-week intensive Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) in the summer of 2017. This experience of working directly with a faculty mentor and living on campus exemplifies the beginnings of graduate work and encourages further scholarly growth for undergraduates, she said.

President Warren shared three powerful stories of student success: Keri Richmond, who grew up in the U.S. foster care system, found a home at Kent State as a public relations major and during an internship in Washington D.C., testified before Congress about the need to better care for children who are in the foster care system; Sam Graska, who with his partners garnered more

than \$30,000 in seed funding for their startup business for an Epi-Case, an auto-injector smartphone case they created; and Armonty McClendon whose path to Kent State began as a ninth grader in an Upward Bound program at Akron's Buchtel High School will culminate this summer in a master of arts degree.

She shared several recent accolades reflecting a distinctive Kent State. Kent State was the only public university in Northeast Ohio recognized as a top-tier university by *U.S. News and World Report*. The university's fashion merchandising program was rated number three nationally and the Shannon Rodgers and Jerry Silverman School of Fashion Design and Merchandising as a whole was ranked 19th internationally. Kent State's library science degree was ranked in the nation's top 20 and the master of arts in translation studies was ranked within the nation's top five. Recent recognitions of Kent State faculty included Guggenheim awards to Mahwish Chishty, assistant professor in art foundations, and Paul O'Keeffe, professor emeritus in sculpture; and a three-year grant from the National Institutes of Health to Gemma Casadesus Smith, associate professor of biological sciences. In 2016-17 Kent State won six Mid-American Conference championships (of the 18 intercollegiate sports in which the university competes).

Reviewing the university's progress in the area of global competitiveness, President Warren noted expansion in international partnerships. Kent State students study abroad in more than 60 countries, emphasizing that during the past year there were 39 faculty-led study abroad programs to 30 different countries. Exemplifying its progress in regional impact, Kent State recently announced a new partnership with the Akron Public Schools as the district forms academic College and Career Academies at each of its high schools. Kent State will be the strategic partner of an academy focusing on innovation and design thinking. Regarding organizational stewardship, President Warren shared that she anticipated exceeding the fundraising goals for the year. The university was continuing its commitment to cost reductions through efficiencies and effectiveness and anticipated over \$15 million in savings over two years, she said.

Finally, President Warren outlined several imperatives for the 2017-18 academic year including enrollment management, a strategic vision for graduate education focusing on research, meaningful and purposeful community engagement, continued movement toward addressing a "new normal" in funding by being as effective and efficient as possible, and the comprehensive campaign with its goal of \$100 million in scholarship support.

Chair Pollock thanked President Warren for her report and moved to remarks from invited guests.

### **INVITED REPORTS**

Chair Pollock invited student trustees, Carly Evans and Jennifer King, to share a report on their activities from the spring.

Trustee Evans began her report by thanking the Board and the university for the opportunity to be a member of the board. She found this to be an incredible learning opportunity and an opportunity to contribute to the university she loves. Trustee Evans then spoke on two spring

events that enhanced her knowledge about the role of a trustee. The first was attending the Association of Governing Boards (AGB) annual National Conference held in Dallas in April. She shared that the theme was innovation and Trustee Evans was certain that Kent State would continue to be innovative for the students of tomorrow while staying true to its identity and culture. The second event she remarked upon was the Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC) day at the State House April 24-25. She described how students from 14 partner schools spoke with state legislators to advocate for the needs of students at Ohio public colleges. She added that many in attendance at the IUC day at the State House passionately advocated for continued investment in the internships and cooperative education experiences that contribute to students' career readiness.

Trustee King noted that she and Trustee Evans participated in a forum for student trustees at the AGB conference, during which they and their peers shared creative and effective approaches to their stewardship roles. She added that she and Trustee Evans were able to discuss the support they receive from fellow Kent State board members and how their perspectives as student trustees were clearly included in Board discussions and deliberations. Trustee King ended her remarks by expressing appreciation for the Board's support of her and gratitude for the trustees' engagement in improving the university experience for students. Chair Pollock thanked the student trustees and expressed how much the Board appreciates and learns from their participation and contributions.

Chair Pollock next called on Dr. Deborah Smith, chair of the Faculty Senate. He noted that the Board relies on the Faculty Senate to consider academic policies and programs and other curricular matters that in turn are considered by the University President and the Board's Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee. He stated that the Senate is a vital part of the university's shared governance system, and that he had invited Chair Smith to speak about its activities and priorities. He also noted that at Chair Smith's invitation, President Warren and he will meet members of the Faculty Senate Executive Committee at the conclusion of the Board meeting.

Chair Smith thanked Chair Pollock and stated she was honored to address the Board. She then observed that the core mission of Kent State University is to provide excellent undergraduate and graduate education to students and to contribute to human knowledge and culture through the creation of original research and creative activity. This mission makes the collective voice of the faculty important to the university, she said. Chair Smith indicated she would like to discuss two issues of high priority to the faculty – the makeup of the faculty and the Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) budget model.

Chair Smith noted that an ongoing discussion at Faculty Senate pertained to the make-up of the faculty, particularly a steady decline on both the Kent and regional campuses in the proportion of tenured and tenure-track faculty. Faculty support the university's goal of increasing the percentage of tenured and tenure-track faculty to 65 percent by 2021, she said, underscoring that it is vital for the trustees and the university to attend to the percentage of faculty who are full-time and to the percentage of credit hours being taught by full-time faculty. The second topic she discussed was ongoing research conducted by the Faculty Senate Budget Advisory

Committee (FaSBAC) regarding the RCM budget model. Based on its analyses, the subcommittee recommended and the administration agreed to adjust the RCM model to shift approximately \$9 million over fiscal years 2017 and 2018 from service units to the colleges. Chair Smith said the FaSBAC had made a number of recommendations for revising the RCM budget model and would continue its work in the coming year.

Chair Smith concluded her report by observing that she had just completed her 20th year in the philosophy department at Kent State, noting that she was still a relative newcomer as many of her colleagues had even longer relationships with the university. On behalf of the faculty, Chair Smith thanked President Warren, Provost Diacon, and Senior Vice President Polatajko for providing opportunities for the faculty to voice their collective concerns. She also thanked the members of the Board of Trustees for giving her the opportunity to share the voice of the faculty.

Chair Pollock thanked Chair Smith for her thoughtful comments and stated how pleased he was that the focus of the faculty, the administration and the Board are aligned around the mission of the university and putting students first.

Chair Pollock then called upon Mr. Gary Brahler, chair of the Kent State University Foundation Board of Directors, who would complete his term as chair in the summer of 2017. Chair Pollock thanked Chair Brahler for his superb leadership and asked him to report on the Foundation Board's activities and priorities.

Chair Brahler began his remarks by thanking the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to present to them on behalf of the Foundation Board. First, he acknowledged the Board of Trustees' support and endorsement of the university's comprehensive campaign. He shared that the Foundation Board feels confident it has the proper strategic direction and collaboration from all stakeholders of the university to raise record levels of support. Chair Brahler next spoke to the collaboration between the two boards that went beyond the campaign. He remarked that the relationships forged over the last several years were appreciated and constructive. He noted that this collaboration had resulted in a unified voice and mission that gave the Foundation Board confidence in its purpose and direction.

Chair Brahler thanked Vice President Sokany and his team for their work over the past year. He acknowledged the division's alignment of resources and implementation of effective procedures, which moved the university forward and supported the Foundation Board's work.

In closing, Chair Brahler stated how honored he felt to serve on the Foundation Board during the first years of President Warren's tenure. With that, Chair Brahler concluded his remarks. Chair Pollock thanked Chair Brahler for his commitment to and efforts on behalf of the university.

## **PERSONNEL ACTIONS**

Chair Pollock called on President Warren to present the personnel actions.

President Warren called on Senior Vice President Mark Polatajko to present the non-academic

personnel actions. He stated that the non-academic personnel actions stood as written and all matters were customary and routine. President Warren additionally noted that Athletic Director Nielsen's contract was renewed in March but effective and official as of this board meeting.

She next called on Provost Diacon to present the academic personal actions. He called attention to the retirement and excellent service of Dr. Paul Gaston, who served as the Provost of Kent State University and Trustees Professor. Provost Diacon also noted the appointment of Marie Bukowski, the new director of the School of Art, effective July 1, 2017.

**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 reported that the External Relations and Development Committee met to consider three naming actions and receive updates on fundraising and government relations.

#### ***NAMING OF THE KEYBANK LOBBY IN THE CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE***

Trustee Della Ratta announced the committee recommended board approval of the naming of the KeyBank Lobby in the Center for Undergraduate Excellence. He further noted that this action recognized the support of KeyBank and the KeyBank Foundation's commitment of \$1 million to the DEEDS program.

#### **Resolution 2017-1**

#### **NAMING OF THE KEYBANK LOBBY IN THE CENTER FOR UNDERGRADUATE EXCELLENCE**

WHEREAS, KeyBank Foundation recognizes Kent State University as a leader in higher education and excellence in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, KeyBank Foundation is committed to ensuring access and success for underrepresented students; and

WHEREAS, KeyBank Foundation is a long-time partner of Kent State University and its mission to help all students reach their full potential in earning a degree; and

WHEREAS, KeyBank Foundation has made a \$1 million commitment to support Kent State University's Dynamic Education and Engagement for Diverse Students (DEEDS) Program, which provides personalized support services for under-represented students to assure they are engaged, excel and graduate on time with their peers; 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 DEEDS program and the Center for Undergraduate Excellence, express its sincere appreciation to KeyBank Foundation for its generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names Kent State University's Center for Undergraduate Excellence WiFi Area the KeyBank Lobby.

Trustee Della Ratta reported that the recommendation had the support of University College, the Division of Institutional Advancement and President Warren, and was consistent with the university naming policy. He noted that Trustee Margot Copeland abstained from this matter due to her leadership position at KeyBank and asked that this item be removed from the consent agenda for a separate motion.

*NAMING OF THE GAWLICKI FAMILY FOUNDATION ONLINE M.A. TRANSLATION PROGRAM*

Trustee Della Ratta next presented the naming of the Gawlicki Family Foundation Online M.A. Translation Program.

**Resolution 2017-2**

**NAMING OF THE GAWLICKI FAMILY FOUNDATION  
ONLINE M.A. TRANSLATION PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Ted and Mary Gawlicki of Storrs Mansfield, Connecticut, recognize Kent State University as a global leader through its translation program; and

WHEREAS, the Gawlickis, through The Gawlicki Family Foundation, seek to partner with Kent State to create an online translation program; and

WHEREAS, this program meets The Gawlicki Family Foundation's goal of seeking solutions to problems in areas of education, respiratory healthcare and translation as a career; and

WHEREAS, The Gawlicki Family Foundation has made a grant of \$1 million to



Kent State University to fund the development of a state-of-the-art distance learning translation studies program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the Institute of Applied Linguistics and the current and future students who will benefit from the program, expresses sincere appreciation to Ted and Mary Gawlicki and The Gawlicki Family Foundation for their generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names Kent State University's Online M.A. Translation Program, The Gawlicki Family Foundation Online M.A. Translation Program.

Trustee Della Ratta stated that the committee recommended that this naming be placed on the consent agenda. Trustee Della Ratta also reported that the recommendation had the support of the Institute of Applied Linguistics, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Institutional Advancement and President Warren, and was consistent with the university naming policy.

*NAMING OF THE LUBRIZOL FOUNDATION LOBBY OF THE INTEGRATED SCIENCES BUILDING*

Next, Trustee Della Ratta presented the committee's recommendation that the naming of the Lubrizol Lobby in the Integrated Sciences Building be added to the consent agenda.

**Resolution 2017-3**

**NAMING OF THE LUBRIZOL FOUNDATION LOBBY  
OF THE INTEGRATED SCIENCES BUILDING**

WHEREAS, The Lubrizol Foundation recognizes Kent State University as a leader in higher education and excellence in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The Lubrizol Foundation is a company-sponsored foundation based in Wickliffe, Ohio, that has given more than \$74 million in grants to public charities in communities primarily within the United States where Lubrizol operates major facilities; and

WHEREAS, The Lubrizol Foundation has a long history of philanthropic support of Kent State University, with special emphasis directed toward the support of STEM education; and

WHEREAS, The Lubrizol Foundation awarded a \$25,000 capital grant to support the construction of the Integrated Sciences Building and pledged \$100,000 to

support the creation of a scholarship program for Kent State students pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Applied Engineering or Chemistry; and

WHEREAS, The Lubrizol Foundation Lobby will be named in recognition of these two commitments, and the longstanding philanthropic support of The Lubrizol Foundation; 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, expresses sincere appreciation to The Lubrizol Foundation for its generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names Kent State University's Integrated Sciences Building main entrance The Lubrizol Foundation Lobby.

Trustee Della Ratta reported that the recommendation had the support of the College of Arts and Sciences, the Division of Institutional Advancement and President Warren, and was consistent with the university naming policy.

Trustee Della Ratta stated that the committee received an update regarding the Campaign Planning and Fundraising year-to-date from Vice President Sokany. He continued that fundraising results at the end of April exceeded \$26 million and were expected to reach or near the stretch goal of \$38 million by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2017. He highlighted that if achieved, this would represent a double-digit increase over the amount raised for all of last year. Trustee Della Ratta noted the committee also was informed of President Warren's approval of other naming actions consistent with university naming policy. He detailed that the naming actions honored donors who gave substantial support for the Center for Architecture and Environmental Design, the Center for Visual Arts, and the Integrated Sciences Building.

Next, Trustee Della Ratta noted that the committee heard a state and legislative update from Nick Gattozzi, executive director for government and community relations, about the status of state budget deliberations. Trustee Della Ratta noted that the deliberations included a zero percent increase in undergraduate tuition and zero percent growth in state support of instruction (SSI). Trustee Della Ratta also reported that Executive Director Gattozzi addressed some of the concerns and challenges emerging for higher education in the next federal budget, in particular for federally funded research and federal student financial aid programs.

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

Chair Pollock then acknowledged the request of Trustee Copeland that the naming of the KeyBank lobby be removed from the consent agenda for a separate motion.

**ACTION: Trustee Addicott moved, seconded by Trustee Riley, that the resolution regarding the KeyBank Lobby naming be approved. Trustee Copeland abstained. There**

**were no objections. The motion passed,**

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

Chair Pollock then 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 that morning and considered Academic Personnel Actions that were routine in nature. She noted the request for emeritus status for four faculty members.

Additionally, Trustee Copeland reported that the committee considered eight management decision items that required Board action.

*REVISION IN NAME OF THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED ENGINEERING,  
SUSTAINABILITY AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS AND  
ENGINEERING*

Trustee Copeland then announced that the committee recommended, for approval by the Board, the revision in the name of the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability, and Technology to the College of Aeronautics and Engineering.

**Resolution 2017- 4**

**REVISION IN NAME OF THE COLLEGE OF APPLIED ENGINEERING,  
SUSTAINABILITY AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE COLLEGE OF  
AERONAUTICS AND ENGINEERING**

WHEREAS, the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology (CAEST) requests a revision in name to the College of Aeronautics and Engineering; and

WHEREAS, more than 50 percent of undergraduate enrollment in the college is in Aeronautics programs, with an additional 350 majors in Applied Engineering and Aerospace Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name more accurately reflects these programs of study and the future mission of the college to advance into engineering; and

WHEREAS, revising the name to the College of Aeronautics and Engineering reflects the vibrant nature of aeronautics and engineering within the college and the growing need for trained pilots and engineers across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision in name of the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology to the College of Aeronautics and Engineering was reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty and leadership, 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 approves the revision in name of the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology to the College of Aeronautics and Engineering, effective July 1, 2017.

Trustee Copland said this action would reflect the vibrant nature of aeronautics and engineering within the college and the growing need for training pilots and engineers across the globe. Trustee Copland then requested that Provost Diacon speak to the name change and action item. Provost Diacon provided two reasons driving the name change. The first was to recognize the importance and size of aeronautics in the college, which the current name did not do. The second reason was to recognize Kent State's entry into engineering instruction. To highlight the impact of the college, Provost Diacon referenced a letter that he received on May 23, 2017, from the director of flight operations at NetJets, expressing appreciation for the preparation of Kent State graduates and outlining opportunities to explore further partnerships with the university. Provost Diacon additionally underscored the university's history of offering applied engineering programs and its record of strong placement for its graduates. He also noted that Kent State was moving toward other specialized engineering programs that are more research- and development-oriented than applied engineering.

#### *INACTIVATION OF DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH*

Trustee Copland thanked Provost Diacon and then noted that the committee recommended six additional curricular actions for approval by the Board. She continued that two revisions were in name or administrative structure to become effective in the upcoming academic year.

First, Trustee Copland presented a resolution for the inactivation of departments within the College of Public Health to create a college of the whole.

#### **Resolution 2017-5**

#### **INACTIVATION OF DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

WHEREAS, the College of Public Health seeks to revise its administrative structure by inactivating all departments within the college to form one administrative unit; and

WHEREAS, the departments to be inactivated are the Department of Social and

Behavioral Sciences, the Department of Health Policy and Management, and the Department of Biostatistics, Environmental Health and Epidemiology; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reorganization into a “college of the whole” structure aligns with University Policy 3342-6-14 Regarding Faculty Tenure, accreditation requirements, increased effectiveness and efficiencies, and university priorities; and

WHEREAS, the new structure will promote college-wide implementation and interdisciplinary collaboration for the college’s two research entities; and

WHEREAS, with the inactivation of departments, the College of Public Health will operate like the colleges of Nursing and Podiatric Medicine, the other Kent State professional health colleges; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the three departments within the College of Public Health was reviewed and approved by the appropriate college and department faculty and curriculum committees, 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 approves the restructuring of the College of Public Health by inactivation of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, the Department of Health Policy and Management, and the Department of Biostatistics, Environmental Health and Epidemiology, within the College of Public Health, effective July 1, 2017.

*REVISION IN NAME OF THE COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO THE COUNSELING CENTER*

Next, Trustee Copeland presented the revision in the name of the Counseling and Human Development Center to the Counseling Center.

**Resolution 2017-6**

**REVISION IN NAME OF THE COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT CENTER TO THE COUNSELING CENTER**

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services and the School of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences request a revision in name of the Counseling and Human Development Center to the Counseling Center; and

WHEREAS, master’s- and doctoral-level students in the Counselor Education and Human Development major annually offer more than 4,200 hours of individual

mental health counseling for Kent State students in the center; and

WHEREAS, the center has been in existence for more than 30 years under multiple names; and

WHEREAS, the center's current name – Counseling and Human Development Center – was chosen to reflect the name of the counseling program, Counseling and Human Development Services; and

WHEREAS, the name of the Counseling and Human Development Services major was revised to the Counselor Education and Supervision major in Fall 2015; and

WHEREAS, revising the name of the Counseling and Human Development Center to the Counseling Center reflects the current major's name and clearly describes the counseling services provided by the center; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision in name has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college and curriculum committees, 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 Counseling and Human Development Center to the Counseling Center, effective Fall 2017.

Trustee Copeland noted that this change would reflect the current name of the counseling major and would better describe the counseling services provided by the center.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ATHLETIC TRAINING MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE*

Additionally, Trustee Copeland stated that the committee recommended Board approval of the establishment of one new major, the Athletic Training major within the Master of Science degree in the College of Education, Health and Human Services.

**Resolution 2017-7**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ATHLETIC TRAINING MAJOR  
WITHIN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services and the School of Health Sciences requests the establishment of the Athletic Training major within the Master of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Athletic Training currently exists as a major within the Bachelor of Science degree, preparing graduates for careers as athletic trainers in universities, elementary and high schools, hospitals, fitness centers, military bases, physician offices, and professional sports teams; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) elevated the entry-level degree for athletic trainers from a bachelor of science to a master of science degree, requiring that bachelor's degrees be phased out by 2022; and

WHEREAS, the objective of the proposed master's degree program is to develop strong clinical practitioners who can critically analyze and perform research in the discipline, as well as transition to practice and advance to either full-time employment or continued education in either a clinical residency or doctoral program; and

WHEREAS, athletic training is one of the fastest growing health care fields, with a projected 21% growth in employment of athletic trainers from 2014 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree program has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school, college and campus 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 Athletic Training major within the Master of Science degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

*INACTIVATION OF THE ALLIED HEALTH MANAGEMENT MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL STUDY DEGREE*

The final curricular items recommended by the committee included the inactivation of three associate-level majors in the Regional College, she reported. First, she presented the inactivation of the Allied Health Management major within the Associate of Technical study degree.

**Resolution 2017- 8**

**INACTIVATION OF THE ALLIED HEALTH MANAGEMENT MAJOR  
WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL STUDY DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the Regional College requests the inactivation of the Allied Health Management major within the Associate of Technical Study degree; and

WHEREAS, the Allied Health Management major was established in 2008 at the request of healthcare agencies in the Mahoning Valley to provide an educational pathway for allied health professionals; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no evidence to support the need for this specialized program in the region; and

WHEREAS, the Regional College offers a generalized Associate of Technology Study degree on all seven regional campuses that awards college credit for industry-recognized credentials allowing students to create an individualized plan of study; and

WHEREAS, one student currently enrolled in the major proposed for inactivation will be able to complete the degree program, if desired; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation will have no impact on other programs, course offerings, faculty or staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Allied Health Management major within the Associate of Technical Study degree has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate campus 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 Allied Health Management major within the Associate of Technical Study degree, effective Fall 2017.

*INACTIVATION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TECHNOLOGY  
MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL STUDY DEGREE*

Next, Trustee Copeland presented the inactivation of the Emergency Medical Services Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree.

**Resolution 2017-9**

**INACTIVATION OF THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  
TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL  
STUDY DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the Regional College requests the inactivation of the Emergency Medical Services Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Medical Services Technology major was established



in 2003 to offer a pathway for degree completion for certified paramedics, enhancing job opportunities for supervisory positions; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no evidence to support the need for this specialized program in the region; and

WHEREAS, certified paramedics interested in completing their degrees may do so through alternate “completer” degree paths, including the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree and the Public Health major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the Regional College also offers a generalized Associate of Technology Study degree on all seven regional campuses that awards college credit for industry-recognized credentials allowing students to create an individualized plan of study; and

WHEREAS, two student currently enrolled in the major proposed for inactivation will be able to complete the degree program, if desired; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation will have no impact on other programs, course offerings, faculty or staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Emergency Medical Services Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate campus 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 Emergency Medical Services Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree, effective Fall 2017.

*INACTIVATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRADES TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL STUDY DEGREE*

Next, Trustee Copeland presented the inactivation of the Industrial Trades Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree.

**Resolution 2017-10**

**INACTIVATION OF THE INDUSTRIAL TRADES TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF TECHNICAL STUDY DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the Regional College requests the inactivation of the Industrial Trades Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Trades Technology major was established in 1995 to provide continuing education for Chrysler employees; and

WHEREAS, the Industrial Trades Technology major is a completion program for students who have finished four years of apprenticeship/journeyman training; and

WHEREAS, the Regional College offers a generalized Associate of Technology Study degree on all seven regional campuses that awards college credit for industry-recognized credentials allowing students to create an individualized plan of study; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no evidence to support the need for this specialized program in the region; and

WHEREAS, two students currently enrolled in the major proposed for inactivation will be able to complete the degree program as planned; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation will have no impact on other programs, course offerings, faculty or staff; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Industrial Trades Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate campus 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 Industrial Trades Technology major within the Associate of Technical Study degree, effective Fall 2017.

*REVISION OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-4-05 REGARDING STUDENT HOUSING*

Finally, Trustee Copeland stated the committee recommended the revision of the University Policy Regarding Student Housing, for approval by the Board.

**Resolution 2017-11**

**REVISION OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-4-05  
REGARDING STUDENT HOUSING**

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

WHEREAS, University Policy 3342-4-05 identifies the purpose, exemptions,

verification, procedures, violations and equal access regarding student housing at Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, policy revisions are necessary to ensure appropriate application and to update terminology; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions to University Policy 3342-4-05 Regarding Student Housing were recommended by the Division of Student Affairs, reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel and the President's Cabinet, and carry the endorsement of the President and the Vice President for Student Affairs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent State University Board of Trustees approves the revision of University Policy 3342-4-05 Regarding Student Housing, effective June 10, 2017.

Trustee Copeland explained that this action would ensure appropriate application of the policy and would update terminology within the policy.

Next, Trustee Copeland stated that the committee heard several presentations including presentations from Dave Garcia, senior associate vice president for enrollment management, on the status of 2017 admissions; from Dr. Eboni Pringle, dean of University College, on the Summer Advantage Program; and from Dr. Susan Stocker, dean and chief administrative officer of Kent State University at Ashtabula.

Finally, she noted that it was the recommendation of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee that the above-recommended items be included on the consent agenda. With that, Trustee Copeland concluded her report.

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

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 to discuss the internal audit plan for fiscal year 2018 and reviewed an outline of audit projects. Trustee Perry explained that the plan presented the areas that would be audited in 2018 fiscal year. Trustee Perry reported that Senior Vice President Polatajko said the university was making progress in having the current auditor, Plante & Moran, PLLC, extend its relationship with Kent State for an additional two-year term.

Next, Trustee Perry explained that the third quarter's performance report for fiscal year 2017 was

also reviewed by the committee. He noted that the report compared the Internal Audit Plan budgeted hours to actual. He underscored that there were no unusual items in the report.

Finally, Trustee Perry stated that the committee heard a presentation by Jo Ann Gustafson, director of internal audit, regarding key elements of the processes utilized by the Office of Internal Audit. Director Gustafson introduced staff members to the committee and briefly described the focus of their different audit projects, he said. Trustee Perry added that highlights of the university's internal audit process included a collaborative approach, a transparent process for fieldwork and communicating results as well as entrance and exit conferences and scheduling follow-up audits.

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

Chair Pollock then asked Committee Chair Steve Colecchi to present the Finance and Administration Committee report. Chair Pollock noted that this was Trustee Colecchi's final report as a member of the Board of Trustees and thanked him for his service and expertise.

### **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Colecchi reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met that morning and discussed several items to be considered by the Board.

Trustee Colecchi stated that in addition to the non-academic personnel actions, the committee sought Board action on several items, all of which the committee recommended for inclusion on the consent agenda.

#### ***APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2017***

He introduced the first item: approval for tuition and fees, effective Fall 2017.

#### **Resolution 2017-12**

#### **APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2017**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for approving fees for instruction and other educational services; and

WHEREAS, proposals to date for the State of Ohio budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 have included a freeze on undergraduate in-state tuition at the 2014-2015 amount; and

WHEREAS, proposals to date for the State of Ohio budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 allow flexibility in graduate and out-of-state surcharges; and

WHEREAS, additional resources are needed in a number of areas to preserve

academic program quality and services to students as well as to provide additional resources for student financial aid; and

WHEREAS, changes to graduate tuition and out-of-state surcharges have been proposed to meet these needs and reviewed by executive officers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of tuition and fees to be effective with the Fall 2017 semester, unless otherwise noted.

Trustee Colecchi said it was anticipated that the Ohio General Assembly would continue for the next biennium a freeze on undergraduate in-state tuition at the 2014-15 levels and that flexibility would be permitted in graduate and out-of-state surcharges. He noted that the actions recommended included that graduate tuition be increased by 2 percent and the graduate non-Ohio resident surcharge be increased by 10 percent. A 2-percent increase, or \$84 per semester, in the undergraduate non-resident full-time rate was also proposed. In addition, a special tuition rate was requested for the new fully online Master's in Business Administration degree. He noted that the program was approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education on January 31, 2017 and would commence in Fall 2017.

*APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PROGRAM, COURSE, AND OTHER FEES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2017*

Next, Trustee Colecchi stated that the committee sought approval of special program, course and other fees, effective Fall 2017.

**Resolution 2017-13**

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PROGRAM, COURSE, AND OTHER FEES,  
EFFECTIVE FALL 2017**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for approving fees for instruction and other education services and also is authorized to establish special purpose fees and charges for services and benefits provided to students; and

WHEREAS, additional resources are needed in a number of areas to preserve academic program quality and services to students and to fund unique costs associated with certain courses, services and academic programs; and

WHEREAS, the recommended changes to program, course and other fees are in compliance with the proposals to date for the State of Ohio budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019; and

WHEREAS, proposed changes to program, course and miscellaneous fees have been reviewed extensively by university staff including executive officers, to

ensure that all are in the appropriate amounts and are necessary to protect program quality; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of fees to be effective with the Fall 2017 semester, unless otherwise noted and as permissible by the State of Ohio.

Trustee Colecchi explained that these fees were necessary to provide needed resources for academic programs and courses that include specific direct expenses such as supplies, testing, travel and other costs of delivery. He added that the proposed recommended changes had been reviewed extensively by university staff to ensure that all were in the appropriate amounts and were necessary to protect program quality. Furthermore, he explained that the recommended changes were in compliance with the existing proposals at the time for the State of Ohio budget. As noted in the resolution, all of the proposed changes are contingent upon the final language of State budget bill for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, he noted.

#### *EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION*

Next, Trustee Colecchi affirmed that the State budget for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 continued to be under development by the Ohio General Assembly. He stated that the committee sought authorization for the president and the university's chief financial officer to expend monies from educational and general, and auxiliary funds beginning July 1, 2017, at the funding level established for the Board for fiscal year 2016-2017.

#### **Resolution 2017-14**

#### **EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION**

WHEREAS, the appropriation and legislative tuition directives from the State of Ohio for higher education have not been finalized at this time; and

WHEREAS, the most recently discussed version of House Bill 49 (the Budget Bill) provides a 0% increase in the 2017-18 fiscal year appropriation to Ohio universities for the state share of instruction; and

WHEREAS, the most recently discussed version of the Budget Bill allows for a 0% increase per academic year for both a full-time in-state undergraduate student enrolled in a four-year institution and a full-time in-state undergraduate student enrolled at a regional campus; and

WHEREAS, the state appropriation and tuition are critical components of the university budget and must be known prior to preparing a meaningful operating plan; and

WHEREAS, deliberations on the State budget will not be concluded in time to

permit Board of Trustees' action on a final Kent State University budgetary plan for the 2017-18 fiscal year at the Board's May 31 meeting; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University needs to proceed with its operation into fiscal year 2017-18 and spending authorization is requested through action of the Board; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that

- (1) The Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the President and the university's chief financial officer to expend monies from educational and general and auxiliary funds beginning July 1, 2017, at the funding level established by the Board for fiscal year 2016-17; and
- (2) The President will submit an operating budget for action by the Board of Trustees when appropriate information is available and a complete operating budget reflecting direction and authority can be prepared. It is anticipated this will occur at the Board's September 13, 2017 meeting.

Trustee Colecchi further noted that this action authorizes the president to submit a complete operating budget for fiscal year 2018 to the Board when appropriate information is available from the State of Ohio. He added that it was anticipated that this action would occur at the Board's September 13, 2017 meeting.

#### *APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SURCHARGE RATES FOR NON-OHIO RESIDENTS*

Next, Trustee Colecchi stated that the university had three approved reductions to the regular out-of-state surcharge assessed to non-Ohio residents that were set to expire at the end of the fiscal year. The committee sought approval to continue these reductions, which enables the university to stay competitive in terms of marketing and pricing, through spring semester 2019 and any summer terms that begin prior to June 30, 2019, subject to any required approvals from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

#### **Resolution 2017-15**

#### **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SURCHARGE RATES FOR NON-OHIO RESIDENTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is responsible for approving fees for instruction and other education services; and

WHEREAS, reductions from instructional and general fees, as well as out-of-state surcharge rates are allowable if approved by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University currently has three approved reductions in the regular out-of-state surcharge assessed to non-Ohio residents described below and set to expire at the end of this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, an 80% waiver of the out-of-state surcharge rate currently applies for students attending regional campuses from specific counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and

WHEREAS, the university currently applies a reduced special fee of \$10 per credit hour for non-Ohio residents enrolled in fully online programs, and

WHEREAS, a special reduced fee of \$10 per credit hour for non-Ohio residents currently enrolled in the English as a Second Language program is applied; and

WHEREAS, the university has reviewed the enrollment impact of the special rates and recommends that they be continued; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the continuation of the three out-of-state surcharge rates as noted above through spring semester 2019 and any summer terms that begin prior to June 30, 2019, subject to any required approvals from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

*APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE SEPARATION PLAN (UESP) FOR FACULTY*

Observing that Kent State is implementing a variety of measures to meet the objectives outlined in its Strategic Roadmap, Trustee Colecchi presented the committee's approval of a one-time offering of a voluntary employee separation plan for faculty who have 15 years or more of service to the university or meet retirement eligibility requirements from STRS or ARP.

**Resolution 2017-16**

**APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEE  
SEPARATION PLAN (UESP) FOR FACULTY**

WHEREAS, Kent State University is implementing a variety of measures to meet the objectives outlined in the Strategic Roadmap to a Distinctive Kent State; and

WHEREAS, the administration recommends the one-time offering of a voluntary University Employee Separation Plan (UESP) for faculty (tenured/tenure-track and non-tenure track) who have 15 years or more of service to Kent State University, or are eligible to retire (full or partial benefit) from STRS or with equivalent eligibility under ARP, as of May 31, 2018; and



WHEREAS, the plan will give eligible faculty the option of taking advantage of a separation package while providing the university with greater flexibility to respond to current budgetary priorities and to continue to move forward in implementing strategic initiatives; and

WHEREAS, neither part-time faculty nor faculty who have retired and were subsequently rehired are eligible for the plan; and

WHEREAS, the plan will make monthly payments to faculty members who qualify and elect the plan over a five-year period if the faculty member is eligible and chooses to separate; and

WHEREAS, faculty qualifying and electing the plan will separate from service with Kent State on May 31, 2018; and

WHEREAS, under terms of the plan the university reserves the right to retain certain faculty members qualifying for and electing the plan for a period up to one year beyond May 31, 2018, based upon the university's educational and operational needs, after which period their separation and UESP participation will commence; and

WHEREAS, the plan is projected to result in significant cost savings overall that will be re-invested in tenure-track research-active faculty; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby authorizes the President to proceed with the implementation of the voluntary University Employee Separation Plan for faculty (tenured/tenure-track and non-tenure track).

Trustee Colecchi noted that if approved, faculty qualifying for and electing the plan would separate from service with Kent State by May 31, 2018. He said savings from the program would be used to increase the number of tenure-track research-active faculty.

*APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO TERRACE HALL FOR THE SHANNON RODGERS  
AND JERRY SILVERMAN SCHOOL OF FASHION DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING*

Next, Trustee Colecchi stated that the committee sought approval to renovate the second floor of Terrace Hall for additional classrooms, offices and student studios for the Shannon Rodgers and Jerry Silverman School of Fashion Design and Merchandising.

**Resolution 2017-17**

**APPROVAL OF RENOVATIONS TO TERRACE HALL FOR THE  
SHANNON RODGERS AND JERRY SILVERMAN SCHOOL OF  
FASHION DESIGN AND MERCHANDISING**

WHEREAS, the Shannon Rodgers and Jerry Silverman School of Fashion Design and Merchandising is one of the top programs in the country and continued growth in the program requires additional space for offices, classrooms and studios; and

WHEREAS, the second floor of Terrace Hall has been identified as appropriate expansion space for the program and will be renovated as needed to provide classrooms, offices and student studios; and

WHEREAS, the proposed renovations will address the deferred maintenance associated with the 30-year old spaces and provide general improvements for the school and the overall university needs; and

WHEREAS, the university has allocated \$2.7 million in facility improvement funds for the adaptive renovation of the space for the program; 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 Colecchi highlighted that if approved, the proposed project would include selective demolition of existing walls to open up the floor plan for larger studio spaces, replacement and upgrades to the failing mechanical and electrical systems, as well as other deferred maintenance issues.

***APPROVAL OF FUNDING REALIGNMENT FOR THE SCIENCE BUILDINGS  
RENOVATIONS AND THE INTEGRATED SCIENCES BUILDING***

Trustee Colecchi then introduced a resolution requesting approval to adjust the individual project maximums for the Science Corridor renovations, which affected Williams, Smith, and Cunningham halls as well as the new construction of the Integrated Sciences Building.

## **Resolution 2017-18**

### **APPROVAL OF FUNDING REALIGNMENT FOR THE SCIENCE BUILDINGS RENOVATIONS AND THE INTEGRATED SCIENCES BUILDING**

WHEREAS, renovations to three science buildings - Williams, Smith and Cunningham halls - and the construction of the Integrated Sciences Building will be complete and ready for use by the start of the fall 2017 semester; and

WHEREAS, while the overall combined project associated with the sciences is on budget, the individual project maximums must be adjusted due to the complexity of the work; and

WHEREAS, the renovations to the three science buildings were approved by the Board of Trustees at the December 3, 2014 meeting at a maximum value of \$57.2 million but the work will not exceed \$55.085 million; and

WHEREAS, the construction of the Integrated Sciences Building was approved by the Board of Trustees at the December 3, 2014 meeting at a maximum value of \$37.55 million but must be adjusted to reflect a project-specific donation and actual project costs, for a total maximum value of \$40.665 million; and

WHEREAS, no additional funds will be required to make the requested budget modifications; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to amend the maximum budgets for these projects as indicated above.

He noted that the resolution reflected both project-specific donations and actual costs for the projects. Trustee Colecchi said since total project costs remained within the previously approved total budget for sciences renovations and construction in the Foundations of Excellence initiative, no additional funds were required to make the proposed budget adjustments.

### ***APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS***

Continuing, Trustee Colecchi presented a resolution seeking approval to amend the maximum project budget for the Center for the Visual Arts project. The final cost for the project exceeded the previously approved maximum budget due to unforeseen conditions including hazardous material abatement, weather conditions and contractor default.

**Resolution 2017-19**

**APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR THE  
CENTER FOR THE VISUAL ARTS**

WHEREAS, the Center for the Visual Arts project was approved by the Board of Trustees at its March 12, 2014 meeting with a maximum value of \$33.58 million; and

WHEREAS, the college and the university added approximately \$800,000 to the project to meet donor expectations, programmatic changes and enhancements and other critical components; and

WHEREAS, additional unforeseen conditions including hazardous material abatement, weather conditions and contractor changes forced additional work and the associated costs; and

WHEREAS, the Center for the Visual Arts is complete and operational; and

WHEREAS, the university wishes to amend the maximum project budget to reflect the maximum final cost of \$35.38 million: and

WHEREAS, the funding needed to address the additional costs will be supported from donations and unallocated Foundations of Excellence bond funding, with any surplus bond funding then returning to the same funding source after all contracts are closed and claims settled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to amend the maximum budget for this project as indicated above.

Trustee Colecchi explained that approximately \$800,000 was added to the project to meet donor expectations, programmatic changes and enhancements as well as other critical components.

***APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND  
AUDIOLOGY ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS***

Next, Trustee Colecchi noted that the committee requested authorization of an additional \$375,000 to complete renovations for Speech Pathology and Audiology.

### **Resolution 2017-20**

#### **APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUEST FOR SPEECH PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY ADDITION AND RENOVATIONS**

WHEREAS, the renovations in the Center for the Performing Arts associated with Speech Pathology and Audiology programs was approved at the September 30, 2016 Board of Trustees meeting; and

WHEREAS, overall costs for the project have increased due to added program needs and unforeseen conditions; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services has committed an additional \$375,000 in departmental funding to address the added scope, increasing the overall maximum project cost to \$1,875,000; 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 as previously approved with a new maximum budget as indicated above.

Trustee Colecchi added that if approved, the funding would be provided by the College of Education, Health and Human Services. The Board already approved a project budget of \$1.5 million at a previous Board meeting, and the additional funds were needed to support the project design and enhancements to its scope since the initial submission.

#### ***APPROVAL OF WATER MAIN MAINTENANCE AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT EASEMENTS TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, OHIO***

Next, Trustee Colecchi explained that the City of Independence, Ohio, was creating a waterline loop to a water main located on the College of Podiatric Medicine property. The committee requested approval to enter into perpetual non-exclusive easement agreements with the City of Independence for water main maintenance and storm management across the university's property in Independence.

### **Resolution 2017-21**

#### **APPROVAL OF WATER MAIN MAINTENANCE AND STORM WATER MANAGEMENT EASEMENTS TO CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, OHIO**

WHEREAS, Kent State University owns real property and improvements in Independence, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which is part of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine location; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence has determined a need to create a waterline

loop to a water main located on and serving the Kent State University property;  
and

WHEREAS, the connection will inure to the benefit of the university by providing better water flow and pressure to the College of Podiatric Medicine building; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence has relocated the storm sewer to accommodate the waterline loop and now requires an easement over Kent State University property to maintain the new storm sewer along Rockside Place in order to provide for the discharge of storm water; and

WHEREAS, the granting of the easements will in no way impact Kent State University's future development of its property; 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 perpetual non-exclusive easement agreements with the City of Independence for water main maintenance and storm water management across the property of Kent State University in Independence, Ohio.

*APPROVAL OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, OHIO*

In a related action, Trustee Colecchi stated the City of Independence was also constructing a new sanitary sewer system near the College of Podiatric Medicine property. The committee requested approval to enter into a perpetual non-exclusive easement agreement with the City of Independence for the construction, operation and maintenance of a sanitary sewer across the university's property in Independence.

**Resolution 2017-22**

**APPROVAL OF SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT TO THE  
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, OHIO**

WHEREAS, Kent State University owns real property and improvements in Independence, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, which is part of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine location; and

WHEREAS, the City of Independence has determined that its current sanitary sewer system is at the end of its useful life and desires an easement for the purpose of constructing a new sanitary sewer to replace the existing one; and

WHEREAS, the sanitary sewer system will provide for the disposal of organic waste for the benefit of Kent State University and other landowners in the City of Independence; and

WHEREAS, the granting of the easement will in no way impact Kent State University's future development of its property; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University will receive \$15,400 in compensation based on the appraised fair market value of the property subject to the easement; 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 perpetual non-exclusive easement agreement with the City of Independence for the construction, operation and maintenance of a sanitary sewer across the property of Kent State University in Independence, Ohio.

Trustee Colecchi followed by stating that if approved, the university would receive \$15,400 in compensation based on the appraised fair market value of the property subject to the easement. He added that both infrastructure projects would improve utility services for the university's College of Podiatric Medicine.

Trustee Colecchi then reminded the Board that in accordance with university policy, Board of Trustees authorization is required for purchases of goods and/or services exceeding \$1 million and stated the following proposed resolutions request approval to enter into agreements.

*APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR COPIERS AND A PRINT  
MANAGEMENT SOLUTION*

First, Trustee Colecchi noted that as part of the requirements of the Governor Kasich's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency, Kent State led a request for proposal (RFP) process issued by the Inter-University Council of Ohio (IUC) Purchasing Group to secure a vendor for the provision of copiers and a print management system for member schools. He explained that the resolution requested approval to enter into an initial five-year term with ComDoc/Xerox, plus a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods, for a potential contract duration of eight years.

**Resolution 2017-23**

**APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR COPIERS  
AND A PRINT MANAGEMENT SOLUTION**

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 copiers and a print management solution; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with requirements of the Governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency, Kent State University led the request for proposals process issued by the Inter-University Council Purchasing Group to secure a vendor for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposals issued by the Inter-University Council Purchasing Group, ComDoc/Xerox provided the proposal with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these goods and/or services is an initial five-year term of approximately \$2 million with the potential of three additional one-year periods at approximately \$400,000 each to be funded by the university departments requiring copiers and print management services; 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 ComDoc/Xerox for the provision of copiers and a print management solution for five years plus a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

Trustee Colecchi stated that the committee was estimating approximately \$400,000 annually in savings with this new contract.

*APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR AN INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICE*

Next, Trustee Colecchi mentioned that following a recent RFP process and recommendation by the Investment Committee, this resolution requested approval to enter into a contract with SEI Investments Management Corporation for the provision of investment advisory services for one year plus optional annual renewals, for a term that would not exceed six years.

**Resolution 2017-24**

**APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR AN  
INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICE**

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 a qualified, independent management and consulting firm for investment advisory services related to the university's non-endowment assets; and



WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposals issued by the Kent State University procurement department, SEI Investments Management Corporation provided the proposal with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the Investment Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation to select SEI Investments Management Corporation as the university's investment advisor; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost for these services is estimated at \$705,000 (not including individual investment manager fees), to be funded by investment earnings; and

WHEREAS, the agreement will proceed year to year with a maximum term of six years, allowing for the initiation of a request for proposal process after the fifth year; 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 SEI Investments Management Corporation for the provision of investment advisory services for one year plus optional annual renewals for a term that will not exceed six years in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

Trustee Colecchi affirmed that if approved, the contract would begin on July 1, 2017. He added that while the major goal of switching advisory investment services was to increase the university's performance return, the institution would also realize significant fee savings now estimated at approximately \$800,000 per year.

*APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION TO PROVIDE JANITORIAL  
CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES*

Next, Trustee Colecchi explained that the committee requested approval to enter into an agreement with Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc. operating as Staples Business Advantage, and Dawnchem for the provision of janitorial chemicals and supplies.

**Resolution 2017-25**

**APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION TO PROVIDE  
JANITORIAL CHEMICALS AND SUPPLIES**

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 janitorial chemicals and supplies; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposals issued by the Kent State University procurement department, Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc. operating as Staples Business Advantage, and Dawnchem, provided the proposals with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated combined cost for these goods is an initial two-year term of \$1.32 million, with the potential of three additional one-year periods at approximately \$660,000 each year, to be funded by the approved operating budget for University Facilities Management, Residence Services, Kent Student Center, and Recreational Services departments; 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 separate contracts (one each) with Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc. Operating as Staples Business Advantage, and Dawnchem for the provision of janitorial chemicals and supplies for two years plus a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

Trustee Colecchi said that if approved, the agreement would be for an initial term of two years with a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods, for the potential total duration of five years. He explained that the estimated savings would be approximately \$163,000 a year for this contract.

*APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION TO PROVIDE MEDIA BUYING SERVICES*

Next, Trustee Colecchi introduced a resolution that requested approval to enter into a contract with Harmelin Media for the provision of media buying services for Kent State University's eight campuses.

**Resolution 2017-26**

**APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION TO PROVIDE  
MEDIA BUYING SERVICES**

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 media services; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposals issued by the Kent State University procurement department, Harmelin Media provided the proposal with the best overall service, strategy and value with an all-inclusive gross commission rate of 10% of the annual university's advertising expenditures; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services are for a three-year initial term to be funded by University Relations in the range of \$200,000 to \$450,000 annually, dependent upon annual advertising expenses; 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 Harmelin Media for the provision of media buying services for Kent State University for three years plus a university option to renew up to two additional one-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

Trustee Colecchi praised the great work by the university staff on all the proposed contracts and initiatives, observing that some of the RFPs had between 18 and 22 responses that allowed for good comparisons.

*APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT CAMPUS*

Finally, Trustee Colecchi introduced a resolution that requested approval to enter into a contract for transportation services with the Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA).

**Resolution 2017-27**

**APPROVAL OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR  
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY, KENT CAMPUS**

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 desires to provide appropriate on-campus transportation for students and employees; and

WHEREAS, the agreement for provision of transportation services currently in place between Kent State University and the Portage Area Regional Transit Authority (PARTA) expires on June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University and PARTA desire to enter into a new

agreement with a 10-year term commencing on July 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University and PARTA have reached agreement regarding the proposed appropriate fees for transportation services as outlined on the table below; and

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Per Service Hour (25,141 annualized)</b>	<b>Community Transit Service Fees</b>	<b>Total Estimated Expenditure</b>
2017-2018	\$74.85	\$262,425	\$2,144,229
2018-2019	\$76.25	\$262,425	\$2,179,426

WHEREAS, beginning July 1, 2019, the per service hour fee and the community transit service fee be adjusted based on a five-year rolling average of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index; 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 new contract with PARTA for the provision of transportation services to commence on July 1, 2017 and continue through June 30, 2027.

Trustee Colecchi added that if approved, the contract would commence on July 1, 2017 and continue through June 30, 2027. Beginning on July 1, 2019, the per service hour fee and community transit service fee would be adjusted based on a five-year rolling average of the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index. He explained that this action would replace the current agreement.

Trustee Colecchi also noted that the committee heard a report on the April 18, 2017, meeting of the Investment Committee and reviewed the quarterly report on investments. The investment report was among several information items routinely provided to the committee and the Board for review.

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

Chair Pollock thanked Trustee Colecchi for his report.

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

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

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### *ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT*

With that, Chair Pollock opened new business. On behalf of the Board, Chair Pollock presented a resolution for the annual election of the president.

#### **Resolution 2017-28**

### **ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, Beverly J. Warren joined Kent State University as its 12<sup>th</sup> president on July 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the University requires that the Board of Trustees shall annually elect a president of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes President Warren's outstanding contributions to the well-being and advancement of Kent State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that Beverly J. Warren is hereby elected President of Kent State University for a fourth annual term, effective July 1, 2017.

Chair Pollock noted that President Warren was under contract through 2020, and that this annual election was a routine action required by the Kent State University Constitution. He stated that the Board looked forward to working with President Warren in 2017-2018.

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

### *REPORT OF THE NOMINATING AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE*

Next, Chair Pollock called upon Trustee Virginia Addicott to present the report on behalf of the Nominating and Governance Committee.

Trustee Addicott presented the committee's recommendations for the election of Board officers for the 2017-18 year. The proposed slate included Trustee Larry Pollock as Chair, Trustee Ralph Della Ratta as Vice Chair, and Trustee Margot Copeland as Secretary

**ACTION: Trustee Addicott moved, seconded by Trustee Riley, that the slate of 2017-18 Board officers be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.**

Chair Pollock congratulated Vice Chair Della Ratta and Secretary Copeland upon their election and thanked them for their leadership. He also expressed appreciation to the Nominating and

Governance Committee for its consideration and confidence.

*REAPPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL TRUSTEE MICHAEL SOLOMON*

Next, Chair Pollock introduced a resolution, which was made upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Governance Committee, for the reappointment of Michael Solomon as National Trustee, through September 30, 2020. He thanked Trustee Solomon for his outstanding leadership and dedicated service to Kent State, and explained that this would be Trustee Solomon's third and final term, as permitted by Resolution 2010-70.

**Resolution 2017-29**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL TRUSTEE MICHAEL SOLOMON**

WHEREAS, by virtue of Resolution 2010-70, the Board of Trustees established the position of National Trustee, recognizing that the university's governance would be well served by National Trustees whose attributes include, but are not limited, to diverse cultural, geographic, business, professional, public service, and civic backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, due to his loyal service to alma mater and his tremendous success as an entrepreneur, investor, senior executive and board member, Michael Solomon was the first individual ever elected to this role in 2011 and was reelected in 2014; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure Trustee Solomon has provided committed service and invaluable insights to the Board and the university leadership; and

WHEREAS, the Nominating and Governance Committee has recommended that Trustee Solomon be reappointed for a third and final three-year term, as permitted under Resolution 2010-70; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the reappointment of Michael D. Solomon as National Trustee, with all rights, privileges and responsibilities pertaining thereto, for a three-year term, ending September 30, 2020.

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

*ENDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT'S MEDAL TO C. OWEN LOVEJOY*

Next, Chair Pollock asked the Board to formally endorse the awarding of the President's Medal to Distinguished Professor Owen Lovejoy. He noted that the Board had expressed its support for the action and concurred with President Warren's desire to bestow this award upon Professor

Lovejoy at the recent One University Commencement. Professor Lovejoy has brought great distinction to Kent State University through his groundbreaking discoveries in the field of anthropology, which earned him election to the prestigious National Academy of Sciences. Chair Pollock added that Dr. Lovejoy was the only Kent State University faculty member currently holding this preeminent distinction.

### **Resolution 2017-30**

#### **ENDORSEMENT OF PRESIDENT’S MEDAL TO C. OWEN LOVEJOY**

WHEREAS, in a stellar academic career spanning nearly 50 years, C. Owen Lovejoy has advanced the education of students and global understanding of human evolution, bringing great distinction to Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, he joined Kent State University in 1968 as a temporary instructor and advanced steadily through the academic ranks, achieving the rank of University Professor in 1989 and his current designation as Distinguished Professor of Human Evolutionary Studies in 2013; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lovejoy is recognized internationally for his pioneering research and contributions in areas including anthropology and forensics and often is cited for his groundbreaking work on the *Ardipithecus ramidus* fossil, which led to incredible new insights into human evolution and in 2009 was recognized by *Science* magazine as the Breakthrough of the Year and “first in top 10 Science Breakthroughs of the Year” by *Time* magazine; and

WHEREAS, his scholarship includes more than 160 publications in peer-reviewed journals, one textbook, and numerous abstracts, earning him the designation as one of the Institute for Scientific Information’s (ISI) “Most Highly Cited” authors in the general social sciences; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lovejoy was elected a member of the prestigious National Academy of Sciences in 2007 and served as the Elected Chair of Section 51 (Anthropology) for the National Academy of Sciences from 2013-2016, and he has served as a member of the Editorial Board of the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences since 2009; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his illustrious career, Dr. Lovejoy has received international, national and university recognitions far too numerous to cite here, all reflecting his extraordinary commitment to exceptional teaching, mentorship, and scholarship; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University upon recommendation of the Citation and Recognition Committee, and with the concurrence of the President, hereby awards the President’s Medal to C. Owen

Lovejoy for his consummate contributions to the academy, to Kent State University, and to the development of global knowledge and future scholars.

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

*RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO PAUL L. GASTON*

Next, Chair Pollock asked the Board to recognize a highly productive educator and scholar, Dr. Paul Gaston, who was completing his term as a Trustee Professor and would retire June 30, 2017. Chair Pollock requested that Trustee Copeland present the resolution of appreciation to Paul L. Gaston on behalf of the Board.

**Resolution 2017-31**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO PAUL L. GASTON**

WHEREAS, Dr. Paul L. Gaston joined Kent State University as Provost and Professor of English in 1999, having previously served in leadership positions as Provost and Executive Vice President at Northern Kentucky University, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, and Associate Vice President for Academic Programs at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaston served as Provost of Kent State University until 2007, when he was appointed by the Kent State University Board of Trustees as the university's sole Trustees Professor; and

WHEREAS, for 10 years as Trustees Professor, Dr. Gaston has continued his distinguished service to Kent State University as an engaging teacher in higher education administration and English literature and an active scholar focusing on higher education reform, public policy, and the humanities; and

WHEREAS, evidencing his commitment to the advancement of outcomes-based, learner-centered instruction, Dr. Gaston has worked closely with the influential Lumina Foundation, the American Association of Colleges and Universities and other national organizations to develop transformative tools for reshaping the system of postsecondary learning, which included the innovative Degree Qualifications Profile, a learner-centered framework that described what a college graduate should know and be able to do to earn the associate, baccalaureate and master's degree; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gaston will retire from Kent State University on June 1, 2017, as Emeritus Professor of English and Trustees Professor; now, therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees expresses its deep gratitude to Dr. Paul L. Gaston for his contributions to the education of students and advancement of Kent State University, and wishes he and his wife Eileen well in their future endeavors.

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

*RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO JENNIFER A. KING*

Next, Chair Pollock turned to Trustee King, expressing his sadness that this would be her last as the university's graduate student trustee due to the expiration of her two-year term. He asked Trustee Evans to present a resolution of appreciation to Trustee King on behalf of the Board, in recognition of her outstanding service to the university. Trustee Evans then presented the resolution of appreciation and recommended its approval.

**Resolution 2017-32**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO JENNIFER A. KING**

WHEREAS, Jennifer A. King was appointed to the Kent State University Board of Trustees by Governor John Kasich on June 26, 2015; and

WHEREAS, in this role she has demonstrated an informed and passionate commitment to student success, effective governance, and especially to the development of Kent State as the nation's healthiest campus; and

WHEREAS, Trustee King has served capably as a member of the Board's Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, External Relations and Development Committee, and Finance and Administration Committee; and

WHEREAS, she has represented Kent State nationally both as a convener of student trustees at the National Conference on Trusteeship held annually by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and at national conferences as part of the prestigious McNair Scholars Program; and

WHEREAS, a 2011 baccalaureate graduate of Kent State, Trustee King has been an exemplary doctoral student in Public Health, earning the Graduate Dean's Award, engaging in community service including the Nutrition Outreach Program and SPARK Ohio, and completing her dissertation research on food insecurity among college students; and

WHEREAS, she will begin full-time employment as a Community Health Fellow at the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation following her

graduation with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in Public Health, Health Policy and Management on May 12, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Board, the administration and the university community commend Trustee King for her high performance, research excellence, community engagement, and devotion to Kent State University; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University expresses sincere gratitude to Jennifer King for her outstanding service and wishes her the very best in her future pursuits.

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

President Warren presented, on behalf of the Board, a framed copy of the resolution, a Kent State University watch, and several Golden Flash gifts for Baby King who join the world later this year. Trustee King delivered heart-felt and moving remarks about how much her experience on the Board of Trustees has meant to her personal and professional development, and she thanked President Warren, trustees and all of the leadership team for their support and friendship.

*RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO STEPHEN COLECCHI*

Finally, Chair Pollock announced that this was also the last meeting for Trustee Colecchi, as his term was expiring. Chair Pollock asked Trustee Della Ratta to present a resolution of appreciation on behalf of the Board. Trustee Della Ratta then presented the resolution of appreciation for Trustee Colecchi and recommended its approval.

**Resolution 2017-33**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO STEPHEN COLECCHI**

WHEREAS, Stephen Colecchi was appointed to the Kent State University Board of Trustees by Governor Ted Strickland on June 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, a 1976 graduate of Kent State, Trustee Colecchi emerged as a prominent leader in the city of Kent and Portage County as an assistant law director and prosecutor and ultimately as President of Robinson Memorial Hospital and its successor organization University Hospitals Portage Medical Center for 22 years; and

WHEREAS, he also has helped improve the health and well-being of the community through his board service including the Direction Home Akron Canton Area Agency on Aging and Disabilities, Ohio Hospital Association, Children's Advocacy Center of Portage County, Portage Development Board, and Team NEO; and

WHEREAS, he has been a prolific member of the Kent State Board of Trustees, serving on all board committees and providing exceptional leadership as Vice Chair (2014-2016), Board Secretary (2012-2014), Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee (2013-2017), Chair of the Compensation Workgroup, and Member of the Joint Project Oversight Committee, which led development of the historic Foundations of Excellence facilities improvement initiative; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Colecchi is well known and highly valued for his impeccable attention to detail, keen analytical skills, no-nonsense style, and relentless commitment to effectiveness and efficiency, always seeking to optimize the use of university resources toward its strategic goals and priorities, most notably student success and degree completion; and

WHEREAS, he has shown extraordinary pride in and loyalty to his alma mater as an avid fan of the Golden Flashes and an ever-present representative of the Board at countless university events and ceremonies; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees expresses its deep appreciation to Stephen Colecchi for his dedicated stewardship; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because of his deep commitment and contributions to the advancement of Kent State, Trustee Colecchi is hereby designated Trustee Emeritus of Kent State University with all the rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

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

President Warren presented Trustee Colecchi with a framed copy of the resolution, a sideline chair signed by the 2017 men's basketball team, and artwork reflecting his lasting impact upon Kent State through his stewardship of the Foundations of Excellence initiative. He thanked the trustees and administration for their support and friendship throughout his board tenure, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve his alma mater in this capacity. Trustee Colecchi said he found the role of trustee to be very rewarding personally, perhaps most of all in the highly success development of Kent as a destination college town and Kent State as a destination university.

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Pollock then announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for Wednesday, September 13, 2017, at the Kent Campus with the exact location and time to be determined. He added that there would also be a social dinner the night before at

the University Residence.

On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.