

*Summary of Board Actions, December 7, 2016*

**Kent State University Board of Trustees  
Summary of Board Agenda Items – December 7, 2016**

<b>Executive Session – 8-9:25 am</b>	
The following purposes were stated for the executive session: (i) considering the employment and compensation of a public employee or official [121.22(G) (1)]; (ii) considering the purchase of property for public purposes [121.22 (G) (2)]. The Board also met with the university's external auditors as permitted by Ohio law.	
<b>Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee – 9:30-10:30am</b>	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Personnel Actions	This report was routine in nature but included, of special note, the awarding of emeritus status to Brook Horvath, who retired as Professor of English, Stark Campus.
Conferral of Degrees – Summer 2016	Routine
Establishment of a Brain Health Research Institute	Approval to establish a research institute focused on brain health research. The institute will optimize infrastructure support for researchers and provide opportunities for collaboration across multiple departments, colleges and campuses. Establishing the Brain Health Research Institute aligns with the university's strategic goals to build a culture of research and innovation and increase extramurally funded research.
Establishment of the Environmental Studies Major within the Bachelor of Arts Degree	Approval to establish a new interdisciplinary degree in the College of Arts and Sciences, to be offered fully on the Kent and Stark campuses. The program will be administered by the Department of Geography.
Inactivation of the Center for the Study of Information and Religion	Approval to deactivate the Center for the Study of Information and Religion, which is no longer a strategic priority for the college or School of Library and Information Science.
<b>Information Items</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Regional Campus Presentation – KSU at Tuscarawas	Dean Bradley Bielski provided an overview and highlights from Kent State University at Tuscarawas, which included growing student enrollment and retention, student and faculty accomplishments, and dedicated service to the community.
Retention and Enrollment Update	Overviews of current statistics for Fall 2017 recruitment and retention trends.
<b>Audit and Compliance Committee – 9:30-10:30 am</b>	
<b>Discussion Items</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Presentation of Audited Financial Statements for FY2016	Representatives from the university's external auditor, Plante & Moran, presented final FY2016 audited financial statements.
FY 2017 First Quarter Internal Audit Plan Review	Routine
Construction Contract Compliance Presentation	Director of Internal Audit Jo Ann Gustafson provided an overview of internal controls in the construction process.
<b>Finance and Administration Committee – 10:30-11:30 am</b>	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Non-Academic Personnel Actions	Routine

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Approval of Special Program Fee for the Information Architecture and Knowledge Management Online Master's Degree Program	Approval of a special program fee (\$725 per credit hour) to support a new fully online Master of Information Architecture and Knowledge Management program in Health Informatics.
Approval of Renovations to Taylor Hall for School of Visual Communication and Design	Authorization of \$8.85 million in renovations including deferred maintenance and code compliance for the School of Visual Communication Design (VCD). Majority of funding (\$8 million) will come from state capital funds with the remainder (\$850,000) from the college.
Approval of Renovations to Lake and Olson Halls	Authorization of \$8.3 million in renovations including roof repair and replacement, upgrades to HVAC, and finish upgrades to student rooms. Project funded with designated Residence Services funding.
Approval of Renovations to Bowman Hall	Authorization of \$4 million in renovations including deferred maintenance, HVAC and energy-efficient lighting; funding from state capital funds.
Approval of Renovations to Moulton Hall for the College of Public Health	Approval of the renovation of approximately 9,200 square feet of space in Moulton Hall for the College of Public Health; \$3 million in state capital funding will be used for this project.
Approval of Renovations to the Trumbull Campus Main Classroom Building Roof Replacement	Approval of the roof replacement for the main classroom building at Trumbull; \$1.15 million in state capital funding will be used, along with \$420,000 of Trumbull Campus facilities maintenance funds.
Approval of Vendor Selection for Promotional Products	Approval of two vendors for the provision of promotional products for two years, plus options to renew up to three additional one-year terms. Estimated cost for these products, to be paid by the university units placing orders for products, is \$1.47 million for the initial two years.
Approval of Property Purchase	Approval of the acquisition of property at 430-436 East Main Street for long-term investment; the property has current rental agreements that will continue. Requires approval of the State of Ohio.
Information Items	Summary
Report of Investment Committee	Routine
Report of Purchasing Activity Greater than \$500,000	Routine
Report of Expenditures	Routine
Report on Capital Projects	Routine
<b>External Relations and Development Committee – 10:30-11:30 am</b>	
Discussion Item	Summary
Memorial Arena and Convocation Center (MACC) Renovation and Fundraising Planning	Report by Athletics Director Joel Nielsen regarding work underway to develop a fundraising campaign to support renovations to the Memorial Arena and Convocation Center (MACC) as a university and community asset.
Government Relations Report	Report by Executive Director Nick Gattozzi regarding the outcomes of the 2016 general election and specifically the newly elected Ohio General Assembly delegation serving the Kent State University footprint.
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Information Items	Summary
Fundraising Update	Routine
Report on Namings Under \$100,000 Approved by the University President	This report included four namings approved by President Warren, on behalf of the Board and consistent with

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	<p>university naming policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Naming of the Dr. Richard and Elia Madey Office at the Wick Poetry Center, which provides working space for marketing and graphics staff as well as poetry fellows;</li><li>• Naming of the Jack and Dora Tippens Foundation Classroom located on the first floor of the Center for Visual Arts, which will house the School of Arts' Foundations program;</li><li>• Naming of the Jack and Dora Tippens Graduate Painting Studio located on the lower level of the center, which will serve as a dedicated working space for graduate painting students; and</li><li>• Naming of the Lincoln Electric Metal Lab within the Center for Architecture and Environmental Design.</li></ul>
New Business	
Action Items	Summary
None	