

Kent State University Board of Trustees
Summary of Board Agenda Items – December 13, 2017

Executive Session/Audit Conference	
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 matters of real estate for public purposes [121.22 (G) (2)]; and (iv) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment [121.22 (G)(4)]. Trustees also met in audit conference with the university's external auditors as permitted by Ohio law.	
Committee of the Whole	
Strategic Partnership with Berkshire Local Schools	Presentation by Kent State Vice President for System Integration Nate Ritchey and Berkshire Local Schools Superintendent John Stoddard regarding the development of a far-reaching strategic partnership between the school district and Kent State University at Geauga.
Comprehensive Facilities Master Plan	Update and engagement led by university leaders and SmithGroup representatives; trustee input was sought on ideas for potential phasing of projects to be undertaken in the master plan. A final plan will be prepared for consideration by the Board at its March 7, 2018 meeting.
Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee	
Action Items	Summary
Personnel Actions	Routine
Conferral of Degrees – Summer 2017	Conferral of 1,589 degrees completed during the period May 14 to August 17, 2017.
Endorsement of University Responses to State Budget Legislation Related to Remediation, Duplication and Review of Courses and Programs	Approval of mandated reports that must be submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education by December 31, 2017.
Establishment of the Musical Theatre Major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree	Approval to elevate Musical Theatre from a concentration to a major, effective Fall 2018.
Establishment of the Theatre Design, Technology and Production Major within the Theatre Studies Degree	Approval to elevate Theatre Design, Technology, and Production from a concentration to a major, effective Fall 2018.
Establishment of the Clinical Epidemiology Major within the Master of Science Degree	Approval to establish a new major focusing on epidemiology and biostatistical methods related to clinical trials and research, effective Fall 2018.
Revision in Name and Structure of the Liquid Crystal Institute to the Advanced Materials and Liquid Crystal Institute	Approval of name change and expansion of disciplines included within the renowned Liquid Crystal Institute.
Revision in Name of the Fashion Major within the Master of Fashion Degree to the Fashion Industry Studies Major within the Master of Fashion Industry Studies Degree	Approval to revise the names of the Fashion major to Fashion Industry Studies and the major's degree from the Master of Fashion to Master of Fashion Industry Studies, effective Fall 2018.
Inactivation of the Theatre Studies Major within the Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree	Approval to inactivate the Theatre Studies Major that is no longer necessary with the establishment of two separate majors for Musical Theatre and Theatre Design, Technology and Production.
Inactivation of the Technology Major within the Bachelor of Science Degree	Approval to inactivate the Technology major effective Fall 2018 due to decline in enrollment and establishment of new technology-related programs in the College of Aeronautics and Engineering.

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Revision of Administrative Policy 3342-4-11.6 Regarding Social Events Sponsored by Registered Student Organizations	Routine
Flash Transfer Northeast Ohio	Provost Diacon discussed a new transfer initiative focusing upon community college graduates that will be launched in April 2018.
Graduate Studies Update	Senior Associate Provost and Graduate Studies Dean Melody Tankersley provided an overview of Graduate Studies including highlights and future directions.
Enrollment Update	Senior Associate Vice President David Garcia discussed the implications of the university's adoption of the Common Application for Fall 2018 admissions.
Audit and Compliance Committee	
Information Items	Summary
Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements for FY 2017	Annual presentation of the FY 2017 audited financial statements by Robb Rose and Sadie Mayle from the university's external auditors, Plante & Moran.
FY 2017 Financial Statements Highlights	High-level review of the university's FY 2017 financial statements by Jeannie Reifsnnyder, Senior Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration; and Tammy Slusser, Controller.
FY 2018 First Quarter Internal Audit Plan Review	Routine update by Jo Ann Gustafson, Director of Internal Audit.
Finance and Administration Committee	
Action Items	Summary
Non-Academic Personnel Actions	Routine
Consideration of Tuition Guarantee Model, Effective Fall 2018	Approval of tuition guarantee model for Fall 2018 that will give students certainty in tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board for a four-year period. The model applies to all eligible new first-year degree-seeking undergraduates enrolling at Kent and Regional Campuses. The Board approved the model, which will permit development of specific 2018-19 rates for adoption at the Board's March 2018 meeting.
Ratification of the Fiscal Year 2017 Efficiency Report and Master Recommendations	Institutions of higher education were required to complete an annual efficiency report and submit it to the Ohio Department of Higher Education by October 13, 2017. Through this resolution, the Board formally ratified the report as submitted.
Approval of Six-Year Comprehensive Capital Plan for Fiscal Years 2019-2024	Approval of a six-year comprehensive capital plan for fiscal years 2019-2024, as required by the ODHE. Items identified in the university's capital request represent high-priority needs across the eight campuses in alignment with the university's master planning efforts and identified deferred maintenance priorities.
Approval of Renovations to the MACC Annex Basketball and Volleyball Development Center	Approval of a \$1.7-million project to repurpose vacated studio space within the MACC Annex for a new multi-sport development center supporting men's and women's basketball and volleyball, which will also benefit the broader community by freeing up some of the demand upon the MACC, which now serves five Athletics teams as well as university and community programming. The project will be funded with private support.

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Approval of College of Podiatric Medicine Building Partial Roof Replacement	Approval of a \$1.07-million maintenance project at the Independence facility. Construction will occur during the summer and fall of 2018, and will be paid for with college facility improvement funds.
Approval of Renovations to the Main Hall Auditorium, Kent State at Ashtabula	Approval of a \$1.1-million renovation project, which is a continuation of updates to the Main Hall of the Ashtabula campus, would address ADA issues, replace seating, install state-of-the art audio/visual systems and provide new interior finishes and acoustical treatments. Renovation costs will be financed through a combination of state, donor, grant and campus funds.
Amendment to University's Investment Committee Charter	Approval of revisions to the Board's Investment Committee Charter, developed by the Investment Committee, to reflect the change from a traditional to a discretionary investment model.
Amendment to 3342-7-03 University Policy Regarding University Investments	Similar to the Investment Committee Charter, the revised Investment Policy Statement recognizes changes due to the adoption of a discretionary investment model. Revisions were recommended by the Board's Investment Committee.
Approval of Contract Extension for Banner ERP System	Approval of a contract extension to support and maintain the university's core financial, human resource, and student transaction processing and reporting requirements. Average annual cost avoidance is estimated at \$343,800 annually.
Approval of Vendor Contract for Student Health Insurance	Approval of United HealthCare Student Resources as the vendor for student health insurance. Under the new agreement, the annual student rate is 18.5% less than the current year while preserving same excellent coverage.
Resolution of Support for Strategic Partnership with Berkshire Local Schools	Approval of a resolution expressing support for the establishment of a strategic partnership with the Berkshire Local Schools that could result in construction of a K-12 school on the Kent State University at Geauga campus if the local community approves a sufficient and timely bond issue for the project.
Information Items	Summary
Report of Investment Committee	Routine
Administrative Policy Update	Administrative Policy 3342-9-01.4 On Electronic Information Security: Revised to add more description of the criteria for securing sensitive data on equipment that resides outside of the data center and removes specific vendor names from general application software.
Report of Purchasing Activity Greater than \$500,000	Routine
Report of Expenditures	Routine
Report on Capital Projects	Routine
External Relations and Development Committee	
Discussion Item	Summary
Naming of the Hoover Foundation Musicology Classroom	Consistent with university naming policy, naming of the Hoover Foundation Musicology Classroom in recognition of the Hoover Foundation's \$100,000 pledge toward the expansion and renovation of the Fine Arts Building at the Stark campus.

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Naming of the William J. and Pearl F. Lemmon Visiting Artist Gallery and the MJ and Pat Albacete Student Art Gallery	Consistent with university naming policy, naming of the The William J. and Pearl F. Lemmon Visiting Artist Gallery and the MJ and Pat Albacete Student Art Gallery on the first floor in the Fine Arts Building at the Stark campus; recognizes William Lemmon's \$200,000 pledge toward the expansion and renovation of the facility.
Information Items	Summary
State and Federal Legislative Update	A discussion of current state and federal issues led by President Warren and Executive Director of Government and Community Relations Nick Gattozzi.
Campaign Planning and Fundraising Updates	Report from Vice President for Institutional Advancement Steve Sokany on planning for the comprehensive campaign as well as fundraising attainment to date.
Naming Actions Approved by President Warren	<p>Outlined three namings approved by President Warren, consistent with university naming policy:</p> <p><u>Integrated Sciences Building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beth A. Cunningham Ph.D. '82, '83, '87 & David H. Wolfe Ph.D. '83 Conference Room <p><u>Kent State University at Stark – Fine Arts Building</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The T.K. and Faye A. Heston Green Room The Dr. Denise A. Seachrist and Mr. Charles P. Wentz Vocal Performance Practice Room
Board Business Meeting	
New Business	Summary
None	