

**Kent State University Board of Trustees
Summary of Board Agenda Items – March 7, 2018**

Executive Session	
<p>The following purposes were stated for the executive session: (i) considering the employment and compensation of a public employee or official [121.22(G)(1)]; (ii) considering matters of real estate for public purposes [121.22 (G) (2)]; (iii) conference with attorney for the public body concerning disputes that are or may be 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)].</p>	
Committee of the Whole Presentation	
Facilities Master Plan	Final presentation of the proposed Facilities Master Plan including conceptual plan and funding sources for transformational and enabling projects known as Phase 1 (2018-2020). The matter was referred to the Board’s Finance and Administration Committee.
Board Actions upon the Recommendation of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee	
Action Items	Summary
Academic Personnel Actions	Approved
Conferral of Degrees – Fall 2017	Approved
Revision of University Policy 3342-6-14 Regarding Faculty Tenure	Policy revision required by HB 49 to include commercialization as a potential pathway to tenure.
Establishment of the Computer Engineering Technology Major within the Bachelor of Science Degree	Approval to establish a new major in Computer Engineering Technology that replaces a concentration in the Applied Engineering major.
Establishment of the Information Technology Major within the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology Degree	Approval to establish the Information Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree, replacing five computer technology concentrations within the Technical and Applied Studies major.
Establishment of the Mechatronics Engineering Major within the Bachelor of Science Degree	Approval to establish a new major in mechatronics, an emerging field that focuses on the integration of mechanical, electrical, computer and control systems. The field revolves around design, construction and operation of automated systems, robotics and intelligent products.
Establishment of the Mechatronics Engineering Technology Major within the Bachelor of Science Degree	Approval to establish a new major in Mechatronics Engineering Technology. Mechatronics Engineering Technology prepares graduates to manage and support the design, operation and analysis of mechanical devices connected with automated systems, robots and computer-integrated manufacturing.
Establishment of the Mechanical Engineering Technology Major within the Bachelor of Science Degree	Approval to establish a new major in Mechanical Engineering Technology that replaces the Technology concentration within the Applied Engineering major.

Establishment of the Neuroscience Major within the Bachelor of Science Degree	Approval of a new interdisciplinary major in Neuroscience to meet growing student interest and demand.
Establishment of the Modeling, Animation and Game Design Major within the Bachelor of Science Degree	Approval to elevate the Computer Design, Animation and Game Creation major from a concentration in the Engineering Technology major to a new major within the Bachelor of Science degree. The major will be offered on the Kent, Stark, and Tuscarawas campuses.
Revision in Name of the Studio Arts Major to the Studio Art Major within the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts Degrees	Routine; name change to more accurately represent the focus of the program.
Revision in Name of the Biological Sciences-Cell Biology Major to the Biological Sciences-Cell Biology and Molecular Genetics Major within the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees	Routine; name change more in keeping with current terminology, strengths and research in the field.
Revision in Name of the Biological Sciences-Ecology Major to the Biological Sciences-Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Major within the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees	Routine; name change more in keeping with current terminology, strengths and research in the field.
Revision in Name of the Biological Sciences-Physiology Major to the Biological Sciences-Integrative Physiology and Neurobiology Major within the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees	Routine; name change more in keeping with current terminology, strengths and research in the field.
Revision in Name of the International Relations Major to the Global Studies Major within the Bachelor of Arts Degree	Routine; name change to align with best practices in the field of global studies.
Revision in Name of the Higher Education Administration Majors within the Master of Education, Educational Specialist and Doctor of Philosophy Degrees	Routine; name changes to differentiate higher education administration graduate programs from the K-12 programs and to better align naming conventions of the programs.
Revision in Name of the Instructional Technology Major to the Educational Technology Major within the Master of Education Degree	Routine; revision in name to Educational Technology to clearly encompass direct instruction as well as broader learning experiences such as simulations, virtual reality, and problem-based learning.
Revision in Name of the Computer Technology Major to the Information Technology Major within the Associate of Applied Business Degree	Routine; name change to better align the program with peer institutions and to enhance marketing and product differentiation to prospective students and employers.
Inactivation of the Reading Specialization Major within the Master of Arts Degree	Routine
Inactivation of the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major within the Associate of Applied Science Degree	Routine

Consolidation of the Crafts and Fine Arts Majors into the Studio Art Major within the Master of Arts Degree	Routine
Information Items	Summary
The Flipped Classroom – Overview	Tour and presentation regarding the former Math Emporium space now utilized as a “flipped classroom.” Impact on student retention was emphasized.
Regional Campus Presentation – Kent State University at Trumbull	Routine – presentation by Dean Lance Grahn.
Information Items Reviewed by the Audit and Compliance Committee	
Information Items	Summary
Plante & Moran FY 2018 Audit Plan	Annual routine visit by the external auditors to present an outline of the audit activities that will be performed as part of Kent State University’s fiscal year 2018 audit.
Update on GASB 68 and GASB 75	In response to the committee’s request at its December 13, 2017 meeting, an update on two GASB pronouncements and how they have and will impact the university’s financial statements moving forward will be presented.
FY 2018 Second Quarter Internal Audit Plan Review	Routine
Overview Presentation of the IUC-IC Consortium and Insurance Program	A review of the insurance coverages provided through the Inter-University Council (IUC), of which Kent State is a member. Presentation by Director of the IUC-IC Beth Conlin and Kent State’s Connie Hawke.
Board Actions upon the Recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee	
Action Items	Summary
Non-Academic Personnel Actions	Approved
Adoption of Facilities Master Plan, Including Phase I Project Priorities and Funding Strategies	Adoption of the Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State Facilities Master Plan to guide Kent campus development during the next decade; includes approval of conceptual plan and funding sources for projects referred to as Phase 1 (2018-2020).
Approval of Tuition and Fees (College of Podiatric Medicine) 2018-2019 Academic Year	Approval of a 3% increase in CPM tuition and changes to three fees for the 2018-19 academic year.

Approval of Tuition, Room and Board Rates under the Tuition Guarantee Model, Effective Fall 2018	Approval of tuition, room and board rates for the first cohort of new degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolling at Kent and regional campuses for the first time in Fall 2018 and guaranteed for the ensuing four academic years. This action was in accordance with the Tuition Guarantee Model approved by the Board on 12/13/17.
Approval of Room and Board Rates, Effective Fall 2018	Approval of 2018-19 rates for university housing and dining plans, including a new dining plan structure and options offered in collaboration with strategic dining partner Aramark.
Approval of Special Program, Course, and Other Fees, Effective Fall 2018 Approval of PNC Bond Extension	Approval of special program, course, and other fees, effective Fall 2018. These fees were recommended as necessary to provide non-instructional resources for programs and courses that have a substantially higher cost of delivery. Included approval of a textbook fee that will be adopted in selected courses, providing students with a 25-70% discount on electronic course materials and delivering them to enrolled students automatically through the university's online course management system.
Authorization to Amend the Variable Rate General Receipts Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A	In the wake of tax reform, negotiation of more favorable bond extension terms due to the university's strategic partnership with PNC.
Approval of MACC Center-Hung Scoreboard Replacement	Approval of the replacement of the MACC's existing scoreboard with a new videoboard that can be formatted uniquely for sporting, campus and community events as well as upgrades to the public address and sound support systems. The project, estimated at \$1.7 million, will be supported through philanthropic and advertising revenues.
Approval of New Airport Classroom Building for College of Aeronautics and Engineering	Approval of the construction of a new \$6.5-million academic building at the Kent State Airport, to be funded entirely through private support.
Approval of Vendor Selection for an Integrated Testing Program for the College of Nursing	Selection of Kaplan, Inc., as the vendor for a comprehensive online learning support program for the College of Nursing.
Information Items	Summary
Report of Investment Committee	Routine
Establishment of Administrative Policy 3342-5-12.18 Regarding Universal Restrooms	New administrative policy developed to provide consideration of gender-inclusive restrooms in all new construction or major renovations of university facilities, when possible; Policy effective March 1, 2018, and was provided for information only.

Report of Purchasing Activity Greater than \$500,000	Routine
Report of Expenditures	Routine
Report on Capital Projects	Routine
Information Items Reviewed by External Relations and Development Committee	
Discussion Item	Summary
Economic Impact Study	Presentation of findings of a recent economic impact study conducted by Ernst & Young; the report demonstrates more than \$3.4 billion in the university system's total economic contribution to Northeast Ohio.
Incorporating Philanthropy into the Facilities Master Plan	Presentation by Vice President Steve Sokany elaborating upon how master plan priorities are reflected in fundraising priorities for the comprehensive campaign.
On With Purpose Brand Campaign	Presentation by Senior Vice President Karen Clarke of the university's new 30-second commercial spot.
Information Items	Summary
Campaign Planning and Fundraising Updates	Routine
Naming Actions Approved by President Warren	It was reported that consistent with university naming policy, President Warren approved the naming of the Timothy F. Feltes, M.D., B.S '77 Biology Office in the Integrated Sciences Building.
Additional Actions Approved in the Board Business Meeting	
New Business	Summary
50 th Commemoration of May 4 th	Resolution of support of comprehensive planning for the 50 th commemoration of the events of May 4, 1970, which will occur in the 2019-2020 year.
Confirmation of NETO Board Appointment	Approval of Stephanie Werren of Stark County as a community representative to the board of Western Reserve Public Media (NETO).
Awarding of the Honorary Degree	Approval of the awarding of the honorary degree to Oscar-nominated actor and Kent State former student Michael Keaton.
Resolution of Appreciation to Thomas J. Euclide	Approval of resolution honoring Thomas J. Euclide, associate vice president for facilities planning and operations, who retired April 30.