**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**June 6, 2018**

**Library, Urban Conference Room**

**Board Members Present KSU President’s Cabinet Present**

Virginia Addicott Beverly Warren, President

Margot James Copeland Alfreda Brown

Ralph Della Ratta Karen Clarke

Carly Evans Todd Diacon

Robert Frost Paul DiCorleto

Jessica Peck Nick Gattozzi

Stephen Perry Shay Little

Lawrence Pollock, Chair Joel Nielsen

Shawn Riley Mark Polatajko

Michael Solomon Steve Sokany

John Rathje

Charlene Reed, University Secretary

Nathan Ritchey Willis Walker

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Board Chair Larry Pollock called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. in the Urban Conference Room. 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 8:05 a.m. for the purposes of executive session. Chair Pollock announced that 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)]; (ii) considering matters of real estate for public purposes [121.22 (G) (2)]; (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 Shawn Riley, 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 10:00 a.m.

The Board then held meetings of 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 1:45 p.m. in the Urban Conference Room of the Library. Before the consideration of the agenda, Chair Pollock welcomed Trustee Robert S. Frost who was attending his first meeting of the Board following his March 15, 2018, appointment by Governor John Kasich. He thanked Trustee Frost for his willingness to serve. Chair Pollock then recognized special guest, Nora Jacobs, 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 7, 2018, Board of Trustees meeting.  Hearing none, the minutes were approved by general consent.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Pollock began by thanking everyone with whom he has served during the past nine years, from members of the Board of Trustees, to presidents Beverly Warren and Lester Lefton, the vice presidents and deans, faculty, staff and students. On behalf of the Board, Chair Pollock commended President Warren, faculty, staff and students for another successful year for Kent State. Through their diligence and achievements, Kent State University has made great progress toward the Strategic Roadmap goals and priorities. Many of these achievements were discussed throughout the morning committee meetings, he observed. Chair Pollock expressed his zeal for the Roadmap’s students first priority. Kent State is here for the students and they are the university’s total focus – in mind as well as the body. He said he was delighted President Warren’s report would focus on Kent State’s healthy campus initiative, musing how much has been accomplished in just two years.

Chair Pollock reported that during lunch, trustees had an opportunity to meet students, faculty and staff members who are actively involved in the Kent State of Wellness. Included in the group were current and founding leadership of the initiative as well as student and staff wellness ambassadors. He explained the ambassadors are volunteers who support and raise awareness among their peers, sharing the benefits and scope of the wellness program. Chair Pollock noted it was gratifying to see how the healthy campus initiative is inspiring change in the university’s culture and behaviors, which is essential to changing lives and the institutional health for the better. He said all universities seek to educate minds but if Kent State can help change unhealthy behaviors forever, then what the university is doing for these young adults is probably one of the best things possible for their lives and families.

Chair Pollock concluded his report with a few comments regarding the One University Commencement on May 12, 2018. Chair Pollock shared that while the forecast called for rain, he was there to witness the day and summoned laughter when he declared that his attendance helped to keep the rain away. He said it was an honor and privilege to celebrate with students and their families and friends as they reached this important milestone in their lives. Chair Pollock reported that more than 3,000 joyous graduates, who brought a standing room-only crowd at Dix Stadium and sunny skies, gave keynote speaker and fellow alum Michael Keaton a very warm welcome. Michael Keaton, he remarked, shared his personal Kent State story and how he found his purpose here. He observed that Mr. Keaton was a down-to-earth, humble guy who shared a tremendous passion and thankfulness for Kent State, and the crowd loved him. He indicated that it was so rewarding to participate in graduation and to bear witness to why trustees do what they do as a board. He encouraged everyone to attend and share in this powerful celebration of the university’s students. Chair Pollock concluded his report and called on President Warren for her report.

**REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Warren thanked Chair Pollock, the Board of Trustees, Cabinet and many members in the audience who have worked together to think about how the university should prioritize health and wellness system-wide. She remarked this initiative has been a top university priority but also a stellar priority of esteemed Board Chair Pollock. President Warren noted that prioritizing the health and wellness of students, faculty and staff emerged as one of the university’s top goals since the very beginning of development of the *Strategic Roadmap to a Distinctive Kent State* in 2015. The university community actually set out the audacious goal of being the healthiest campus in America, she said. To have that kind of goal you need great champions and partners, as she commended vice presidents Dr. Shay Little and Jack Witt and their teams who have guided the action all along the way. She recognized Dr. Angela DeJulius, who was the inaugural co-director, and Melissa Celko, who is the initiative’s first full-time director. She thanked Kim Hauge, who was sharing the university’s story at a national conference, for her instrumental leadership in faculty and staff wellness programs. Dr. Warren remarked that when Kent State set out to be the healthiest campus in America, little did it realize that in 2018 an association called Active Minds would name Kent State one of the healthiest campuses in America. The award validates in just two short years, the university’s holistic approach to health and wellness, she said. Kent State is pleased to be among a distinctive group of universities recognized in 2018 as the healthiest campuses in America: Arizona State, Duke University, University of Oregon, University of South Carolina, University of South Florida, Jefferson Community College, and Kent State University. She also provided a recap of numerous other honors that Kent State has received for health and wellness initiatives.

President Warren focused briefly on several priorities, beginning with prevention care. She praised the Board and the university community for “clearing the air” with the implementation of a smoke-free, tobacco-free campus. The institution has approached this policy change in a humanistic, holistic way, expanding opportunities and support for smoking cessation. Prevention physical activity also is exceptionally important and the university has worked very hard at developing a data-driven approach to increasing physical activity and positive engagement, she said. She cited the opening of a satellite recreation center in Tri Towers in January 2017, which has seen record participation with more than 50% of the residents visiting the rec center at least once. Kent State put that same enthusiasm into its participation in the national WELCOA move challenge, which is an employee physical activity challenge. Overall, the university achieved a 26% increase in employee engagement in wellness activity from 2016 to 2017, constituting more than 27,500 employee wellness engagements in some form. The recreation center recorded more than 278,000 unique visits in the 2017-18 academic year, she said. She observed that one of the benefits of prevention is changing health behaviors, which positively affects lives as well as the overall cost of an institution’s healthcare cost. She congratulated Senior Vice President Mark Polatajko and Vice President Jack Witt for moving forward with thoughtful and economical approaches to health benefits plans. More than 400 employees (11% of the total eligible population) now are on a high-deductible savings benefit plan. That’s tremendous in just one year of that effort and the university expects to see further growth in the selection of that option over time, she noted.

President Warren provided an update related to wellness in the area of mental health, which has been a primary focus of Kent State’s work in this holistic model. Among actions taken have been partnering with the Jed Foundation, which focuses on national best practices in mental health and healthy mental workplaces for mental health, and adding eight mental health professionals through Roadmap investments. To reduce wait times, the clinical staff has been increased from 8.5 to 17.5 FTEs system-wide. She cited programs such as the university’s Step Up and Speak Out program and 24-hour hotline as vital to getting urgent services to those in need. A fall break has been implemented to help alleviate student stress. Finally, President Warren noted that many new partnerships and approaches are being developed, such as the first brain health summit in February 2018 that was a collaboration of the Brain Health Research Institute, the Kent State of Wellness, the Office of Sponsored Programs and other units.

She concluded with some brief remarks on nutrition, which also has been a passion of Chair Pollock. The university continues to work with strategic partners Aramark and Pepsi-Cola to develop healthy nutrition plans and options across the university system.

President Warren shared her belief that through the healthy campus initiative, Kent State has become a much more caring university. She thinks that starts and ends in some ways with the Board of Trustees because the body as a whole and trustees individually have supported and helped implement policies and programs. She commended trustees for being inclusive about the Board’s support in recent years for an expansion of parental leave and the inclusion of paternal leave, extension of health benefits to children of the spouses and partners of the university’s LGBTQ community, provision of universal restrooms, and support for students being called by their preferred names. She expressed gratitude for Board members and chairs who have pushed and prodded and supported making Kent State a great place to work, live, and learn.

Chair Pollock thanked President Warren for her report.

**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.

She next asked Provost and Executive Vice President Todd Diacon to present the academic personnel actions. He pointed out the retirement and emeritus status for Dr. Richard Feinberg, who is one the world’s foremost authorities on Pacific anthropology.

**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 one naming action and to receive updates on fundraising and government relations.

*NAMING OF THE MARY J. TIMKEN THEATRE*

Trustee Della Ratta requested Board approval of the naming of the Mary J. Timken Theatre at the Kent State University at Stark campus. The action honors Mary J. Timken through a gift of the Timken Foundation of Canton. He expressed gratitude for the support of the Timken Foundation, which has given more than $1.75 million to Kent State since 1989 including a $500,000 grant to the renovation and expansion of the Stark Fine Arts Building. The recommendation had the support of the Stark campus as well as the Division of Institutional Advancement and President Warren, and was consistent with the university naming policy.

**Resolution 2018-34**

**NAMING OF THE MARY J. TIMKEN THEATRE**

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

WHEREAS, the Timken Foundation of Canton is a private, charitable family foundation established in 1934 through an initial grant by Henry H. Timken Sr., and his sisters, Mrs. Amelia Bridges and Mrs. Cora Burnett, which has awarded more than $300 million in grants; and

WHEREAS, the Timken Foundation of Canton has given approximately $1.75 million to Kent State University since 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Timken Foundation honored Mary J. Timken, a true arts patron and advocate, with a gift of $500,000 in 2017 to the Kent State Stark’s Fine Arts Building expansion and renovation project; and

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names the theatre, located on the first floor in the Fine Arts Building of the Stark campus, in honor of Mary J. Timken.

Trustee Della Ratta said the committee received a very positive update regarding campaign planning and fundraising year-to-date from Vice President Steve Sokany. Vice President Sokany reported the gift pipeline was robust at this time and based on commitments projected to close by the end of June, the university should meet or exceed the year’s fundraising goal of $42 million, he reported.

The committee also was informed of President Warren’s approval of one naming action consistent with university naming policy: the Carol Fletcher, PhD, Audiologist Graduate Student Workroom. This facility is located in the newly renovated Speech, Pathology and Audiology Clinic, which is a wing of the Center for the Performing Arts, he said.

Trustee Della Ratta also provided information reported by Senior Vice President Karen Clarke, who discussed what Kent State is doing to tell the story of how it contributes directly to Ohio’s advancement. He remarked that the numbers are absolutely eye-popping and should be underscored as much as possible. The state’s 14 public universities are working together to spur efforts to close the state’s serious higher education attainment gap, he said. To accomplish this goal, a broad communication campaign entitled Forward Ohio has been launched to mobilize public support for enhanced investment in public higher education and to ensure that it is a public policy imperative for state government. The campaign shines a light on ways in which Ohio colleges and universities drive economic growth, enable student success, expand career and job opportunities, and improve society through research and scientific breakthroughs, he said.

Finally, Trustee Della Ratta noted that the committee heard a state and federal legislative update from Nick Gattozzi, executive director for government and community relations. Executive Director Gattozzi presented a summary of campus engagements with members of the U.S. Congress and the Ohio General Assembly. The presentation also highlighted upcoming state-wide and legislative electoral races, including those offices considered part of the Kent State delegation.

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

**ACTION: There were no objections to placing the proposed naming resolution 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 had what she thought was probably one of the best meetings that she has had the privilege of participating in since she has served on the Board.

Trustee Copeland shared several highlights before presenting five management decision items for consideration on the Board’s consent agenda. She reported that Vice President Nate Ritchie attended, representing the regional campuses, along with Dean Angela Spalsbury, who provided the committee a presentation on Kent State University at Geauga, which includes the regional academic center in Twinsburg. She said the committee was very happy to hear about the great progress occurring in collaboration with the Berkshire Local Schools, and there will be much more to come as the university moves forward with this visionary partnership. Trustee Copeland further stated that Vice President Paul DiCorleto provided the committee with an excellent presentation on the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program, another excellent example of engagement of undergrads in research. The program demonstrates the importance of connecting research and the rigor associated with the discipline as important developmental tools for critical thinking and problem-solving skills that any individual would need across any profession in life, she observed. The committee also heard from Senior Associate Vice President Dave Garcia, who gave an update on the recruitment of the Fall 2018 freshman class, which promises to be another strong class.

She then presented five proposed action items for consideration by the Board, the first of which was endorsement of the updated Kent State University Complete Ohio College Completion Plan.

**Resolution 2018-35**

**UPDATED KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

**COMPLETE COLLEGE OHIO CAMPUS COMPLETION**

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio joined the Complete College America Alliance of States in 2013, creating Complete College Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature passed the Complete College Ohio Act with the primary goal to increase dramatically the number of college degrees awarded in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the 130th Ohio General Assembly passed Amended Substitute House Bill 59 that required the university to adopt a strategic completion plan that was approved by the Board of Trustees and submitted to the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents by June 30, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the board of trustees of each institution of higher education is required to update its plan at least once every two years and to provide a copy to the Chancellor upon adoption; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University updated the Kent State University Complete College Ohio College Completion Plan in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the university seeks approval of the Board of Trustees to submit this next required updated plan to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education by June 30, 2018; and

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

WHEREAS, the university supports and expands the state’s educational and workforce development initiatives in the broadest and most meaningful sense; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the updated Kent State University Complete College Ohio Campus Completion Plan, and the submission of the plan to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education by the June 30, 2018, deadline.

*revisionS TO university policy 3342-6-12 AND university policy and procedure 3342-6-13 and the establishment of university policy 3342-6-21 regarding consensual relationships and other relationship-based conflicts of interest*

The next three items recommended for the Board’s approval were changes in university policies as recommended by the Faculty Senate and approved by the President and the Provost.

**Resolution 2018-36**

**REVISION OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-12**

**REGARDING FACULTY PROFESSIONAL IMPROVEMENT LEAVE**

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

WHEREAS, the proposed revision of University Policy 3342-6-12 Regarding Faculty Professional Improvement Leave was recommended by the Faculty Senate Professional Standards Committee; and reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate on April 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the revision adds language to address sabbatical leave for faculty on a 12-month contract; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision was reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel, and the President’s Cabinet, 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 of University Policy 3342-6-12 Regarding Faculty Professional Improvement Leave, effective July 1, 2018.

**Resolution 2018-37**

**REVISION OF UNIVERSITY POLICY AND PROCEDURE 3342-6-13**

**GOVERNING MODIFICATION OF THE FACULTY**

**PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

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

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions of University Policy and Procedure 3342-6-13 Governing Modification of the Faculty Probationary Period were recommended by the Faculty Senate Professional Standards Committee, and reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate on April 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, granting extension of the probationary period has traditionally been called “tolling” or “stopping the tenure clock;” and

WHEREAS, the revisions reorganize content to improve flow and add language to clarify that faculty do not submit appointment materials during tolling year(s), making clear that expectations for productivity are the same, and not increased, for faculty who have tolled; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revisions were reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel, and the President’s Cabinet, 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 of University Policy and Procedure 3342-6-13 Governing Modification of the Faculty Probationary Period, effective July 1, 2018.

**Resolution 2018-38**

**THE ESTABLISHMENT OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-21 REGARDING CONSENSUAL RELATIONSHIPS AND OTHER RELATIONSHIP-BASED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

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

WHEREAS, the policy register currently does not include a policy regarding consensual relationships and other relationship-based conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the proposed establishment of University Policy 3342-6-21 Regarding Consensual Relationships and Other Relationship-Based Conflicts of Interest was recommended by the Faculty Senate Professional Standards Committee, and reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate on April 9, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the policy addresses consensual relationships between members of the university community also engaged in a pedagogical or other relationship where there exists a power differential between the individuals that may constitute a potential for conflict of interest, including faculty-student consensual relationships, faculty-faculty consensual relationships, and familial relationships; and

WHEREAS, the policy includes measures to prevent actual or perceived exploitation, favoritism, or other conflicts of interest; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision was reviewed and approved by the Office of General Counsel, and the President’s Cabinet, 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 establishment of University Policy 3342-6-21 Regarding Consensual Relationships and Other Relationship-Based Conflicts of Interest, effective July 1, 2018.

*REVISION IN NAME OF THE APPLIED CONFLICT MAnagement MAJOR TO THE PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE PROGRAM*

The final management decision item recommended for the Board approval is the proposed revision in name of the Applied Conflict Management major.

**Resolution 2018-39**

**REVISION IN NAME OF THE APPLIED CONFLICT MANAGEMENT MAJOR**

**TO THE PEACE AND CONFLICT STUDIES MAJOR**

**WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks approval to revise the name of the Applied Conflict Management major to the Peace and Conflict Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, Kent State has offered an undergraduate degree program for the study of conflict management and dispute resolution for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS, the program prepares students for careers or graduate study in the field of conflict management, peace studies and dispute resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Applied Conflict Management major was housed in the Center for Applied Conflict Management, which was renamed the School of Peace and Conflict Studies in Fall 2017; and

WHEREAS, the requested revision aligns the name of the major with its academic home; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revision has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty and curriculum committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate, and also carries the endorsement of the Provost and the President; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revision in name of the Applied Conflict Management major to the Peace and Conflict Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree, effective Fall 2018.

Trustee Copeland reiterated that the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee recommended that the five above-recommended items be included on the consent agenda. With that, she 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 reported the Audit and Compliance Committee met that morning, with the first order of business welcoming new trustee Robert Frost and introducing him to the committee. All of the members introduced themselves to Trustee Frost so he understood who was there, what the committee does, and how important the committee is to the Board of Trustees, he said.

Senior Vice President Mark Polatajko and Director of Internal Audit JoAnn Gustafson led a discussion that focused on the internal audit plan for fiscal year 2019. The internal audit plan performance report for January through March 2018 also was reviewed, he reported. Trustee Perry was pleased to report that no audits revealed any unusual items to report.

Trustee Perry commented that perhaps the highlight of the meeting was a presentation on the university’s cybersecurity program by Vice President for Information Services and CIO John Rathje. His report contained several concerning facts including that on a global basis, cybersecurity crimes cost $3 trillion a year and now are trending toward $6 trillion annually. Vice President Rathje also pointed out that in higher education, there were more than 1.4 million records exposed in 2017 through cybersecurity crimes. Illustrating the seriousness of the issue nationally and here at Kent State, on a monthly and yearly basis there are millions of attempts to access the university’s systems, said Trustee Perry. Vice President Rathje shared Kent State’s structured approach in defining, implementing and testing, auditing and preventing cyber issues, he said.

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

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

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Trustee Riley reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met that morning and discussed 11 separate action items to be considered by the Board.

*APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018*

He introduced the first item: approval for tuition and fees (graduate and non-resident), effective Fall 2018.

**Resolution 2018-40**

**APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018**

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

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio budget for fiscal year 2019 has included a freeze on undergraduate in-state tuition at the 2014-2015 amount for continuing students; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio budget for fiscal year 2019 allows flexibility in graduate tuition 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 2018 semester, unless otherwise noted.

Trustee Riley noted that the State of Ohio budget for fiscal year 2019 included a freeze on undergraduate in-state tuition at 2014-2015 levels for continuing students and allowed flexibility in graduate tuition and out-of-state surcharges. It was recommended that the graduate tuition be increased by 2%, the non-resident graduate surcharge increased by 10%, and the undergraduate non-resident tuition be increased by 2%. The changes noted would occur for Fall 2018.

*APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 UNIVERSITY BUDGET*

Trustee Riley said the committee recommended approval of the university’s fiscal 2019 budget. Overall, the recommended university budget recognizes the importance of affordability and supports student success, he said. It addresses critical commitments and strategic investments and reflects the Board’s emphasis on effectiveness, efficiency and resource optimization, said Trustee Riley.

**Resolution 2018-41**

**APPROVAL OF FISCAL YEAR 2019 UNIVERSITY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, an annual budget is prepared to provide a financial plan to guide the university for the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, revenue projections for the proposed fiscal year 2019 university budget are based upon the forecast of enrollments, tuition and fee changes recommended for approval by the Board of Trustees in separate resolutions, and projected State Share of Instruction (SSI); and

WHEREAS, the recommended university budget recognizes the importance of affordability and encouraging student success, addresses critical commitments and strategic investments, and reflects the keen emphasis the Board and the university community have placed on effectiveness, efficiency and resource optimization; and

WHEREAS, the continuing priorities of the university are reflected in the proposed budget including increased investments in student scholarships and other financial aid, Strategic Roadmap priorities, faculty and staff compensation, and the renewal, replacement, and maintenance of the university’s physical plant and capital infrastructure; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached proposed operating budget for fiscal year 2019.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY RESEARCH CORPORATION*

Trustee Riley noted that Kent State University desires to continue expansion of its research and innovation portfolio, and growth of its regional impact. Toward that end, the committee supported the establishment of the Kent State University Research Corporation to provide direct support for research and technology commercialization efforts as well as provide faculty researchers, students and staff with additional capabilities to initiate university research.

**Resolution 2018-42**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

**RESEARCH CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, Kent State University desires to continue expansion of its research and innovation capacity, and growth of its regional economic impact; and

WHEREAS, the university’s Division of Research and Sponsored Programs seeks to provide additional opportunities for faculty and student researchers to initiate sponsored research through the establishment of an independent, non-profit research corporation; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Research Corporation will provide direct support for the Division of Research and Sponsored Programs in furtherance of the university’s research and technology development mission; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of the Kent State University Research Corporation.

*APPROVAL OF KENT GATEWAY PLAN PHASE 1 ENABLING PROJECTS*

Next, Trustee Riley presented a resolution seeking approval for the Kent Gateway Plan Phase 1 enabling projects. These projects are necessary to make way for the proposed College of Business Administration building and to create a signature gateway to the Kent campus, he said. The proposed plan includes the relocation of the Fashion School studios and ROTC offices from Terrace Hall to facilitate the removal of the building, he said.

**Resolution 2018-43**

**approval of KENT gateway PLAN PHASE I ENABLING PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved the Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State University Master Plan on March 7, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Kent Gateway master plan envisions a new entry point to campus from East Main Street at Midway Drive flanked by the proposed College of Business Administration building and Main Street parking deck; and

WHEREAS, the plan includes the relocations of Fashion School studios and ROTC offices from Terrace Hall and the Women’s Center and Sexual and Relationship Violence Support Services office from Williamson House to facilitate removal of these buildings as needed; and

WHEREAS, $5.5 million has been allocated from Kent State University local funds for the renovations and relocations of these departments; 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 the project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

*APPROVAL OF THE INNOVATION HUB AND DINING PROJECT*

The Board approved the Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State master plan at its meeting March 7, 2018, which included the Innovation Hub and Dining project recommended at this time, he reported. The project would renovate the former Art Building for these purposes. Trustee Riley noted that the Innovation Hub and Dining project is intended “to nurture a design innovation ecosystem comprised of human, physical and intellectual resources that knit together the university’s broad disciplines to develop a uniquely distinctive community of creative, collaborative problem solvers.”

**Resolution 2018-44**

**APPROVAL OF the innovation hub and dining project**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved the Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State University Master Plan, which includes the proposed Innovation Hub and Dining project in Phase I; and

WHEREAS, the university is committed to the Design Innovation Initiative by supporting an ecosystem of physical, human and intellectual resources; and

WHEREAS, the former Art Building offers a central location to serve as the hub connecting campuswide nodes to support innovation across all colleges and programs; and

WHEREAS, the university dining partner will provide capital funding and ongoing operations for an enhanced dining opportunity within the new hub; and

WHEREAS, $44.9 million is proposed for the rehabilitation of the facility; and

WHEREAS, the university has allocated $24.9 million of Kent State University local funds, $15 million of state capital allocations and $5 million of capital commitment from Aramark through the dining partnership; 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 the project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

*APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT WINDOWS FOR THE EASTWAY RESIDENTIAL CENTER*

Next, Trustee Riley presented the committee’s recommendation for approval of the replacement of more than 900 windows and exterior repairs at the Eastway Complex, which consists of Manchester, Fletcher, Allyn and Clark halls. Construction would occur during the summer recess of 2019 and 2020.

**Resolution 2018-45**

**APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT WINDOWS FOR THE**

**EASTWAY RESIDENTIAL CENTER**

WHEREAS, Residence Services has allocated $7.6 million in facility maintenance funding to replace more than 900 windows and the exterior at the Eastway Complex, which consists of Manchester, Fletcher, Allyn and Clark halls; and

WHEREAS, the buildings are more than 55 years old and are not energy efficient; and

WHEREAS, the window replacements will occur during the summer recess of 2019 and 2020; 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 the project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

*APPROVAL OF STARK CAMPUS MAIN HALL ELEVATOR*

The committee also recommended the replacement of the existing elevator in the Main Hall of Kent State University at Stark, he said. The proposed project would provide a larger, more reliable, efficient and safe elevator for the five-story building. The proposed project also would address the modern size requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

**Resolution 2018-46**

**APPROVAL OF the STARK CAMPUS MAIN HALL ELEVATOR ADDITION**

WHEREAS, the Stark Campus Main Hall was constructed in 1965 and the existing elevator serving the five-story building is beyond its useful mechanical life and does not meet the modern size requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, a new elevator addition will provide a larger, more reliable, efficient and safe elevator; and

WHEREAS, $1.6 million is required for the construction of the proposed elevator addition; 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 the project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

*APPROVAL to contract for sUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY ASSOCIATED WITH NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY FROM CURRENT SUPPLIER FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS*

Kent State currently is under contract with FirstEnergy Solutions until July 2019 for the supply of electricity to the Kent campus. The company was filed for bankruptcy but at that time was still honoring existing contracts, he said. It was recommended that the resolution below be approved in the event that FirstEnergy Solutions is unable to honor existing contracts due to the complicated bankruptcy proceedings, Trustee Riley noted.

**Resolution 2018-47**

**approval to contract for sUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY ASSOCIATED WITH NOTICE OF BANKRUPTCY FROM CURRENT SUPPLIER FIRSTENERGY SOLUTIONS**

WHEREAS, Kent State University generates a portion of its electricity while a portion is still purchased on the open market; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University is under contract with FirstEnergy Solutions until July 2019 for the supply of electricity to the Kent Campus; and

WHEREAS, FirstEnergy Solutions recently filed for bankruptcy but at this time continues to honor existing contracts; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the continuity of service to the Kent campus, administration is evaluating proactive solutions should an abrupt change in provider be required; 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 the purchase of electricity up to $2 million in the event FirstEnergy Solutions is unable to honor the existing contract and a new supplier is required.

*APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR THE OPERATION OF THE ALUMNI PHONE CENTER AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT*

Continuing, Trustee Riley recommended Board approval of the selection of Ruffalo Noel Levitz LLC to facilitate onsite management of the daily operations of outbound telemarketing for the Division of Institutional Advancement. The contract as proposed would provide for the operation of the alumni phone center and related services for three years, plus a university option to renew up to two additional one-year periods, he reported.

**Resolution 2018-48**

**APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR OPERATION OF THE ALUMNI PHONE CENTER AND RELATED SERVICES FOR THE DIVISION OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT**

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 a service provider to facilitate onsite management of the daily operations of its outbound telemarketing operation for the Division of Institutional Advancement; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services is an initial term of three years at $695,500 and student caller wages at $540,506, for a total of $1,236,006, with a university option to renew up to two additional one-year periods at a 3% price increase from the previous year for each one-year period, for potential total contract duration of five years; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposal issued by the Kent State University procurement department, Ruffalo Noel Levitz LLC provided the proposal with the best overall value; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to enter into a contract with Ruffalo NoelLevitz LLC for the operation of the alumni phone center and related services for Institutional Advancement for three years, plus a university option to renew up to two additional one-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

*APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR MEDICAL BENEFIT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS*

Next, Trustee Riley noted that the committee requested authorization to enter into an agreement with Medical Mutual of Ohio to provide medical benefit administrative services for university employees and eligible dependents, effective January 1, 2019. The agreement would be for an initial three-year term, with the potential of two additional one-year renewal periods, he said.

**Resolution 2018-49**

**APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR MEDICAL BENEFIT ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES AND DEPENDENTS**

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, the Kent State University desires to provide medical benefit administrative services for its employees and their eligible dependents effective January 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services for a three-year initial term is $1,237,766 annually, with the option to renew for two one-year extensions, involving an increase of 2% per year; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposal issued by the Kent State University procurement department, Medical Mutual of Ohio provided the proposal with the best overall value; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to enter into a contract with Medical Mutual of Ohio for the provision of medical benefit administrative services for university employees and their eligible dependents for three years plus a university option to renew up to two additional one-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

*APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SELECTED UNIVERSITY POLICIES WITHIN CHAPTER SIX (PERSONNEL) OF KENT STATE UNIVERSITY’S POLICY REGISTER*

Trustee Riley then presented the final action item – proposed revisions to selected university policies within Chapter Six (Personnel) of the university’s Policy Register. In consultation with the Office of General Counsel, the Vice President for Human Resources recommended changes to seven university policies within Chapter Six that represented routine edits as well as substantive revisions. If approved, the changes would be effective July 1, 2018, he reported.

**Resolution 2018-50**

**APPROVAL OF REVISIONS TO SELECTED UNIVERSITY POLICIES**

**WITHIN CHAPTER SIX (PERSONNEL) OF KENT STATE**

**UNIVERSITY’S POLICY REGISTER**

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

WHEREAS, the Office of General Counsel periodically reviews the register in accordance with its responsibility under 3342-2-01; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, the Vice President for Human Resources has recommended changes to seven university policies within Chapter Six of the University Policy Register that represent both housekeeping edits as well as substantive revisions; and

WHEREAS, the recommended changes are to the following policies: University Policy 3342-6-02 Regarding Equal Opportunity, University Policy 3342-6-04 Regarding Appointment Authority, University Policy 3342-6-05 Regarding Employment of Unclassified Staff Employees, University Policy 3342-6-08 Regarding the Compensation of Administrative and Professional Salaried Employees, University Policy 3342-6-10 Regarding Retirement, University Policy 3342-6-22 Regarding Occupational Safety and Health, and University Policy 3342-6-25 Regarding the Employment of Students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees approves the policy changes pertaining to Chapter Six of the University Policy Register as recommended, effective July 1, 2018.

Trustee Riley noted that the committee received other routine reports including the quarterly investment review. With that, Trustee Riley concluded the report for the Finance and Administration Committee.

Chair Pollock thanked Trustee Riley for his report.

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

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

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

With that, Chair Pollock opened new business. On behalf of the Board, Chair Pollock presented a joint resolution reaffirming appreciation and commitment between the city of Kent and Kent State University.

*JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING APPRECIATION AND COMMITMENT, CITY OF KENT, OHIO, AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY*

He asked President Warren to present the resolution. She recognized City of Kent Mayor Jerry Fiala who was in attendance and urged the Board’s approval of a joint resolution affirming the university’s continuing appreciation and commitment to collaboration and strategic partnership. The resolution was passed by the Kent City Council on May 16, 2018, she reported. With the resolution, the city of Kent and Kent State publicly affirm their support for the ambitions of the town-gown partnership for the next decade, working together toward the fulfillment of shared aspirations and objectives, President Warren stated.

**Resolution 2018-51**

**JOINT RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING APPRECIATION AND COMMITMENT, CITY OF KENT, OHIO, AND KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

WHEREAS, in 2013 the City of Kent and Kent State University marked the passage of the Centennial Celebration of Kent State University with a joint resolution of appreciation and commitment in honor of 100 years of the town-gown partnership; and

WHEREAS, in the last decade the City and Kent State University have accelerated their efforts to advance collaborations in the pursuit of shared strategic priorities between the City and the University; and

WHEREAS, the results of those collaborative projects have led to numerous state and national awards including being selected as the Best College Town in Ohio in 2017; and

WHEREAS, in 2017 Kent State University calculated its economic impact in Northeast Ohio at $3.4 billion, including supporting 11,800 jobs, generating $550 million in labor income and over $1 billion in economic output, and contributing over $60 million in state and local taxes; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Kent State University adopted a $1-billion campus Master Plan that promises to be transformative both in and around the Kent campus; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City and University signed a resolution of agreement to collaborate and partner on the transformation of the East Main Street Area to enhance traffic flow, safety and for the residential neighborhoods along East Main Street; and

WHEREAS, the City and University want to publicly reaffirm their support for the ambitions of the town-gown partnership for the next decade, working together toward the fulfillment of shared aspirations and objectives, including:

1. Enhancing and showcasing the abundant assets of the university-city community that make Kent a great place to live, work, play and learn
2. Leveraging educational, social and cultural opportunities for community enrichment and personal growth
3. Creating welcoming public spaces that attract diverse populations for engagement and interaction
4. Promoting public health and safety, encouraging positive civic behavior, strengthening city neighborhoods, and becoming a dynamic and attractive "home away from home" for students and visiting faculty
5. Living up to the promise of being a vibrant university city, stimulating local and regional economic growth and facilitating entrepreneurship and innovation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent City Council and Kent State University Board of Trustees wish to extend their appreciation to each other and the growing list of community and business partners who join them in enriching the university-community experience enjoyed by residents, students, faculty, staff, visitors, businesses and other organizations in Kent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent City Council and Kent State University Board of Trustees authorize and encourage the City and University leadership to continue the strong and active commitment to this strategic partnership.

*Note: This joint resolution was approved by the Kent City Council on May 16, 2018.*

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

*ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT*

On behalf of the Board, Chair Pollock presented a resolution for the annual election of the president. He noted that this annual election was a routine action required by the Kent State University Constitution and the Board looked forward to working with President Warren in the 2017-2018 year.

**Resolution 2018-52**

**ANNUAL ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT**

WHEREAS, Beverly J. Warren joined Kent State University as its 12th 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 fifth annual term, effective July 1, 2018.

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

*REPORT OF THE NOMINATING AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE*

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

The committee first recommended the appointment of Dr. Catherine L. Ross as a non-voting National Trustee, effective September 1, 2018 through August 31, 2021. Conditions of her appointment will be in keeping with Board Resolution 2010-70.

**ACTION: Trustee Addicott moved, seconded by Trustee Riley, that Dr. Catherine Ross be elected as a National Trustee. There were no objections. The motion passed.**

Trustee Addicott then reported that the committee’s recommended slate of Board officers for 2018-19 as follows: Trustee Ralph Della Ratta, Chair; Trustee Shawn Riley, Vice Chair; and

Trustee Margot Copeland, Secretary

**ACTION: Trustee Frost moved, seconded by Trustee Riley, that the 2018-19 Board Officers be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.**

Trustee Pollock congratulated and thanked Trustee Della Ratta for his willingness to serve as Board Chair. He announced that he was pleased to pass the gavel to the duly elected chair, and handled him the gavel. Trustee Della Ratta said he appreciated the kind words and understood the gravity of the appointment. He commended Trustee Pollock for his leadership, observing that was the right chair at the right time.

*RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CARLY EVANS*

Next, newly installed Board Chair Della Ratta turned to Trustee Evans, expressing his sadness that this meeting would be her last as the university’s undergraduate student trustee due to the expiration of her two-year term. He asked Trustee Peck to present a resolution of appreciation recognizing Trustee Evans’ outstanding service to the university.

**Resolution 2018-53**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO CARLY EVANS**

WHEREAS, Carly Evans was appointed to the Kent State University Board of Trustees by Governor John Kasich on May 17, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Evans 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 provided valued insights as a member of the Strategic Opportunity for Academic Reach and Success (SOARS) Committee, which is developing far-reaching, multi-disciplinary projects that will be featured in the university’s comprehensive campaign; and

WHEREAS, she has represented Kent State University and the Board of Trustees in her participation in the National Conference on Trusteeship held annually by the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges and the Statewide Trustee Conference convened by the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Evans epitomizes *On with Purpose* in her advocacy and drive to promote more discerning and responsible use of social media, which she intends to pursue after her graduation in August 2018 with a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations; and

WHEREAS, the Board, the administration and the university community commend Trustee Evans for her high performance, inspired leadership, and passionate commitment to student success and student engagement; now, therefore,

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

**ACTION: Trustee Peck 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 Golden Flash gear. Trustee Evans 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 LARRY POLLOCK*

Finally, Chair Della Ratta asked Trustee Copeland to present a resolution of appreciation on behalf of the Board for Trustee Pollock whose term has expired.Trustee Copeland reflected upon the term and leadership of Chair Pollock, and then recommended approval of the resolution.

**Resolution 2018-54**

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO LARRY POLLOCK**

WHEREAS, Larry Pollock was appointed to the Kent State University Board of Trustees by Governor Ted Strickland on June 3, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Pollock has given superb service to the Board of Trustees including exceptional leadership as Board Chair (2016-2018), Vice Chair (2015-2016), and Chair of the External Relations and Development Committee (2009-2015); and

WHEREAS, as Board Chair he has provided inspired leadership at a momentous time for Kent State, which has included the establishment of a visionary 10-year, $1-billion *Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State* facilities master plan, development of a successful Healthy Campus initiative, and planning for the university’s largest comprehensive campaign; and

WHEREAS, Trustee Pollock long will be remembered for his fierce devotion to student success and healthy living, laser focus on the needs of the customer, keen insights, collaborative style, good humor and personal example of integrity, grit and resilience as the pathway to success; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University also applauds and honors Trustee Pollock as an accomplished chief executive in national retail and consumer sectors and legendary volunteer and philanthropist who has advanced community organizations far too numerous to list here; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees expresses its deep appreciation to Larry Pollock for his distinguished stewardship; and

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

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

President Warren presented Trustee Pollock with a framed copy of the resolution and announced the naming of the university’s annual wellness summit in his honor. Athletics Director Joel Nielsen brought humor to the celebration of leadership with a framed “letter of intent” for Trustee Pollock, who frequently speaks of his remaining intercollegiate athletics eligibility. Trustee Pollock thanked the trustees and administration for their support and friendship throughout his board tenure, commenting that serving on the Kent State Board was one of the best things he has ever done.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Della Ratta then announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 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.