

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 7, 2018
Urban Conference Room**

Board Members Present

Virginia Addicott
Ralph Della Ratta
Carly Evans
Robin Kilbride
Donald Mason
Jessica Peck
Stephen Perry
Lawrence Pollock, Chair
Shawn Riley
Michael Solomon

KSU President's Cabinet Present

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Larry Pollock called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. in the Urban Conference Room on the Kent campus. Charlene Reed, vice president and university secretary, called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PROOF OF NOTICE

Chair Pollock stated that public notification was given pursuant to state law and university policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Preceding meetings of the Board standing committees, the Board convened at 7:31 a.m. for the purposes of executive session.

In accordance with Chapter 121.22, section G of the Ohio Revised Code, Chair Pollock announced that 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 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)].

Trustee Virginia Addicott moved, seconded by Trustee Ralph Della Ratta, that the Board retire into Executive Session. Vice President Reed took a roll call vote of the membership. By virtue of a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. The session concluded at 9:00 a.m.

The session was followed by a meeting of the Board as a Committee of the Whole, which focused on the establishment of a comprehensive facilities master plan for the Kent campus. After the Committee of the Whole session, the Board met in committees including the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, Audit and Compliance Committee, External Relations and Development Committee, and the Finance and Administration Committee. The Board also participated in a luncheon program.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board reconvened for the business portion of the meeting at 2:30 p.m. in the Urban Conference Room. Before the consideration of the agenda, Chair Pollock welcomed John Rathje, vice president for information services and chief information officer, who was attending his first Board meeting. Chair Pollock noted that Vice President Rathje joined Kent State on March 5. Chair Pollock also acknowledged Nora Jacobs, chair of the Kent State University Foundation Board of Directors, who was in attendance.

Moving to the consideration and approval of the agenda, Chair Pollock noted one adjustment to the agenda, made at the request of a board member. A proposed resolution regarding the 50th commemoration of May 4, found under New Business, would be moved to the first item for consideration by the Board. Chair Pollock then asked if there were any other additions or corrections to the agenda. Hearing no other adjustments, the agenda was adopted by general consent.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Chair Pollock requested additions, corrections or changes to the minutes of the December 13, 2017, Board of Trustees meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Pollock began his report congratulating President Warren, the faculty, staff and students for making a strong start to the spring semester. Because of their efforts, Kent State is making excellent progress toward its Strategic Roadmap and continues to excel as a university community that places “students first,” he observed.

Chair Pollock expressed appreciation on behalf of the Board to the deans of the Kent and regional campuses who joined trustees for dinner the evening before the meeting. These

individuals are instrumental in placing students first and the Board respects and values their work as leaders of Kent State's academic enterprise, he said.

Chair Pollock then highlighted that trustees and Cabinet members had lunch earlier in the day with talented student-athletes who are exceptional in the classroom as well as the playing field. These students exemplify and advance the excellence of Kent State, he said.

Chair Pollock reported that trustees met earlier in the day as a Committee of the Whole to focus on the comprehensive facilities master plan that would be recommended for Board approval by the Finance and Administration Committee later in the meeting. Chair Pollock said Board members are delighted with the bold, aspirational vision for the university's future that has been developed through the inclusive, 18-month master planning process. Along with the vision, the Board is pleased that the plan is reasonable and achievable and will be accomplished through a variety of funding sources including university, philanthropic and state capital dollars as well as public-private partnerships, he added.

With that, Trustee Pollock concluded his report and called on President Warren to give her report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Warren observed that the strategic planning convergence Kent State is experiencing is unusual in higher education. The university's Strategic Roadmap, the proposed facilities master plan and the comprehensive campaign now under development are aligned, synchronized and interlocking, she said. Kent State has done exceptionally well at staying true to its core values and identity. In terms of the core values, she elaborated that her favorite is the value of "respect, kindness, and purpose in all we do." Kent State very much honors its history and uses it as a launchpad for momentum and impact for the future.

President Warren said the proposed facilities master plan, entitled *Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State*, will touch every college, meaning it will touch every student who will learn and work on the Kent campus. While this plan focuses on the development of the Kent campus, she emphasized that the regional campuses also are doing significant work in elevating teaching and learning environments and being welcoming beacons of hope for their communities. Ultimately, the university leadership plans to articulate these campus plans into a more comprehensive vision for the development of the eight-campus system, she shared.

Moving to the proposed facilities master plan and its integration with fundraising strategy, she noted that building for the future is one of four major themes for the comprehensive campaign now under development. For this campaign, the largest in university history, the university seeks to articulate in philanthropically compelling ways, a series of multidisciplinary featured projects that offer the greatest impact on student learning and on advancing a distinctive Kent State.

She cited the College of Aeronautics and Engineering as an example of one of the campaign's featured projects that are seeking to advance innovation, break down barriers between colleges,

and inspire multidisciplinary approaches to the work of students, faculty and staff. The college has reimagined itself with a new name, an incoming dean, and new and expanded programs in aeronautics, aeronautical engineering, and mechatronics. Donors have bought into that vision as evidenced by the recommendation that will come to the Board today for approval of a new airport building financed entirely by private support, she said. This milestone has been possible through a highly valued strategic partnership with the FedEx Corporation that not only has gained the company's support but also assistance in opening doors to other organizations that will benefit from the college's highly qualified graduates, programs and research.

President Warren observed that Kent State is a powerful educational and economic engine for Northeast Ohio, as evidenced by a recently released independent economic impact study. The study, which was conducted by the firm Ernst & Young, revealed \$3.4 billion in university economic contributions to the Northeast Ohio economy and more than \$3.8 billion to the Ohio economy overall.

With that, President Warren concluded her remarks.

REGARDING THE 50TH COMMEMORATION OF MAY 4, 1970

Chair Pollock continued to the first item of business – the proposed resolution regarding the 50th commemoration of May 4, 1970, which had been listed under New Business. With the Board's consent, this item was moved to the top of the agenda.

Resolution 2018-1

REGARDING THE 50TH COMMEMORATION OF MAY 4, 1970

WHEREAS, the Kent State University May 4, 1970 site recently was designated as a National Historic Landmark, reflecting its significance in American history and giving additional context and visibility to the university's annual commemorations; and

WHEREAS, the events of May 4, 1970 require that we not only remember the four students who lost their lives and the nine students wounded but also honor their legacy by creating a lasting learning environment that inspires each new generation to be a beacon of light in times of conflict and dissent; and

WHEREAS, May 4, 2020 will mark the 50th commemoration of the events of May 4, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Commemoration of May 4th will be a powerful opportunity to demonstrate how Kent State University has found greater purpose through tragedy, transforming and committing itself to the advancement of civil dialogue, respectful engagement and peaceful conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, the 50th Commemoration of May 4th will be a momentous occasion attracting visitors from across the nation and the globe who will reflect on lessons learned and the meaning of the Kent State tragedy in the current global context; and

WHEREAS, for the past two years, university leaders have invited community input regarding the 50th commemoration, which has progressed into a comprehensive planning effort; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees acknowledges the historic significance of the 50th Commemoration of May 4th to Kent State University, our extended university family, the Kent community, the nation and the world, and supports the development of appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities marking this important milestone.

President Warren noted that the 50th commemoration of May 4 in the year 2020 will be a significant moment not only for Kent State, but for the nation and the world. The lessons learned from that day have continuing significance and meaning for the world today and into the future, she said. The university community recognizes its responsibility to thoughtfully consider what a 50th commemoration might look like and how this significant moment in time could be used to continue the healing process, honor and remember those whose lives were forever changed on that day, and encourage positive change for the future. She called on Trustee Michael Solomon, who has been serving as national chair of several key planning efforts, to reflect upon his experiences and thoughts on a 50th commemoration.

Trustee Solomon stated that the Kent State shootings almost 50 years ago are an important moment in American history. As the place where this tragic event occurred, the university has a responsibility to own that moment, he said. Kent State has the responsibility to honor and recognize the people and the events in the most thoughtful way possible, and to shine the brightest light on the university.

President Warren introduced Rod Flauhaus, a Kent State alumnus who joined Kent State earlier this year as project manager for the 50th commemoration. Given the significance of this event and the number of activities that will be undertaken up to and including a year-long commemoration, a full-time leader was needed who could be grounded every day in thinking about how to create a very respectful remembrance and commemoration, she said.

Trustee Della Ratta moved, seconded by Trustee Perry, that the resolution be approved. There were no objections and the motion passed.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

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

President Warren called on Mark Polatajko, senior vice president for finance and administration, to present the non-academic personnel actions. He noted that the non-academic personnel

actions stood as written and included a recommendation of emeritus status for Douglas Steidl, retired dean of the College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

President Warren next called on Todd Diacon, executive vice president and provost, to present the academic personnel actions. Provost Diacon stated that the academic personnel actions were largely routine in nature and included the selection of Dr. Christina Bloebaum as the new dean of the College of Aeronautics and Engineering.

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 the External Relations and Development Committee met that afternoon to receive updates on community relations, campaign planning and fundraising attainment to date.

The committee first received a comprehensive briefing from Nick Gattozzi, executive director for government and community relations, on the newly released Economic Impact Study for Kent State University, which was conducted by the firm Ernst & Young. He stated that the presentation was very informative and provided great context regarding the university's impact on the local, regional, and statewide economies.

Trustee Della Ratta highlighted the university's \$3.4-billion economic impact in Northeast Ohio, including more than \$1 billion of economic impact from university operations and \$2.4 billion in increased earnings for the alumni who hold Kent State degrees. In addition, the study demonstrated the significant impact Kent State has on the counties in which its regional campuses and other facilities are located, he stated. Additional briefings and presentations will take place across the university system, which will help tell the story of Kent State to a wide array of constituencies including students, parents, employees and public officials, on the importance of higher education generally and Kent State University specifically, he said.

The committee also received an update on campaign planning and fundraising year-to-date from Steve Sokany, vice president of institutional advancement, he noted. Vice President Sokany provided an update on campaign progress related to the university's "early win" featured projects and outlined how the university's advancement efforts were aligned with the facilities master plan priorities. Trustee Della Ratta said Vice President Sokany also shared how the Division of Institutional Advancement is structuring its fundraising management approach to address institutional fundraising priorities and provided a plan for communicating the campaign update

to key internal stakeholders.

He reported that Karen Clarke, senior vice president for strategic communications and external affairs, presented for the committee's information a 30-second commercial spot, which expands upon Kent State's "On With Purpose" brand campaign that was shared at the last meeting. The spot debuted during the Super Bowl and currently airs in Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, Youngstown, and Pittsburgh, he said.

Lastly, Trustee Della Ratta said the committee was informed of President Warren's approval, consistent with university naming policy, of one naming action – the designation of the Timothy F. Feltes, M.D., B.S. '77 Biology Office in the Integrated Sciences Building.

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

Chair Pollock thanked Trustee Della Ratta for his report and then called on National Trustee Michael Solomon to present the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee report on behalf of Committee Chair Margot Copeland, who was unable to attend the meeting.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Trustee Solomon observed that the committee opened its meeting with a rare treat – a tour and presentation on the Flipped Classroom by Dr. Jenny Marcinkiewicz, director of the center for teaching and learning, and Dr. Rajeev Rajaram, associate professor of mathematical sciences. He expressed great enthusiasm for the concepts presented.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES - FALL 2017

Trustee Solomon recommended Board approval of the conferral of 2,712 degrees in Fall 2017.

Resolution 2018-2

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES FALL 2017

WHEREAS, Section 3341.05 of The Revised Code of Ohio provides that "...On the recommendation of the (KSU) faculty, the (KSU) Board of Trustees may confer such honorary and academic degrees as are customarily conferred by colleges and universities in the United States..."; and

WHEREAS, the Faculties, Deans and Directors of Kent State University's Colleges and Schools recommend that appropriate degrees be conferred on those Kent State students who completed – during the period August 18, 2017, to December 16, 2017 – the various requirements of the respective programs of study they pursued; and

WHEREAS, the university has recognized completion of said programs of study

by awarding diplomas as appropriate at a suitable time, during the period cited, upon such persons listed in the accompanying Summary of Candidates for Degrees; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby confirms the conferral of their respective degrees upon those persons who have been officially recorded by the Kent State University Registrar as having completed the requirements during said period August 18, 2017, to December 16, 2017.

REVISION OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-14 REGARDING FACULTY TENURE

Next, Trustee Solomon presented a resolution recommending the revision of University Policy 3342-6-14 Regarding Faculty Tenure for approval by the Board.

Resolution 2018-3

**REVISION OF UNIVERSITY POLICY 3342-6-14
REGARDING FACULTY TENURE**

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

WHEREAS, following State of Ohio budget deliberations for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, the Ohio General Assembly ultimately passed House Bill 49 that requires the boards of trustees of public universities to review the university's policy on faculty tenure and update that policy to promote excellence in instruction, research, service, or commercialization, or any combination thereof; and

WHEREAS, under Section 3345.45, beginning July 1, 2018, as a condition for a state university to receive any state funds for research that are allocated to the department of higher education under the appropriate line items referred to as either "research incentive third frontier fund" or "research incentive third frontier-tax," the Chancellor shall require the university to include multiple pathways for faculty tenure, one of which may be a commercialization pathway, in its policy; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision of University Policy 3342-6-14 Regarding Faculty Tenure adds language to include a commercialization track as a pathway for faculty tenure; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision was reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate, 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 3342-6-14 Regarding Faculty Tenure, effective July 1, 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF CURRICULAR ACTION ITEMS

Trustee Solomon then reported that the committee recommended 18 additional curricular actions for approval by the Board, to become effective in the upcoming academic year. He noted the actions included the establishment of seven new majors in the areas of Computer Engineering Technology, Information Technology, Mechatronics Engineering Mechatronics Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering Technology, Neuroscience and Modeling, Animation and Game Creation.

Resolution 2018-4

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE COMPUTER ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Aeronautics and Engineering requests the establishment of the Computer Engineering Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, a baccalaureate program in Computer Engineering Technology within the Applied Engineering major was established in 2012 to meet industry needs and programmatic interests of students by focusing on computer and networking systems; and

WHEREAS, the college proposes elevating the Computer Engineering Technology concentration within the Applied Engineering major to an independent major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, computer engineering technologists are employed throughout industry and focus on computer hardware and software issues, keeping equipment running, updating software, maintaining connectivity, and interfacing with users; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 27-percent growth in information technology employment, including web developers, computer systems analysts, computer network architects, information security analysts and network and computer systems administrators for the period of 2014 through 2024; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate 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 establishment of the Computer Engineering Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2018-5

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MAJOR
WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the Regional College requests the establishment of the Information Technology major within the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree and major will comprise concentrations in Networking, Internet/Multimedia, Application Development, Health Information Technology, Integrated Information Technology, and Applied Computer Security and Forensics; and

WHEREAS, the majority of these concentrations currently exist as concentrations within the Technical and Applied Studies major; and

WHEREAS, information technology is a recognized sub-discipline of computing that prepares graduates for careers in information technology (IT) as network technicians, technical support specialists, help desk managers, LAN (Local Area Network) managers, project managers and database administrators, employed in a variety of workplace settings; and

WHEREAS, establishment of the Information Technology major will increase the visibility of this degree program for prospective students and provide clarity to graduates and employers; and

WHEREAS, the Information Technology major within the Bachelor of Science in Information Technology degree was recommended following extensive consultation with faculty, curricular and administrative bodies across the university; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of the Information Technology major within the

Bachelor of Science in Information Technology degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Resolution 2018-6

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

WHEREAS, the College of Aeronautics and Engineering requests the establishment of the Mechatronics Engineering major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, mechatronics is an emerging field that focuses on the application of the basic engineering principles of mechanical, electrical, computer and control systems, and revolves around the design, construction and operation of automated systems, robots and intelligent products that result from the integration of software and hardware; and

WHEREAS, using automated systems is becoming more popular for operating equipment and machines on manufacturing lines, boilers and aircraft, reducing labor costs while increasing precision and accuracy and providing quality and safety for workers; and

WHEREAS, mechatronic devices can also be found in agriculture, buildings, homes, hospitals, automobiles, the toy and entertainment industries, aids for the elderly and disabled, and with other industries, with mechatronics engineers employed in any company that develops, designs, manufactures and markets these devices; and

WHEREAS, the demand for employees in the robotics industry worldwide is expected to reach more than \$41 billion globally by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the new major will help meet the projected demand for employees worldwide and provide opportunities for collaborating with the technology and manufacturing corridor in Ohio, capitalizing on and strengthening existing relationships, and supplying talented graduates to replenish an aging workforce; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate 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 establishment of the Mechatronics Engineering major within the

Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2018-7

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MECHATRONICS ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Aeronautics and Engineering requests the establishment of the Mechatronics Engineering Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, mechatronics is an emerging field that focuses on the application of the basic engineering principles of mechanical, electrical, computer and control systems, and revolves around the design, construction and operation of automated systems, robots and intelligent products that result from the integration of software and hardware; and

WHEREAS, using automated systems is becoming more popular for operating equipment and machines on manufacturing lines, boilers and aircraft, reducing labor costs while increasing precision and accuracy and providing quality and safety for workers; and

WHEREAS, distinct from the proposed Mechatronics Engineering major, Mechatronics Engineering Technology prepares graduates for careers as engineering technicians to manage and support the design, operation and analysis of mechanical devices connected with automated systems, robots and computer-integrated manufacturing; and

WHEREAS, the demand for employees in the robotics industry worldwide is expected to reach more than \$41 billion globally by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, the new major will meet the projected demand for employees worldwide and provide opportunities for collaborating with the technology and manufacturing corridor in Ohio, capitalizing on and strengthening existing relationships, and supplying talented graduates to replenish an aging workforce; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate 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 establishment of the Mechatronics Engineering major within the

Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2019, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2018-8

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Aeronautics and Engineering requests the establishment of the Mechanical Engineering Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Mechanical Engineering Technology has existed as a concentration, most recently within the Applied Engineering major, for more than 27 years, and is accredited by the Association of Technology, Management and Applied Engineering (ATMAE); and

WHEREAS, the college proposes elevating the concentration to an independent major within the Bachelor of Science degree, and will seek accreditation from the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET); and

WHEREAS, graduates are prepared for careers as mechanical engineering technicians employed in product improvement, industrial processes, plant operations and entrepreneurial endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate 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 establishment of the Mechanical Engineering Technology major within the Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2018, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Resolution 2018-9

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEUROSCIENCE MAJOR WITHIN THE
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences requests the establishment of the Neuroscience major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, neuroscience is inherently an interdisciplinary science that includes physics, physiology, chemistry, psychology, and cell/molecular biology; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University has made substantial financial investment in the study of neuroscience as reflected in faculty hires, establishment of an annual Neuroscience Symposium and the Brain Health Research Institute, and renovations to science facilities; and

WHEREAS, these investments will significantly enhance the university's ability to engage in top-level neuroscience research; and

WHEREAS, with no other undergraduate programs in neuroscience at any public university in Northeast Ohio, Kent State is in an excellent position to directly recruit students interested in neuroscience and provide them with a unique training opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed program will be administered with existing faculty, courses and facilities, with the expectation that the program will be financially self-sufficient from the onset; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate department 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 establishment of the Neuroscience major within the Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2019, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2018-10

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MODELING, ANIMATION AND GAME CREATION MAJOR WITHIN BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

WHEREAS, the Regional College requests the establishment of the Modeling, Animation and Game Creation major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, Modeling, Animation and Game Design has existed as a concentration in the Engineering Technology major since 2001; and

WHEREAS, following consultation with faculty, advisory boards, and academic and administrative bodies of the university's regional campuses, the Regional College proposes elevation of the concentration to an independent major; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree program will prepare students for employment in areas of two- and three-dimensional modeling, including computer-aided design, solid models for industry and marketing, and in animation with virtual reality for games in education, sports and entertainment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate 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 establishment of the Modeling, Animation and Game Creation major within the Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2019, pending approval of the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission.

Trustee Solomon stated that the curricular action items included the revision in name or administrative structure of seven majors, as described in the resolutions that follow.

Resolution 2018-11

REVISION IN NAME OF THE STUDIO ARTS MAJOR TO THE STUDIO ART MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS AND BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS DEGREES

WHEREAS, the College of the Arts seeks approval of a revision in name of the Studio Arts major to the Studio Art major within the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees; and

WHEREAS, within the field of art, the word “arts” refers to a more general and wide-ranging variety of disciplines, like music, theater, or fashion; and

WHEREAS, by contrast, the word “art” points to the specific and narrower scope solely within studio or fine art, such as painting, sculpture, or textiles; and

WHEREAS, renaming the major to Studio Art aligns with current terminology within the College of the Arts and the School of Art; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision in name will not affect the quality of the program, course offerings, faculty, students or staff; 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 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 Studio Arts major to the Studio Art major within the Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-12

**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**

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks approval to revise the 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; and

WHEREAS, Biological Sciences-Cell Biology is a long-standing graduate degree program at Kent State University, with the Master of Science degree established in 1982 and the Doctor of Philosophy degree established in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the fields of biology and the research focus of Kent State University's Department of Biological Sciences faculty have changed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree name better represents the nature of the discipline and developments in the field and will attract graduate students interested in advanced research in developmental biology, cellular and developmental neuroscience, immunology, reproductive biology, cellular endocrinology, and molecular genetics; and

WHEREAS, the revised name will also leverage marketing and research opportunities to recruit highly qualified graduate students and faculty, enabling the Department of Biological Sciences to sustain high levels of research productivity; 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 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, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-13

**REVISION IN NAME OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES-ECOLOGY MAJOR
TO THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES-ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTIONARY
BIOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE AND
DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES**

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks approval to revise the 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; and

WHEREAS, Biological Sciences-Ecology is a long-standing graduate degree program at Kent State University established in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the fields of biology and the research focus of Kent State University's Department of Biological Sciences faculty have changed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree name better represents the nature of the discipline and developments in the field and will attract graduate students interested in advanced research in animal behavior, entomology, limnology, microbial ecology, ornithology, systems ecology, systematic and evolutionary biology, environmental physiology, vertebrate ecology, and population and community ecology; and

WHEREAS, the revised name will also leverage marketing, recruiting and research opportunities to recruit highly qualified graduate students and faculty, enabling the Department of Biological Sciences to sustain high levels of research productivity; 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 Biological Sciences-Ecology Biology Major to the Biological Sciences-Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major within the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-14

**REVISION IN NAME OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES-PHYSIOLOGY
MAJOR TO THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES-INTEGRATIVE
PHYSIOLOGY AND NEUROBIOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER
OF SCIENCE AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES**

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks approval to revise the 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; and

WHEREAS, Biological Sciences-Ecology is a long-standing graduate degree program at Kent State University established in 1987; and

WHEREAS, the fields of biology and the research focus of Kent State University's Department of Biological Sciences faculty have since changed; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree name better represents the nature of the discipline and developments in the field and will attract graduate students interested in advanced research in endocrinology, neuroscience, immunology, reproductive biology, and other regulatory systems; and

WHEREAS, the revised name will also leverage marketing and research opportunities to recruit highly qualified graduate students and faculty, enabling the Department of Biological Sciences to sustain high levels of research productivity; 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 Biological Sciences-Ecology Biology Major to the Biological Sciences-Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major within the Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-15

REVISION IN NAME OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS MAJOR TO THE GLOBAL STUDIES MAJOR WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks approval to revise the name of the International Relations major to the Global Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name, along with updated coursework and administrative oversight of the Department of Political Science, is flexible and reflective of best practices in the field of global studies; and

WHEREAS, the Global Studies major promotes critical thinking and will offer an innovative and interdisciplinary curriculum for students who want to understand and make a difference in their world; and

WHEREAS, in addition to revising the name, the Department of Political Science will expand offerings in the humanities to increase the interdisciplinary character of the major, adding a much deeper component to the existing social sciences offerings; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revision has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate department 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 International Relations major to the Global Studies major within the Bachelor of Arts degree, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-16

REVISION IN NAME OF THE HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION MAJORS WITHIN THE MASTER OF EDUCATION, EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST AND DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREES

WHEREAS, the College of the Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval of revision in name of the Higher Education Administration majors within the Master of Education, Educational Specialist, and Doctor of Philosophy degrees; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Education and Student Personnel major within the Master of Education degree would be renamed the Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs major; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Administration-Higher Education major within the Educational Specialist degree would be renamed the Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs major; and

WHEREAS, the Educational Administration-Higher Education major within the Doctor of Philosophy degree would be renamed the Higher Education Administration major; and

WHEREAS, the revised names differentiate Kent State's higher education administration programs from the primary and secondary education (kindergarten through grade 12) programs; and align with naming conventions of like programs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revisions have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty and curriculum committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate, and also carry 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 Higher Education and Student Personnel major to the Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs major within the Master of Education degree, the name of the Educational Administration-Higher Education major to the Higher Education Administration and Student Affairs major within the Educational Specialist degree, and the name of the Educational Administration-Higher Education major to the Higher Education Administration major within the Doctor of Philosophy degree, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-17

REVISION IN NAME OF THE INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR TO THE EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF EDUCATION DEGREE

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval of a revision in name of the Instructional Technology major to the Educational Technology major within the Master of Education degree; and

WHEREAS, Instructional Technology is a long-standing graduate degree program at Kent State University established in 1975; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name better reflects a wider range of teaching pedagogy that encompasses direct instruction and broader learning experiences, including simulations, virtual reality, and problem-based learning; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision in name will not affect the quality of the program, faculty, or students; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revision in name of the Instructional Technology major to the Educational Technology major within the Master of Education degree, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-18

REVISION IN NAME OF THE COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY MAJOR TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED BUSINESS DEGREE

WHEREAS, the Regional College seeks approval of a revision in name of the Computer Technology major to the Information Technology major within the Associate of Applied Business degree; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University has offered the Computer Technology associate degree program for the past five decades; and

WHEREAS, the computer technology discipline and nomenclature have greatly changed over this time period; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name better aligns the program with similar programs at other institutions in the state and nation and will enhance marketing and product differentiation to prospective students and employers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision in name will not affect the current program, faculty, or students; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revision in name of the Computer Technology major to the Information Technology major within the Associate of Applied Business degree, effective Fall 2018.

Trustee Solomon continued that the curricular actions that the committee recommended for Board approval also included the inactivation of the Reading Specialization Major and the Manufacturing Engineering Technology Major; and the consolidation of the Crafts and Fine Arts Majors into the Studio Art Major.

Resolution 2018-19

INACTIVATION OF THE READING SPECIALIZATION MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval of the inactivation of the Reading Specialization major within the Master of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, the major provides students with the option of attaining a Master of Arts degree with a thesis requirement; and

WHEREAS, very few students have exercised this option, with only one student currently enrolled; and

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services will continue to offer the Reading Specialization Major within the Master of Education degree; and

WHEREAS, inactivation of the major has no adverse fiscal impact and no impact on faculty, staff, library, facilities, or equipment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Reading Specialization major within the Master of Arts degree has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate, and also carries the endorsement of the Provost and the President; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the inactivation of the Reading Specialization major within the Master of Arts degree, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-20

INACTIVATION OF THE MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY MAJOR WITHIN THE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

WHEREAS, the Regional College and Kent State University at Trumbull seek approval of the inactivation of the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major within the Associate of Applied Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major has served an important purpose at Kent State University since 1995, but, as structured, no longer aligns with employer needs; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University at Trumbull is exploring new approaches to meeting these needs with possible collaboration with the College of Aeronautics and Engineering, the Trumbull County Technical Center, and area manufacturing companies; and

WHEREAS, inactivation of the major has no adverse fiscal impact and no impact on faculty, staff, library, facilities, or equipment; and

WHEREAS, admission to the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major was suspended for Fall 2017; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college and campus faculty committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate, and also carries the endorsement of the Provost and the President; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the inactivation of the Manufacturing Engineering Technology major within the Associate of Applied Science degree, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-21

CONSOLIDATION OF THE CRAFTS AND FINE ARTS MAJORS INTO THE STUDIO ART MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE

WHEREAS, the School of Art within the College of the Arts seeks approval to consolidate the Crafts and Fine Arts majors within the Master of Arts degree; and

WHEREAS, the two majors will be combined to form the Studio Art major; and

WHEREAS, the proposed consolidation removes duplicative curriculum and brings the program into alignment with suggested guidelines for Master of Arts degree programs from the National Association of Schools of Art and Design, which accredits Kent State's School of Art; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Fine Arts, and Master of Fine Arts degree programs in Crafts and Fine Arts were similarly merged into the Studio Art major over the last two years; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation within the Master of Arts degree will finalize the pedagogical shift for all studio degree programs at Kent State; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of majors will not affect other programs, course offerings, faculty, or students; and

WHEREAS, the consolidation of the Crafts and Fine Arts majors into the Studio Art major within the Master of Arts degree has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate 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 consolidation of the Crafts and Fine Arts majors into the Studio Art major within the Master of Arts degree, effective Fall 2018.

Trustee Solomon said it was the recommendation of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee that the above-recommended items be included on the consent agenda.

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

Lastly, Trustee Solomon shared that the committee was provided with an informational presentation from Dr. Lance Grahn, dean of Kent State University at Trumbull, regarding the operations and accomplishments of the Trumbull campus and its faculty, students and staff.

With that, Trustee Solomon concluded his report for the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee.

Chair Pollock then asked Committee Chair Stephen Perry to present the Audit and Compliance Committee report.

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Perry began his report stating that the Audit and Compliance Committee met that morning with members of the public accounting firm Plante & Moran, the university's external auditors. He reported that the firm's representatives presented an outline of the audit activities that will be performed as part of Kent State University's fiscal year 2018 financial statement audit. Trustee Perry shared that the discussion was helpful for the committee members and continues to reflect a positive working partnership among the auditors, management and the Audit and Compliance Committee. He said this was the 11th year in which Plante & Moran audited the university's financial statements and the first year in which the firm audited both the university's statements and those of the Kent State University Foundation.

In addition, the committee was provided an update on two accounting pronouncements of the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB), related to pensions and postretirement benefits for retired employees, and how the pronouncements will impact the university's financial statements moving forward, he reported.

Trustee Perry said that the second quarter internal audit plan performance report for fiscal year 2018 was reviewed by the committee. The report compared the Internal Audit Plan budgeted hours to actual and Trustee Perry reported there were no unusual items in these audits.

Trustee Perry highlighted that Beth Conlin, director of the Inter-University Council Insurance Consortium (IUC-IC), presented the committee with an overview of the insurance coverages provided through the IUC-IC, of which Kent State is a member. The mission of the IUC-IC is to provide member universities with innovative risk management expertise, asset protection and

effective loss control strategies in support of affordable access to education for students, he continued. Trustee Perry stated that during the report, Ms. Conlin explained the IUC-IC provides self-insurance pools for property and casualty risks, provides for group-purchase of commercial insurance coverages for 13 of Ohio's four-year universities, and combines to cover the activities of approximately 230,000 students, 51,000 employees, 2,000 vehicles, and \$25.5 billion in insured property values.

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 began his report stating that the Finance and Administration Committee met earlier that afternoon and discussed several items to be considered by the Board.

He stated that with the exception of the item related to the Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State facilities master plan, the committee recommended that the remaining management decision items including the non-academic personnel actions be included on the consent agenda.

Following an extensive planning and review process from all sectors of the Kent campus and community since January 2017, the committee was ready to recommend adoption of the Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State facilities master plan to guide the development of the Kent campus through the next decade, he stated.

APPROVAL OF FACILITIES MASTER PLAN INCLUDING PHASE I CONCEPTUAL PLAN AND FUNDING SOURCES

Resolution 2018-22

APPROVAL OF FACILITIES MASTER PLAN INCLUDING PHASE I CONCEPTUAL PLAN AND FUNDING SOURCES

WHEREAS, in anticipation of the completion of the Foundations of Excellence Initiative, the Kent State University Board of Trustees in September 2016 authorized the commission and completion of a comprehensive facilities master plan for the Kent campus; and

WHEREAS, the nationally recognized facilities planning firm of SmithGroupJJR was selected to complete a thorough review of the university's strategic goals and existing campus-built environment as well as facilitated more than 60 scheduled meetings with trustees, student and college leadership, faculty and student groups, university staff, city leaders and the community at large and received broad public input through the website atransformedksu.org; and

WHEREAS, a final draft facilities master plan, entitled *Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State*, has been developed, strategically aligning and synchronizing the university's visionary *Strategic Roadmap to a Distinctive Kent State*, a transformational 10-year, \$1-billion facilities master plan, and the largest comprehensive campaign in Kent State's history; and

WHEREAS, the first phase of transformational and enabling projects has been identified as Phase 1 (2018-2020) at an initial estimated cost of \$221 million to be funded by university local funds, public private partnerships (P3) and philanthropy, and state capital appropriations, with the university's share utilizing captured unrealized investment gains as approved and recommended by the Board's Investment Committee; and

WHEREAS, the request for Phase 1 is to approve the conceptual plan and funding sources only; once the full scope, schedule and budget for each project or group of projects is prepared, they will be submitted to the Board of Trustees, as required by university policy, for full consideration and approval in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction of these projects will follow all state laws and regulations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby adopts the *Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State* facilities master plan to guide Kent campus development throughout the next decade; and
2. The Kent State University Board of Trustees approves the proposed conceptual plan and funding sources for the transformational and enabling projects referred to as Phase 1 (2018-2020):
 - a. Total funding proposed \$220,800,000
 - i. Kent State University Local \$63,400,000
 - ii. State Capital \$30,000,000
 - iii. P3 and Philanthropy \$127,400,000

Trustee Riley noted that the Board had a lengthy discussion regarding this proposal during the Committee of the Whole session earlier in the Board meeting. He highlighted that the resolution sought approval for the master plan as a whole as well as the proposed conceptual plan and funding sources for the transformational and enabling projects referred to as Phase 1, with targeted implementation in fiscal years 2018-2020, he stated. Trustee Riley said that given the magnitude of this issue to the future of Kent State, the committee recommended that this item be voted on separately. Chair Pollock asked for a motion on the resolution.

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

Chair Pollock thanked all those who had been involved in bringing the plan to fruition and specifically recognized Trustee Riley for his leadership on this matter.

With that, Trustee Riley moved to the next item under consideration by the committee. He reiterated the recommendation that all of the remaining committee requests be placed upon the consent agenda for the approval of the Board of Trustees.

APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR

Trustee Riley presented the next resolution, which sought Board approval to increase tuition by 3 percent for the university's College of Podiatric Medicine for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Resolution 2018-23

**APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES FOR THE COLLEGE OF
PODIATRIC MEDICINE, 2018-2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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

WHEREAS, the College of Podiatric Medicine (KSUCPM) operates under a different academic calendar than the rest of the university and billing for fall semester occurs in the spring prior to the next Board of Trustees meeting; and

WHEREAS, tuition for KSUCPM is not subject to the tuition increase limitations set forth in the State's budget bill; and

WHEREAS, additional resources are needed in a number of areas to preserve academic program quality and services to students, repair and maintain academic rooms and facilities; and

WHEREAS, proposed changes to KSUCPM tuition and fees have been reviewed extensively by university staff including executive officers, to ensure that all are in the appropriate amounts and are necessary to protect program quality; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of proposed fee changes to be effective for the 2018-19 academic year.

Trustee Riley explained that the college operates under a different academic year than the rest of the university, as third- and fourth-year students begin their new academic year in May. He

added that approval of the college's tuition and fees was recommended in March in order for billing to occur as needed in April. Furthermore, it was anticipated that this increase would not change the college's tuition ranking relative to other podiatric medicine colleges in the nation, he noted.

*APPROVAL OF TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD RATES UNDER THE TUITION
GUARANTEE MODEL, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018*

Moving to the next item, Trustee Riley stated that in order to provide students and their families a predictable and stable model for planning for the cost of a college degree, Ohio's policymakers supported the development of a tuition guarantee model. The Kent State University Board of Trustees adopted this approach by approving Resolution 2017-54, Consideration of Tuition Guarantee Model, at its meeting on December 13, 2017.

Resolution 2018-24

**APPROVAL OF TUITION, ROOM AND BOARD RATES UNDER THE
TUITION GUARANTEE MODEL, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018**

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Tuition Guarantee is designed to provide students and their families a predictable and stable model for planning for the cost of a college degree; and

WHEREAS, the model is a cohort-based, guaranteed undergraduate tuition program adopted in accordance with Ohio Revised Code §3345.48; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State Tuition Guarantee will apply to all new degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolling at the Kent Campus or the Regional Campuses for the first time in Fall Semester 2018 or later; and

WHEREAS, the university's Tuition Guarantee will provide all eligible new first-year undergraduates and their families the certainty that resident tuition and room and board charges will not increase during the ensuing four academic years from their first enrollment as a degree-seeking student; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees approves the attached tuition, room and board rates for the cohort entering Fall 2018 in accordance with the Resolution 2017-54, Consideration of Tuition Guarantee Model, approved at the December 13, 2017 meeting and as permissible by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Trustee Riley explained that the resolution included approval of tuition, mandatory fees, and room and board rates under the tuition guarantee model. The Kent State Tuition Guarantee will apply to all new degree-seeking undergraduate students enrolling at the Kent Campus or the Regional Campuses for the first time in Fall Semester 2018 or later.

APPROVAL OF ROOM AND BOARD RATES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018

Next, Trustee Riley presented the proposed resolution that sought approval to modify room and board rates effective for the Fall 2018 semester, which would apply to all returning students.

Resolution 2018-25

APPROVAL OF ROOM AND BOARD RATES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018

WHEREAS, it is the intent of Kent State University to operate its residence halls and dining programs on a self-sufficient basis; and

WHEREAS, the residence hall and dining programs are intended to provide quality services at a reasonable price that is competitive in the marketplace; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees has an interest and responsibility regarding the quality and affordability of dining programs throughout the Kent State University system; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Board of Trustees has an interest and responsibility regarding the quality and affordability of housing on the Kent Campus; and

WHEREAS, increasing costs of operations and reinvestment in facilities necessitate fee adjustments to preserve and improve residence hall offerings and board plans; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by Residence Services and University Dining Services leadership that the double-room rate be increased by 2.97 percent, and the preponderant board rate be increased by 5.99 percent, with a blended increase for both room and board of 3.93 percent; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of room and board rates effective for Fall 2018.

Trustee Riley observed that the university's housing and dining services operate on a self-sufficient basis, with the goal of providing high-quality competitive accommodations and services at an affordable price. Additionally, he stated that the leadership of the dining and housing programs have been diligent to ensure affordable room and board rates ranked in the middle of residential universities in Ohio. University Dining Services, in coordination with Aramark, is proposing a variety of new board plan options for the 2018-2019 academic year, he reported. Trustee Riley also said that the proposed double-room rate reflects an increase of 2.97 percent while the preponderant board plan rate is proposed at 5.99 percent, although a variety of options also will be available at no increased cost. He continued that the proposed blended increase for both room and board is 3.93 percent.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PROGRAM, COURSE AND OTHER FEES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2018

Next, Trustee Riley presented the proposed resolution seeking approval of special program, course and other fees, effective Fall 2018.

Resolution 2018-26

**APPROVAL OF SPECIAL PROGRAM, COURSE AND OTHER FEES,
EFFECTIVE FALL 2018**

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

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

WHEREAS, proposed changes to program, course and miscellaneous fees have been reviewed extensively by university staff including executive officers for compliance with statutory requirements and, to ensure that all are in the appropriate amounts and are necessary to protect program quality; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the attached schedule of fees to be effective with the Fall 2018 semester, unless otherwise noted, subject to required approvals from the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Trustee Riley explained that the fees outlined in this item are necessary in a number of areas to preserve academic program quality and services to students and to fund unique costs associated with certain courses, services and academic programs. The recommended changes have been reviewed extensively by university staff including executive officers for compliance with statutory requirements and to ensure that all are in the appropriate amounts and are necessary to protect program quality.

*AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE VARIABLE RATE GENERAL RECEIPTS
REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013A*

Moving to the next item, Trustee Riley said that in 2002, the university issued \$60 million in debt that was hedged with an interest rate swap. In 2008 the bonds were restructured, and in 2012 the debt was privately placed with PNC Bank for a five-year term, which expires on April 30, 2018, he said. Trustee Riley added that in lieu of payment of the debt in full and terminating the swap, the cost of which would exceed \$11.5 million, the university recommended renewing

the privately placed debt for an additional five-year term, at recently negotiated rates. With that, Trustee Riley presented the resolution seeking authorization to amend the Series 2013A Variable Rate General Receipts Refunding Bonds as noted.

Resolution 2018-27

AUTHORIZATION TO AMEND THE VARIABLE RATE GENERAL RECEIPTS REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2013A

WHEREAS, Kent State University (the "University") issued its Variable Rate General Receipts Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A (the "Bonds") dated April 30, 2013, which are outstanding in the principal amount of \$60,000,000;

WHEREAS, the Bonds were initially issued as "direct bank placement" bonds to PNC Bank, National Association ("PNC Bank") as the sole holder of the Bonds, and PNC Bank continues to be the sole holder of the Bonds;

WHEREAS, PNC Bank initially agreed to purchase the Bonds at the "direct bank placement interest rate" referred to in the Bonds equal to 72% of One Month LIBOR plus 0.45%, and PNC Bank agreed that such interest rate would apply starting upon the initial issuance of those Bonds on April 30, 2013 until April 30, 2018;

WHEREAS, PNC Bank has offered to extend the period during which it will continue to hold the Bonds for another five (5) years (until April 30, 2023) at a new interest rate of 75% of One Month LIBOR plus 0.65%; and

WHEREAS, following the receipt and review of other proposals and upon the recommendation of the University's financial advisor, PFM Financial Advisors LLC, the University desires to proceed with the offer from PNC Bank and desires to authorize the administration of the University to take such actions and sign and deliver such documents as is necessary and authorized hereby.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Kent State University Board of Trustees as follows:

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretations. The following terms used in this Resolution shall have the following meanings:

"Amended and Restated Bond Purchase Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Bond Purchase Agreement amending and restating the Bond Purchase Agreement and relating to the amendments to the Bonds authorized by this Resolution and consistent with the basic terms of the Term Sheet.

"Authorized Officers" means the Fiscal Officer acting together with any one

of the following: the Chair of the Board of Trustees, the Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees or the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee of the Board of Trustees.

"Bonds" has the meaning given to it in the recitals hereof.

"Bond Purchase Agreement" means the Bond Purchase Agreement dated April 30, 2013 between the University and PNC Bank, relating to the Bonds.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the regulations (whether proposed, temporary or final) under that Code or the statutory predecessor of that Code, and any amendments of or successor provisions to the foregoing, and any official rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and judicial determinations regarding any of the foregoing, all as and to the extent applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, reference to a section of the Code includes that section and those applicable regulations, rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and determinations pertinent to that section.

"Eighteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement" means the Eighteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement dated as of April 1, 2013 between the University and the Trustee that is supplemental to the Trust Agreement and provides for the initial issuance of, and terms relating to, the Bonds.

"Existing Hedge Agreement" means collectively the ISDA Master Agreement, as supplemented and amended by the Schedule and the Confirmation, each dated as of September 25, 2009 and each between the University and Loop Financial Products I LLC, as swap counterparty, the Transaction Transfer Agreement dated September 25, 2009 among the University, Loop Financial Products I LLC, as swap counterparty, and Deutsche Bank AG, New York Branch, as credit enhancer of the swap counterparty, and the Credit Support Annex dated September 25, 2009 between Deutsche Bank, AG, New York Branch, and the University; as the same may be supplemented and amended, from time to time, and means also any hedge agreement entered into in replacement of the foregoing agreement.

"Financial Advisor" means PFM Financial Advisors LLC.

"First Supplement to Eighteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement" means the First Supplement to the Eighteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement relating to the amendments to the Bonds authorized by this Resolution.

"Fiscal Officer" means the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration of the University or such other officer of the University as may be designated by the Board as the chief fiscal officer of the University and also means, as an alternate, the Senior Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration

of the University, and in each case includes the person serving as the acting or interim officer in such position.

"Term Sheet" means the Preliminary Summary of Terms and Conditions initially dated January 18, 2018 from PNC Bank to the University, as the same has been revised by PNC Bank and presented to the University prior to the date of this Resolution, and in the form currently on file with the Secretary of this Board.

"Trust Agreement" means the Amended and Restated Trust Agreement (Sixteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement) dated June 21, 2010, securing all General Receipts Bonds of the University issued and outstanding from time to time, as supplemented and amended.

"Trustee" means The Huntington National Bank, its successors and assigns as trustee under the Trust Agreement.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, words importing the singular number include the plural number, and vice versa, and the terms "hereof," "herein," "hereby," "hereto," "hereunder," and similar terms, mean this Resolution.

Section 2. Authority. This Resolution is adopted under authority of the Constitution of the state of Ohio (particularly Section 2i of Article VIII) and Ohio Revised Code Sections 9.98 through 9.983, 3345.11 and 3345.12 (collectively, the "Act").

Section 3. Amendments to Bonds. This Board hereby approves, on behalf of the University, the amendments to the Bonds as described in the recitals of this Resolution and consistent with the basic terms of the Term Sheet. In connection therewith, this Board approves of an Amended and Restated Bond Purchase Agreement and a First Supplement to Eighteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement, including any amendments to the Bond form attached thereto that may be necessary in connection with those amendments. The Authorized Officers are authorized to finalize such documents upon the terms and conditions consistent with this Resolution and the basic terms of the Term Sheet. The Authorized Officers are authorized to execute and deliver, in the name of and on behalf of the University, and the Secretary of the Board is authorized to attest, any and all of those documents as required to consummate the amendments to the Bonds contemplated hereby and by the basic terms of the Term Sheet. The Board approves of the Term Sheet and authorizes the Fiscal Officer to sign and deliver the Term Sheet to PNC Bank. That any such document or instrument is consistent with this Resolution and the basic terms of the Term Sheet shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of said documents by the Authorized Officer(s) as aforesaid.

Section 4. Tax Matters. The Authorized Officers, acting individually or together be, and they hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver on behalf of the University such other certificates, documents and instruments in connection with

the execution and delivery of the First Supplement to Eighteenth Supplemental Trust Agreement and/or the Amended and Restated Bond Purchase Agreement, as may be required, necessary or appropriate to comply with the Code and to cause the interest on the Bonds to be and remain excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes in connection with such amendments to the Bonds, including but not limited to, a tax compliance certificate related to the amendments to the Bonds, an IRS Form 8038-G, and such other documents necessary to maintain such exclusion.

Section 5. Other Documents. The Authorized Officers are authorized to furnish, sign and deliver such other documents, certificates and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions contemplated in this Resolution and by the basic terms of the Term Sheet that may be related to the amendments to the Bonds, including any amendments or actions in connection with the Existing Hedge Agreement, such amendments or actions relating to any such Existing Hedge Agreement to be undertaken in consultation with the University's Financial Advisor, or its affiliates. The Secretary to the Board or other appropriate officials of the University shall furnish a true transcript of proceedings certified by such officers of the University as may be appropriate of all proceedings had with reference to the amendments to the Bonds.

Section 6. Open Meeting. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

Adopted: March 7, 2018

APPROVAL OF MACC CENTER-HUNG SCOREBOARD REPLACEMENT

Trustee Riley then presented a resolution pertaining to the proposed replacement of the center-hung scoreboard in the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MACC).

Resolution 2018-28

**APPROVAL OF MACC CENTER-HUNG SCOREBOARD
REPLACEMENT**

WHEREAS, the existing center-hung scoreboard is obsolete and does not meet the needs for the events utilizing the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MACC); and

WHEREAS, the university's existing scoreboard system is approximately 12 years old and will be replaced with a new center-hung videoboard that can be formatted uniquely for individual sporting and community events and will include upgrades to the public address and sound support systems; and

WHEREAS, the estimated renovation cost of \$1.7 million will be supported through philanthropic and advertising revenues; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction of this project will follow all state laws and regulations; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with this project in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-04.

Trustee Riley explained that the proposed resolution sought approval to replace the center-hung scoreboard in the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MACC). He continued that the existing scoreboard uses obsolete technology, has a fixed display focused primarily on basketball games and cannot be modified to address the needs of other sports and campus and community programs that utilize the MACC. Trustee Riley added that if approved, the proposed project would be supported by existing and future philanthropic and advertising revenues and the new scoreboard would be installed during the summer of 2018.

APPROVAL OF NEW AIRPORT CLASSROOM BUILDING FOR THE COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS AND ENGINEERING

Next, Trustee Riley presented an item that sought approval of a new airport classroom building for the College of Aeronautics and Engineering, which is included in the Phase 1 transformational projects to be implemented under the newly approved facilities master plan.

Resolution 2018-29

APPROVAL OF NEW AIRPORT CLASSROOM BUILDING FOR THE COLLEGE OF AERONAUTICS AND ENGINEERING

WHEREAS, the College of Aeronautics and Engineering provides flight instruction to nearly 600 students at the Kent State University Airport in Stow, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, a plan for a new Airport Classroom Building has been developed and endorsed as part of the Kent State University facilities master plan and the Federal Aviation Administration master plan for the Kent State University Airport; and

WHEREAS, the proposed building will be approximately 18,000 gross square feet and provide classrooms, flight simulation rooms, flight debriefing rooms, faculty research labs, student lounge space and airport operations spaces; and

WHEREAS, \$6.5 million is required for the construction of the proposed building;
and

WHEREAS, the project will primarily be supported by donations received or to be received; and

WHEREAS, the university will proceed with the bidding and construction once all donation funding is secured; 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 once all funding is secured.

Trustee Riley explained that the proposed building will be approximately 18,000 gross square feet and provide classrooms, flight simulation rooms, flight debriefing rooms, faculty research labs, student lounge space and airport operations spaces. He added that the project primarily will be funded by philanthropy and if approved, would proceed with bidding and construction once all donations are secured.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR AN INTEGRATED TESTING PROGRAM FOR THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

Trustee Riley then stated that Kent State University requires a comprehensive online learning program for its nursing students in order to provide them with the resources they need to develop critical thinking, clinical reasoning and problem-solving skills in preparation for certification testing and for career enhancement. He continued that the next item for consideration sought approval to enter into an agreement to provide an integrated testing program for the College of Nursing.

Resolution 2018-30

APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR AN INTEGRATED TESTING PROGRAM FOR THE COLLEGE OF NURSING

WHEREAS, University Policy 3342-7-12 requires Board of Trustees approval of any single agreement to purchase goods and/or services with an estimated total cost of \$1 million or more, including the initial term and any optional renewals; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University requires an agreement to provide an integrated testing program for the College of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposal issued by Kent State University, Kaplan Inc. provided the proposal with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated cost for these services will be for an initial term of three years at an approximate value of \$991,980, depending on eligible student participation, with a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods at approximately \$330,660 each year, for a potential total contract duration of six years; 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 Kaplan, Inc. for the provision of an integrated testing program for the College of Nursing for three years plus a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

Trustee Riley added that if approved, the agreement would be for an initial term of three years with a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods, for a potential total contract duration of six years. He noted that this item was the final recommendation to be placed upon the consent agenda.

Trustee Riley noted that the committee was presented with a number of informational reports, in addition to the action items recommended for Board approval. He stated that the group received a quarterly report on investments resulting from the January 26, 2018 meeting of the Investment Committee. The Finance and Administration Committee also was provided with information regarding the establishment of an administrative policy regarding universal restrooms. Trustee Riley explained that the policy was developed to provide consideration and implementation of gender-inclusive restrooms in all new construction or major renovations of university facilities when possible, and the policy was effective March 1, 2018.

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 Perry moved, seconded by Trustee Riley, that the consent agenda be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.

With that, Chair Pollock announced there were three addition recommendations to come before the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

*CONFIRMATION OF STEPHANIE WERREN AS KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
COMMUNITY MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WESTERN RESERVE
PUBLIC MEDIA (NETO)*

Chair Pollock stated that, as recommended by President Warren, the first item of new business for consideration by the Board was a resolution to confirm the appointment of Stephanie Werren to the Western Reserve Public Media (NETO) Board of Directors, for a two-year term, effective February 1, 2018.

Resolution 2018-31

**CONFIRMATION OF STEPHANIE WERREN AS KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY MEMBER TO THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS OF WESTERN RESERVE PUBLIC MEDIA (NETO)**

WHEREAS, since 1971 Kent State University, the University of Akron and Youngstown State University have formed the Board of Directors of Northeastern Educational Television of Ohio, Inc. (NETO), a nonprofit corporation overseeing public television stations WNEO/Youngstown and WEAO/Akron; and

WHEREAS, since October 1, 2008, PBS 45 and 49 have been known as Western Reserve Public Media to better reflect the organization's regional coverage and its full range of broadcast, internet, new media, education and print services; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors values community participation in the governance of this long-running regional collaboration; and

WHEREAS, to fulfill this objective, each of the three constituent universities appoints three community (non-institutional) members to the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, President Beverly J. Warren has appointed Stephanie Werren to serve as one of Kent State's community members for a two-year term, effective February 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Werren has a distinguished record of community engagement in her role as Director of Leadership Stark County, elected membership on the North Canton City Council, and extensive volunteer activities too numerous to cite here; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Kent State University hereby confirm Stephanie Werren as a community (non-institutional) member of the Board

of Directors of Western Reserve Public Media (NETO) for a two-year term commencing February 1, 2018.

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

Chair Pollock thanked Ms. Werren for agreeing to serve and with that, moved to the next item of business.

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE - MICHAEL KEATON

Chair Pollock then drew the Board's attention to the resolution recommending that Michael Keaton be awarded the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at the One University Commencement, Saturday, May 12. Chair Pollock noted that the resolution came with the support of President Warren and the university's Citation and Recognition Committee.

Resolution 2018-32

**CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE
MICHAEL KEATON**

WHEREAS, in a distinguished career spanning more than four decades, Michael Keaton has earned critical and public acclaim nationally and internationally as an actor, producer and director; and

WHEREAS, under his given name of Michael John Douglas, he entered Kent State University in 1971, studying speech and appearing in campus theatre productions for two years before pursuing his dream of a film career; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated eminent achievement in film performance, with lead roles in films such as *Night Shift* (1982), *Mr. Mom* (1983), *Beetlejuice* (1988), *Batman* (1989), *Batman Returns* (1992), *Live From Baghdad* (2000), *Birdman or (The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance)* (2014), *Spotlight* (2015), *The Founder* (2016) and *American Assassin* (2017); and

WHEREAS, among his stellar performances in recent years were lead roles in *Spotlight* and *Birdman* – both of which won an Academy Award for Best Picture – and for his work in *Birdman*, he was nominated for the Academy Award for Best Actor and won the Golden Globe, Independent Spirit and National Board of Review awards for Best Actor; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 he received the Order of Arts and Letters medal in Paris, one of France's highest honors bestowed upon those who make significant contributions to the arts, and in 2017 he received the honorary Doctor of Fine Arts degree from Carnegie-Mellon University, where he serves as a visiting scholar in

its Entertainment Technology Center; and

WHEREAS, the faculties of the School of Theatre and Dance and the College of Communication and Information have recognized Mr. Keaton's creative and professional pursuits to be of the highest caliber and endorsed his nomination for the honorary degree; and

WHEREAS, he will return to Kent State on May 12, 2018, when he will serve as keynote speaker for the One University Commencement; and

WHEREAS, his incredible talent, work ethic, and exacting professional standards have inspired generations of students and performers around the globe, creating a body of work and a life that Kent State University is proud to support and honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University, upon the recommendation of the Citation and Recognition Committee, with the concurrence of the President, hereby approves that the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, *honoris causa*, be conferred upon Michael Keaton for his extraordinary contributions to film performance, and wishes him continued success.

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

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THOMAS J. EUCLIDE

Moving to the final item for consideration by the Board, Chair Pollock presented a resolution of appreciation for Thomas Euclide, associate vice president, facilities planning, and operations. Chair Pollock underscored that Mr. Euclide had served in integral roles in the development of both the current and previous facility plans for the university. He observed that Mr. Euclide has provided instrumental leadership through an extraordinary time of campus renewal and transformation and been a true champion of students, and he will retire from Kent State on April 30, 2018.

Resolution 2018-33

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION TO THOMAS J. EUCLIDE

WHEREAS, Thomas J. Euclide joined Kent State University in 1987 as a mechanical engineer, advancing to Director, Architecture and Engineering from 1999-2008 and Associate Vice President, Facilities Planning and Operations from 2008 to present; and

WHEREAS, in this role, Associate Vice President Euclide has provided superb leadership in facilities planning and maintenance for the university system during a historic period of campus improvements and transformation; and

WHEREAS, his achievements are many and diverse and include serving as a champion for accessible facilities; creating a department of sustainability supporting university operations as well as faculty across the curriculum; conducting university-wide reviews of deferred maintenance issues; developing and implementing more than \$60 million in energy conservation measures across the eight-campus system; and collaborating with the City of Kent in master planning linking town and gown; and

WHEREAS, among his most enduring contributions, Mr. Euclide led planning and implementation of the \$250-million Foundations of Excellence initiative to address deferred maintenance and programmatic needs of the university and most recently, he helped lead development of the *Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State* master plan, which will guide Kent Campus development for the next decade; and

WHEREAS, Associate Vice President Euclide will retire April 30, 2018; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees expresses deep gratitude to Thomas J. Euclide for his extraordinary contributions to Kent State University and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

Chair Pollock then recognized President Warren, who commented that as President it had been her distinct pleasure to serve with Mr. Euclide as he brought the Foundations of Excellence facilities plan to conclusion and as he energetically assisted in the development of the Gateway to a Distinctive Kent State plan. She added that Mr. Euclide was a true champion for students and a leader at the university who was respected by many across the university community.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Pollock then announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees was scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, 2018, at the Kent Campus with the exact location and time to be determined. He added there also would be a social dinner the night before at the University Residence. Finally, Chair Pollock thanked those who participated in the Committee of the Whole presentations and in all of the day's committee meetings, which he thought presented the Board with well thought-out and necessary information.

On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:37 p.m.