

**KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 11, 2015
Urban Conference Room**

Board Members Present

Stephen Colecchi
Margot James Copeland
Ralph Della Ratta
Dennis Eckart, Chair
Emilio Ferrara
Perry (PJ) Kimmel
Richard Marsh
Stephen Perry
Lawrence Pollock
Monique Profit

KSU President's Cabinet Present

Beverly Warren, President
Todd Diacon
Alfreda Brown
Gregg Floyd
Iris Harvey
Greg Jarvie
Ed Mahon
Charlene Reed, University Secretary
Steve Sokany
Willis Walker
Joe Vitale
Joel Nielsen

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Dennis Eckart called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. in the Urban Conference Room. Trustee Richard Marsh called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PROOF OF NOTICE

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Following meetings of the Board as a committee of the whole, and of the standing committees, the Board reconvened at 11:30 a.m., in the Kent Student Center Alumni Suite, for the purposes of executive session.

In accordance with Section 121.22(G) of the *Ohio Revised Code*, Chair Eckart 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 [R.C. 121.22(G)(1)]; (iii) conference with attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of court action [121.22 (G)(3)]; and (iv) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment [R.C. 121.22(G)(4)].

Trustee Pollock moved, seconded by Trustee Copeland, that the Board retire into Executive Session in the Alumni Suite in the Kent State Student Center.

By virtue of a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. The session concluded at 1:00 p.m. The executive session was followed by meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee and the External Relations and Development Committee.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The Board reconvened for the business portion of the meeting at 2:32 p.m. in the Urban Conference Room. Chair Eckart requested additions or corrections to the afternoon's agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by general consent.

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

Chair Eckart requested additions, corrections, and deletions to the minutes of the December 3, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting. Hearing none, the minutes were approved by general consent.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Eckart thanked everyone for being there as the Board gathered to conduct important business of the university and he noted the presence of a quorum.

Chair Eckart began with an update on the Foundations of Excellence initiative, noting that the projects are on time and on budget. He observed that during a recent visit to the Kent campus, he had the opportunity to tour the newly opened Aeronautics and Technology Building and the Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE), which is near completion. Dedication ceremonies for both facilities will be held in April and he encouraged trustees to visit these facilities as soon as possible. He thanked the staff and senior leadership for their excellent work in completing these projects, which will have significant impact on the student experience and student success for decades to come.

He thanked Trustee Steve Colecchi for joining him in attending the recent meeting of the Kent State University Foundation Board of Directors in Florida. Foundation Board Chair Gary Brahler and Chair Eckart have worked together to increase collaboration between the two boards this year. Chair Eckart observed that he believes there is a stronger linkage between the boards today. He encouraged all trustees to be part of the process by attending a joint reception of the two boards on June 4, immediately following the next business meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Chair Eckart then turned his focus to the Inauguration Week events that will occur April 25 through May 1. The events will center around the theme of "One University: A Future of Innovation, Impact and Influence," and will honor the impact of Kent State University as well as the formal installation of Dr. Beverly Warren as the university's 12th president. He noted that events will occur across all eight campuses of the university and will involve students, faculty, staff, administration, alumni, friends and members of the public.

The events begin Saturday, April 25, and culminate in Inauguration Day, Friday, May 1, with a formal inauguration ceremony at 2 p.m. in the Memorial Athletic and Convocation Center (MACC), he reported.

On Saturday, April 25, the focus is on Making a Local and Global Impact through a KSU Flash-A-Thon benefitting Akron Children's Hospital. The Flash-A-Thon is a nonprofit philanthropic organization that conducts events benefitting the hospital all year, culminating in a 12-hour dance marathon fundraising event. He encouraged those present to support the event – dancing and donations all are welcome.

On Tuesday, April 28, the focus turns to Students First: Celebrating Student Success. Events include the formal dedication of the new Center for Undergraduate Excellence (CUE); a “BB Cue” celebrating student success with music, food and friendship across the campuses; an afternoon baseball game versus the Oakland Golden Grizzlies; and finally, a 7 p.m. dedication of the Kent State Student Memorial Garden. He noted that the construction of the contemplative garden completes a longtime campaign, led by the Undergraduate Student Government, to pay tribute to Kent State students who were pursuing a degree at the time of their passing and also recognizes departed faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university.

Making a Local and Global Impact is the focus of a special event on Wednesday, April 29. At that time the Wick Poetry Center will present its 14th annual Giving Voice Program and announce a new Global Traveling Stanzas initiative engaging a global conversation through the intimate and inclusive voice of poetry. Among special features of that program will be the presentation of poems written by President Warren and fourth graders at Kent's Holden Elementary School.

On Thursday, April 30, several events will promote the theme of Honoring Our Past and Imagining our Future, he reported. Festivities begin at 3:30 p.m with a Presidential Tree Planting on Manchester Field. The newly planted grove of oak trees will represent the legacies of the first 12 university presidents, each with a different oak species to recognize the unique contributions of that leader. Joining Dr. Warren in this tree planting ceremony will be presidents emeritus Dr. Michael Schwartz, Dr. Carol Cartwright, and Dr. Lester Lefton.

Chair Eckart then described what he observed will likely be one of the most special events of the week – a Presidential Perspectives panel discussion featuring the four past and current presidents of Kent State University at 5 p.m. in the Kent Student Center Ballroom. The panel discussion will be moderated by Kent State alumnus and CNN anchor Carol Costello.

Chair Eckart commented that he would like to appoint a trustee-in-residence for each of the inaugural events, giving everyone the opportunity to represent the support of the board at these important occasions. He distributed a summary list of events and sign-up sheets and asked trustees to volunteer for those events they would like to attend. With that, he thanked trustees for their support and asked President Warren to give her report.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Beverly J. Warren began her report by summarizing the activity of the prior eight months. President Warren reported that she had completed her Listening Tour, which consisted of 56 events, 14 cities, and approximately 5,000 participants. Additionally, she reported that she had visited an additional five cities between January and March, 2015 and delivered her final "I Heard" report to the Kent State University community on February 3, 2015. She also expressed appreciation to trustees for their excellent feedback provided during the committee of the whole session, which will help as she and others prepare for strategic visioning activities.

Next, President Warren moved to the topic of the One University Commission (1UC), which she indicated had a report due to her on March 23, 2015. President Warren highlighted that the 1UC is chaired by Provost Todd Diacon and consists of 32 members who represent a wide range of constituencies from across the university community. Further, these 32 members are engaged in targeted work serving on four work groups covering the following areas: Students First, Faculty Matters, Faculty Matters and Distance Learning, and Administrative Structure for Regional Campuses.

President Warren also reported on the ongoing assessment of the Athletics program, which has its full report due in June 2015. Again, President Warren referenced the Board's earlier conversation in the morning's meeting and noted that preliminary considerations were provided during that time.

Next, President Warren shared an overview of the external assessment of research and scholarship and provided a report on the launch of the visioning initiative. President Warren explained that this initiative includes a 16-member Strategic Visioning Advisory Committee made up of members of the Kent State University community.

To conclude her report, President Warren recognized the varied accomplishments and work of a number of Kent State University faculty, staff and administration. She began by introducing two student athletes, Tyler Buckwalter and Stephanie Haugh, who demonstrated success in the classroom and on the field. Buckwalter is a senior Health and Physical Education major from McElhatten, Pennsylvania. Buckwalter is in the Honors College and has a cumulative GPA of 3.94. Buckwalter is also a member of the wrestling team. Highlighting his accomplishments, President Warren noted that Buckwalter is the only male in MAC Conference to win MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week twice. Buckwalter also volunteered to coordinate Fridays with the Flashes at Walls Elementary School for a semester and he spent each Friday afternoon coordinating recess activities for the kindergarden-5th grade students.

Next, President Warren recognized Stephanie Haugh a senior double major in Psychology and Criminology & Justice Studies from Richmond Hill, Ontario, Canada. Haugh has a cumulative GPA of 3.981 and is a member of the women's soccer team. President Warren noted that Haugh has been recognized three times as an Academic All-District scholar, and is a three-time Academic All-MAC award winner. Also, Haugh is ranked fifth in Kent State history books for career goals, second in career assists, fourth in points scored and ninth in game-winning goals.

Next, President Warren recognized three members of the Kent State University community who were integral in the recent rendition of the play, "My Heart is a Drum." President Warren began by recognizing Dr. Terri Kent, a professor and head of the Musical Theatre program and producing artistic director of Porthouse Theatre. She has performed regionally and internationally and has directed locally at Cain Park, the Halle Theatre, and Weathervane Theatre.

President Warren then recognized Shamara Costa, a senior Musical Theater major. Costa, who played the lead in "My Heart is a Drum," spent a summer at Porthouse Theater and is returning again this summer. President Warren noted that Costa is extremely intelligent, takes the hardest classes, works multiple jobs while going to school and has taken responsibility for her educational undertaking both financially and personally.

Next, she recognized Kaishawn Thomas, a sophomore musical theater student. Thomas played Catherine, the teacher, and also played one of the spirits in "My Heart is a Drum." President Warren noted that Thomas made her stage debut at age five in the play "Big River" at the Porthouse Theater. Thomas also has received an Oscar Richie scholarship at Kent State.

President Warren then recognized two members of the administration, Dr. Charlene Reed, Vice President and University Secretary and Dr. Melody Tankersley, Associate Provost, who were going to play lead roles in the university's upcoming strategic visioning efforts.

President Warren then recognized Dr. E. Timothy Moore, the 2015 Diversity Trailblazer Award recipient. Moore has nearly 40 years of academic and administrative life at Kent State. He is an Assistant Dean Emeritus, Arts and Sciences and Associate Professor Emeritus, Pan-African Studies, where he developed multiple diversity courses. Moore is the sixth recipient of the Diversity Trailblazer Award, a recipient of the Distinguished Teacher Award, a recipient of The Distinguished Honors Teaching Award, and many other university and community awards.

Next, she recognized three faculty members whose work is solving societal challenges. President Warren began with Dr. Tara Smith, Associate Professor of Epidemiology/Biostatistics in the College of Public Health. Dr. Smith's research focuses on zoonotic infections (infections that are transferred between animals and humans). She was the first to identify livestock-associated strains of methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) in the U.S. and pioneered the country's investigation of this organism. Additionally, she has published more than 50 peer-reviewed papers and book chapters and has received more than \$3 million in funding.

President Warren then recognized Dr. Lara Leff, Interim Chair of Biological Sciences. Dr. Leff focuses on human impacts studies including contamination of stream sediments with organic pollutants, tire dumps, acid mine drainage, and nutrient pollution from fertilizer application. She has authored more than 100 publications and has received a total of \$6.3 million in extramural funding at Kent State from federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation, Department of Education, NASA, and the EPA.

Next, she recognized Phil Rumrill, Professor of Lifespan Development and Educational Sciences, Coordinator of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program, and Director of the Center for Disability Studies. His research interests include issues facing students with disabilities in higher education, disability policy analysis, chronic illness, workplace discrimination, and self-advocacy strategies for people with disabilities. He has held management roles on 28 federal and private foundation grants with total budgets exceeding \$16 million, and he has published 250 journal articles, book chapters, and special issues of journals in the fields of education, healthcare, and rehabilitation, and has authored or co-authored 12 books.

President Warren also acknowledged the coordinated work of Gregg Floyd, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, and David Ruller, City Manager of Kent. President Warren thanked Floyd and Ruller for their work on the Summit Street improvements, including a much needed “heart bypass.” Ruller has been the City Manager of Kent, Ohio, since 2005 and has won numerous state, national and international awards for revitalization of downtown Kent.

Next, President Warren noted the significant progress in the area of advancement that Steve Sokany, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement, has led. Total commitments now stand at \$17.1 million, up \$2.1 million from the same time last year. The total number of new pledges also has increased by 378 to 3,527 (up from 3,149), she said.

Also in the area of advancement, President Warren recognized Matt Geis and Shawn Gordon. She introduced Matt Geis, Senior Associate Athletics Director/Executive Director for Athletic Advancement, who has directed and realized more than \$27 million in fundraising for intercollegiate athletics during the last five years. Geis has raised more than \$35 million in his career at Kent State. During this fiscal year, athletics has raised \$4.7 million in cash and pledges to date, which is 39% ahead of the total cash and 129% ahead of the total new commitments compared to last fiscal year at this time. President Warren also noted that Geis is a 2001 Kent State graduate who started out as an intern in the call center.

Finally, President Warren recognized Shawn Gordon, Senior Director of Advancement. Gordon is a two-time Kent State graduate who joined her alma mater as Director of Advancement for the College of the Arts in 2008. Since then, college fundraising has increased by more than ten-fold. She has secured several leadership -level gifts including a \$1-million donation to the School of Art and a \$2-million donation to the School of Music. Gordon currently is looking for a \$5-million gift to name the Center for the Visual Arts. President Warren highlighted that Gordon is a very proud Golden Flash whose son was born on May 4th and named “Kent” in honor of her father-in-law and her alma mater.

With that President Warren concluded her report and turned the floor over to Chair Eckart.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Chair Eckart asked President Warren to present the personnel actions. President Warren called on Provost Diacon to present the academic personnel actions followed by Interim Vice President Joe Vitale to present the non-academic personnel actions.

ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

Provost Diacon reported that the personnel actions to be considered at this meeting were routine in nature. He noted the retirement of 22 faculty members; the request for emeritus status for two faculty members; the appointment of Dr. James Blank as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, of Dr. Lance Grahn as Dean and Chief Administrative Officer of Kent State University at Trumbull, with tenure at the rank of Professor of History in the Regional Campuses, and of the Dr. Amy Reynolds as Dean of the College of Communication and Information, with tenure and rank of Professor in Journalism and Mass Communication. Finally, Provost Diacon noted the additional appointment of President Beverly Warren, affiliated by special invitation of the Higher Education Administration and Student Personnel Program. Of special note was the retirement of Dr. Donald Hassler after 49 years of service to Kent State University, and the Board's approval of Dr. Hassler's emeritus standing, effective July 1, 2015.

NON-ACADEMIC PERSONNEL

Interim Vice President Vitale reported that all non-academic actions to be considered at this meeting were routine in nature.

ACTION: There were no objections to placing the personnel actions on the consent agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chair Eckart called on Committee Chair Larry Pollock to present the report of the External Relations and Development Committee.

EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Pollock reported that the External Relations and Development Committee met this afternoon to consider four management decision items and received two reports. He noted that the following recommendations are consistent with university naming policy and procedures, and that the committee recommended they be placed on the consent agenda. The naming actions for the Diebold Collaboration Lounge, the Wallace J. Hagedorn Gallery, the Adam S. Hamilton West Entrance, Dix Stadium, and The Seven Five Fund Photography Lab are described in the resolutions below.

Resolution 2015-01

NAMING OF THE DIEBOLD COLLABORATION LOUNGE

WHEREAS, the Diebold Foundation of North Canton recognizes Kent State University at Stark as a leader in higher education and excellence in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Diebold name has been synonymous with North Canton since 1872, and for more than two decades, the Diebold Foundation of North Canton has been a philanthropic force in Stark County; and

WHEREAS, the Diebold Foundation of North Canton recognizes Kent State University's importance in Stark County's development; and

WHEREAS, the Diebold Foundation of North Canton provided a \$100,000 gift toward the construction of the Sciences Building on the Stark campus to provide enhanced learning opportunities to students in the sciences; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University at Stark and the current and future students who will benefit from the facility, memorialize the university's appreciation to the Diebold Foundation of North Canton for its generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names the Diebold Collaboration Lounge in Kent State University at Stark's new Sciences Building.

Resolution 2015-02

NAMING OF THE WALLACE J. HAGEDORN GALLERY

WHEREAS, the late Wallace J. Hagedorn recognized Kent State University as a leader in higher education and excellence in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hagedorn took a Photojournalism class on the Kent State University campus in 1941; and

WHEREAS, he was so motivated that he became an amateur photographer and never forgot the experience here; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Hall is home to Kent State University's School of Journalism and Mass Communication, which includes the Photojournalism program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hagedorn made arrangements in his estate plans to create a scholarship trust in excess of \$3 million to benefit Kent State Photojournalism students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication and the current and future students who will benefit from this gift, memorialize the university's appreciation of Wallace J. Hagedorn for his generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names Kent State University's Wallace J. Hagedorn Gallery in Kent State University's Franklin Hall.

Resolution 2015-03

**NAMING OF
THE ADAM S. HAMILTON WEST ENTRANCE, DIX STADIUM**

WHEREAS, John Scott and Connie Hamilton recognize Kent State University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics as a leader among Division I athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, they have shown commitment and loyalty to Kent State Football and to the more than 450 student-athletes of our university; and

WHEREAS, they are long-time Kent residents and active members of the local community and Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, they have pledged an additional gift of \$270,000 to support several worthy causes including Kent State University's Football Enhancement Fund and a scholarship in their late son's name; and

WHEREAS, this naming is in memory of their son, Army Specialist Adam S. Hamilton, who was killed on May 28, 2011, in Afghanistan serving during Operation Enduring Freedom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University and the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics and the current and future students who will benefit from the facility, memorialize the university's sincere appreciation to Scott and Connie Hamilton for their generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names in Kent State University's West Entrance of Dix Stadium The Adam S. Hamilton West Entrance.

Resolution 2015-04

NAMING OF THE SEVEN FIVE FUND PHOTOGRAPHY LAB

WHEREAS, The Seven Five Fund (donors Andrea E. Senich and Claudia Bjerre) recognizes Kent State University's School of Art as a leader in higher education and excellence in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Andrea E. Senich and Claudia Bjerre, through The Seven Five Fund, recognize that Kent State University's School of Art provides high-

quality learning opportunities and ensures arts experiences for all students and the broader community; and

WHEREAS, Andrea E. Senich, who earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in art history from Kent State in 1976, along with Claudia Bjerre, has supported a number of programs at Kent State including The Fashion School and the Kent State University Museum; and

WHEREAS, The Seven Five Fund has donated \$25,000 to name the Photography Lab (302A) in the new Center for the Visual Arts; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees, on behalf of Kent State University's School of Art and the current and future students who will benefit from the facility, memorialize the university's appreciation to The Seven Five Fund (donors Andrea E. Senich and Claudia Bjerre) for its generosity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees, in accordance with university policy, hereby names The Seven Five Fund Photography Lab in Kent State University's Center for the Visual Arts.

Trustee Pollock noted that the committee also received a fundraising update from Steve Sokany, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Fundraising results show that gift commitments to date are in excess of \$17 million.

Trustee Pollock also noted that the committee received two reports from President Warren. The first report provided details on the current state of government relations and the staffing structure that support efforts in this area at Kent State. In her second report, President Warren furthered the conversation around her and the university's undertaking of strategic visioning.

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

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

Chair Eckart called on Committee Chair Margot Copeland to present the report of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Trustee Copeland reported that the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee met this morning and considered eight management decision items. She noted that the recommendations listed below were reviewed and approved through the appropriate faculty and college committees, the Educational Policies Council, and Faculty Senate, and they carried the endorsement of the President and Provost. Trustee Copeland

indicated that the committee recommended approval of the items as part of the consent agenda.

CONFERRAL OF DEGREES, FALL 2014

Trustee Copeland announced that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2014-78, which recognizes the university's awarding of 2,250 degrees in fall 2014: 360 associate degrees, 1,433 bachelor's degrees, 405 master's degrees, 1 educational specialist degree, and 51 doctoral degrees.

Resolution 2015-05

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES
Fall 2014**

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 15, 2014, to December 13, 2014 – 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 15, 2014, to December 13, 2014.

*REVISION OF ACADEMIC STRUCTURE AND NAME OF THE DIVISION OF
UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES TO THE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE*

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-06, regarding the revision of academic structure and name of the Division of Undergraduate Studies to the University College. Trustee Copeland noted that changing the designation to a college aligns with the university policy and other academic structures at Kent State, and that revising

the name to University College is consistent with naming conventions at other universities. The change will be effective in the fall, 2015 semester.

Resolution 2015-06

**REVISION OF ACADEMIC STRUCTURE AND NAME OF THE
DIVISION OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES TO THE UNIVERSITY
COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, the Division of Undergraduate Studies and the Office of the Provost request a revision in the academic structure of Undergraduate Studies from its current designation as a division to that of a college and a change in name to University College; and

WHEREAS, Undergraduate Studies serves the largest population of first-year students each year, coordinates university-wide educational experiences, and supports all students through tutoring services and supplemental instruction; and

WHEREAS, the change in designation of Undergraduate Studies as a college clearly aligns with the description of a college as described in Administrative Policy and Procedures 3342-2-03.1 Regarding Academic Administrative Structures; and

WHEREAS, revising the name of Undergraduate Studies to University College is consistent with naming conventions of similar units at other universities and will provide clarity to students and other internal and external stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, to include multiple perspectives, Undergraduate Studies consulted with multiple academic and non-academic units; and

WHEREAS, the proposed revision in name has been reviewed and approved by 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 academic structure of Undergraduate Studies from its current designation as a division to that of a college and a revision in name to University College, effective Fall 2015.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AEROSPACE ENGINEERING MAJOR WITHIN
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE*

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-07, establishing the Aerospace Engineering major within the Bachelor of Science degree. The resolution was requested by the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology.

The new major focuses on the application of engineering principles to the design, manufacture, and functionality of aerospace vehicles, and will meet the projected demand for aerospace engineers. The resolution will be effective in the fall, 2015 semester, pending approval of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2015-07

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AEROSPACE ENGINEERING MAJOR
WITHIN THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Applied Engineering, Sustainability and Technology seeks approval of the establishment of the Aerospace Engineering major within the Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major will focus on the application of engineering principles to the design, manufacture, and functionality of aerospace vehicles including aircraft, spacecraft, and unmanned aerial systems; and

WHEREAS, the major will meet the projected demand for aerospace engineers and capitalize on and strengthen existing relationships with local industry; and

WHEREAS, the Aerospace Engineering major was developed in alignment and in accordance with the standards of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college and campus faculty, administrators 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 Aerospace Engineering major within the Bachelor of Science degree, effective Fall 2015, pending approval of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MAJOR WITHIN THE
BACHELOR OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION DEGREE*

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-08, establishing the General Business major within the Bachelor of Business Administration degree. The resolution was requested by the College of Business Administration and it replaces the current Business Undeclared major that does not lead to a degree. The last two years will be offered as a fully online “completer” bachelor’s degree. The resolution will be effective in the fall, 2015 semester, pending approval of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2015-08

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GENERAL BUSINESS MAJOR WITHIN
THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Business Administration seeks approval of the establishment of the General Business major within the Bachelor of Business Administration degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major will be offered on the Kent campus and will replace the current Business Undeclared major that does not lead to a degree; and

WHEREAS, the major will meet the demand and prepare graduates for occupations as general and operations managers, management analysts, financial managers, sales managers, and human resource specialists; and

WHEREAS, the General Business major within the Bachelor of Business Administration degree aligns with Kent State's mission to allow students to expand their intellectual horizons through exposure to more in-depth study in all areas of business, rather than focusing on one; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college and campus faculty, administrators 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 General Business major within the Bachelor of Business Administration degree, effective Fall 2015, pending approval of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ADVANCED PEDAGOGY IN PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND SPORT MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF EDUCATION
DEGREE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG*

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-09, establishing the Advanced Pedagogy in Physical Education and Sport major within the Master of Education degree in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. The resolution was requested by the College of Education, Health and Human Services. It is a 100% online degree through an innovative collaboration with the University of Wollongong in New South Wales, Australia. The audience for the major is practicing educators and athletic coaches and trainers seeking further expertise on broader issues related to leadership, teaching, coaching theory, and curriculum and program development. The resolution will be effective in the fall, 2015 semester, pending approval of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2015-09

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ADVANCED PEDAGOGY IN PHYSICAL
EDUCATION AND SPORT MAJOR WITHIN THE MASTER OF
EDUCATION DEGREE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE
UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG**

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval of the establishment of the Advanced Pedagogy in Physical Education and Sport major within the Master of Education degree; and

WHEREAS, the proposed major will be offered 100 percent online-only through an innovative collaboration with the University of Wollongong in New South Wales, Australia; and

WHEREAS, this international collaboration is the first of its kind for Kent State University and represents an opportunity for the university to develop global relationships and expand curriculum offerings to a wider market; and

WHEREAS, the University of Wollongong is a top-tier public research institution with nearly 32,000 students at nine locations, including United Arab Emirates and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, students will earn their degree from either Kent State University or the University of Wollongong, but complete coursework at both universities; and

WHEREAS, the audience for the proposed major are practicing educators and athletic coaches and trainers who are seeking further expertise on broader issues related to matters of leadership, teaching and coaching theory and curriculum and program development; and

WHEREAS, the major has been reviewed and approved at the University of Wollongong by the appropriate school faculty, administrators and curriculum committees, and will be submitted to the university's Academic Senate in April 2015 for final approval; and

WHEREAS, the major has been reviewed and approved at Kent State University by the appropriate college faculty, administrators 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 Advanced Pedagogy in Physical Education and Sport major within the Master of Education degree, in

collaboration with the University of Wollongong, effective Fall 2015, pending approval by the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

*ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MASTER OF GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION
SCIENCE DEGREE*

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-10, establishing the Master of Geographic Information Science degree. The resolution was requested by the College of Arts and Sciences. It is a post-professional degree in a rapidly growing field that focuses on preparing graduates for analytical and managerial positions that use geospatial technologies in the areas of cyber-infrastructure, environment, and health. It is a 100% online degree and is the first of its kind in Ohio and fourth in the country. The degree leverages existing strong curriculum and expert faculty in the Department of Geography. The resolution will be effective in the fall, 2015 semester, pending approval of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

Resolution 2015-10

**ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MASTER OF GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences seeks approval of the establishment of the Master of Geographic Information Science degree; and

WHEREAS, need for the degree program was determined based on federal and state labor statistics, a market survey, and questionnaire responses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed post-professional degree focuses on preparing graduates for analytical and managerial positions that utilize geospatial technologies in the areas of cyber-infrastructure, environment, and health; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 100 percent online degree will be the first of its kind in Ohio, and the fourth in the nation, providing an attractive option for a larger population; and

WHEREAS, the Geographic Information Science major will comprise three concentrations that focus on the study and management of healthcare resources, the development and analysis of a cyber-infrastructure, and the understanding of environmental changes; and

WHEREAS, the proposed degree program 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 establishment of the Master of Geographic Information Science degree, effective Fall 2015, pending approval of the Ohio Board of Regents and the Higher Learning Commission.

REVISION IN NAME OF THE COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MAJOR TO THE COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION MAJOR WITHIN THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

Trustee Copeland then recommended approval of Resolution 2015-11, revising the name of the Counseling and Human Development Services major to the Counselor Education and Supervision major within the Doctor of Philosophy degree, effective Fall 2015. There is no impact on other programs, course offerings, faculty or students.

Resolution 2015-11

REVISION IN NAME OF THE COUNSELING AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES MAJOR TO THE COUNSELOR EDUCATION AND SUPERVISION MAJOR WITHIN THE DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY DEGREE

WHEREAS, the College of Education, Health and Human Services seeks approval of revision in name of the Counseling and Human Development Services major to the Counselor Education and Supervision major within the Doctor of Philosophy Degree; and

WHEREAS, the revised name better reflects the standard name used for similar programs and the program's accreditation board; and

WHEREAS, the proposed change will not affect other programs, course offerings, faculty, or students; and

WHEREAS, the proposed name revision has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate college faculty and curriculum committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 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 Counseling and Human Development Services major to the Counselor Education and Supervision major within the Doctor of Philosophy degree, effective Fall 2015.

*INACTIVATION OF THE FINANCIAL ENGINEERING MAJOR WITHIN THE
MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE*

Trustee Copeland then noted that the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-12, inactivating the Financial Engineering major within the Master of Science degree, as recommended by the colleges of Business Administration and Arts and Science.

Resolution 2015-12

**INACTIVATION OF THE FINANCIAL ENGINEERING MAJOR
WITHIN THE MASTER OF SCIENCE DEGREE**

WHEREAS, the colleges of Business Administration and Arts and Sciences have recommended the inactivation of the Financial Engineering major within the Master of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Engineering major was established in Fall 2002 as an interdisciplinary master's degree program, jointly administered by the departments of Finance and Mathematical Sciences; and

WHEREAS, admission to the program was suspended in 2012 due to significant financial loss; and

WHEREAS, there are no students currently enrolled in the major; and

WHEREAS, the proposed inactivation of the Financial Engineering major within the Master of Science degree has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate school and college faculty and curriculum committees, the Educational Policies Council, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, 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 Financial Engineering major within the Master of Science degree, effective Fall 2015.

Committee Chair Copeland reported that Vice President Jarvie updated the committee on revisions to two administrative policies: Administrative Policy 3342-7-05.3 Regarding Student Leader Scholarships and Operational Policy 3342-4-02.102 Regarding General Nonacademic Grievance Procedures for Students. Both revised policies were effective January 1, 2015.

Provost Diacon updated the committee on the establishment of the Career and Community Studies Non-Degree Program. The College of Education, Health and Human Services received a grant in 2010 from the U.S. Department of Education (one of 27 post-secondary programs nationwide) to develop and pilot a comprehensive transition and post-secondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Nineteen students will have earned the

required 120 hours and are scheduled to receive a Record of Completion and participate in a special ceremony this spring. Grant funding ends this year; however, the program will continue to be offered through tuition and program fees.

Finally, the committee heard three presentations: Marcello Fantoni, Associate Provost for Global Education, a Global Education Update; Vice President Jarvie, an Enrollment Update; and Vice President Dr. Alfreda Brown and Dana Lawless-Andric, Executive Director for Diversity and Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Student Success.

With that, Trustee Copeland concluded the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee report.

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

Chair Eckart asked Committee Chair Richard Marsh to present the Audit and Compliance Committee report.

AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Marsh reported that the Audit and Compliance Committee met this morning with members of the external auditing firm Plante & Moran. They presented an outline of the audit activities that will be performed as part of Kent State University's fiscal year 2015 audit. This meeting was helpful for the committee and continues to reflect a good working relationship between the auditors, management, and the Audit and Compliance Committee, he noted.

The committee reviewed the second quarter's performance report for the 2015 fiscal year. This report compares the Internal Audit Plan budgeted hours to actual. There are no unusual items to report.

The committee was provided a brief presentation regarding effective internal controls. It was informative and demonstrated that internal controls promote an environment of growth and performance, reduce uncertainty about compliance issues, and help to create positive results for external audits.

As part of the compliance update, the committee heard a presentation on the protection of human subjects and animals in the university research enterprise. The presentation by the vice president of research and his staff demonstrated the university's commitment to compliance with the stringent federal guidelines that govern research protocols.

With that, Trustee Marsh concluded the Audit and Compliance Committee report.

Chair Eckart then called on Committee Chair Stephen Colecchi to present the Finance and Administration Committee report.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Colecchi reported that the Finance and Administration Committee met this afternoon and recommended the following items for approval as part of the consent agenda.

APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES (COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE), 2015-2016 ACADEMIC YEAR

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-13, approving tuition and fees for the College of Podiatric Medicine. The resolution seeks approval to increase the college's tuition by 4.0% for the 2015-16 academic year. 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. Approval of tuition and fees is recommended at this time so billing can occur as needed in April. The proposed increase is not anticipated to change the college's tuition ranking relative to other podiatric medicine colleges in the nation. The college relies upon student tuition as it receives no SSI (state share of instruction) for its graduate- and professional-level programming, it was noted.

Resolution 2015-13

APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEES (COLLEGE OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE), 2015-2016 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, and 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 fees to be effective with the 2015-16 academic year.

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SURCHARGE RATES FOR NON-OHIO RESIDENTS

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-14, approving special surcharge rates for non-Ohio residents. The university currently has three approved reductions to the regular out-of-state surcharge assessed to non-Ohio residents that are set to expire at the end of the fiscal year. The resolution seeks approval to continue these reductions through the spring semester 2017 and any summer terms that begin prior to June 30, 2017, subject to any required approvals from the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

Resolution 2015-14

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SURCHARGE RATES FOR NON-OHIO RESIDENTS

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

WHEREAS, reductions from instructional and general fees, as well as out-of-state surcharge rates are allowable if approved by the Board of Trustees and the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents; and

WHEREAS, Kent State University currently has three approved reductions in the regular out-of-state surcharge assessed to non-Ohio residents set to expire at the end of this fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, these special rates apply to students attending regional campuses from specific counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, non-Ohio residents enrolled in fully online programs, and non-Ohio residents enrolled in the English as a Second Language program; and

WHEREAS, the university has reviewed the enrollment impact of the special rates and recommends that they be continued; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby approves a special fee of \$10 per credit hour for non-Ohio residents enrolled in fully online programs or the English as a Second Language program, as well as the waiver of 80% of the then- current out-of-state surcharge for students attending regional campuses from specific counties in Pennsylvania and West Virginia, to continue through spring semester 2017 and any summer terms that begin prior to June 30, 2017, subject to any required approvals from the Chancellor of the Ohio Board of Regents.

*APPROVAL OF COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ONLINE GEOGRAPHIC
INFORMATION SCIENCE PROGRAM FEES 2015-16 ACADEMIC YEAR*

Trustee Colecchi recommended approval of Resolution 2015-15. The resolution establishes a \$695 per credit hour fee for the newly approved, fully online master's and post-baccalaureate certificate programs in Geographic Information Sciences. It is anticipated that this special tuition rate will place the program's cost below all other fully online programs in the nation. Currently, there are only three universities in the nation that offer the programs fully online.

Resolution 2015-15

**APPROVAL OF COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES ONLINE
GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SCIENCE PROGRAM FEES 2015-2016
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 Arts and Sciences has determined a significant need for an online program in Geographic Information Science (GIS); and

WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences is prepared to launch fully online Master of Geographic Information Science degree and post-baccalaureate certificate program in Geographic Information Science; and

WHEREAS, additional resources are needed to ensure academic program quality and services to students and to fund unique costs associated with these online academic programs; and

WHEREAS, a proposed special tuition rate in the amount of \$695 per credit hour has 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 special tuition rate for these programs effective with the 2015-16 academic year.

APPROVAL OF ROOM AND BOARD RATES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2015

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-16, approving room and board rates, effective for the Fall 2015 semester. 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. The proposed increase is necessary to preserve and improve residence-housing offerings. Even with the increase, Kent State's rates will continue to be among the most reasonable in Ohio. The resolution also seeks to adjust the early arrival housing fee and the housing application fee, with the latter adjustments effective for the Fall 2016 semester.

Resolution 2015-16

APPROVAL OF ROOM AND BOARD RATES, EFFECTIVE FALL 2015

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 housing on the Kent Campus; and

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

WHEREAS, it is recommended by housing and dining management that the double-room rate be increased by 3.99%, and the basic board rate be increased by 1.84%, resulting in a combined increase of 3.17% in the double-room and basic board rates; and

WHEREAS, it also is recommended by housing management that adjustments be made to both the early arrival housing fee and the housing application fee with the latter adjustment effective for Fall 2016; 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 2015, unless noted otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AIR HANDLER IMPROVEMENTS, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AT TRUMBULL

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-17, approving air handler improvements at Kent State University at Trumbull. On May 14, 2013, the Board approved a resolution for air handler improvements at the university's Trumbull campus. The State of Ohio has since approved House Bill 497, allocating an additional \$950,000 for the

project. The resolution seeks to increase the scope of the project consolidating all work into one project. The project will be completed by September 2016.

Resolution 2015-17

**APPROVAL OF AIR HANDLER IMPROVEMENTS, KENT STATE
UNIVERSITY AT TRUMBULL**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously approved this project at its meeting on May 14, 2013, for a total value of \$1.025 million; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has since approved House Bill 497 allocating an additional \$950,000 for HVAC improvements at the Trumbull Campus; and

WHEREAS, the project scope now includes the replacement of four air handling units and the replacement of the associated terminal distribution boxes, controls, wiring and piping; and

WHEREAS, this proposed project also will include the replacement of the failing mechanical penthouse floor and wall system; and

WHEREAS, the concurrent completion of the original and added scope of the project will be more efficient; and

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

WHEREAS, the total project cost of \$1.805 million will be supported by capital improvement funds of which \$855,000 is available from House Bill 482 and \$950,000 is available from House Bill 497; 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.

*APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM FOR THE
COLLEGE OF NURSING AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY*

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-18, approving the online learning program for the College of Nursing. The purchase agreement detailed in the resolution will be for an initial term of three years, with a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods, for a total contract duration of six years.

Resolution 2015-18

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAM
FOR THE COLLEGE OF NURSING AT KENT STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

WHEREAS, the Kent State University College of Nursing requires online learning for Kent State University students enrolled in the College of Nursing; and

WHEREAS, in response to a request for proposal issued by the Kent State University procurement department, Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC provided the proposal with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services is a three-year initial term of \$684,000, with the potential of three, one-year extensions at approximately \$240,000 each year, to be funded by the College of Nursing through a program admission fee; 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 Assessment Technologies Institute, LLC for the provision of an online learning 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.

*APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES FOR STUDENTS
AT THE KENT CAMPUS*

Trustee Colecchi recommended approval of Resolution 2015-19, regarding legal services for Kent Campus students. The contract is for a five-year term, with three optional annual renewals.

Resolution 2015-19

**APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR PROVIDING LEGAL SERVICES
FOR STUDENTS AT THE KENT CAMPUS**

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

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs desires to provide for appropriate legal services for students of Kent State University's Kent Campus at a nominal cost to the students; and

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

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services is a five-year initial term of \$2,625,000, with the potential of three, one-year extensions at approximately \$525,000 each year, to be directly funded by a per-semester student fee; 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 Student Legal Services, Inc. for the provision of legal services to degree-seeking Kent State University students at the Kent campus for five years, plus a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods, in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES FOR SERVICES AND RESOURCES THROUGH OHIO LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK (OhioLINK)

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-20, approving purchases of services and resources through Ohio Library Information Network (OhioLINK) for the support and enhancement of library collections, systems, and services.

Resolution 2015-20

APPROVAL OF PURCHASES FOR SERVICES AND RESOURCES THROUGH OHIO LIBRARY INFORMATION NETWORK (OhioLINK)

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

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Libraries requires OhioLINK services and resources to enhance its higher education research library materials; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost for these services and resources is approximately \$2.25 million per year, to be funded by University Libraries; and

WHEREAS, the Kent State University procurement department assisted in facilitating the consortium agreement between Ohio State University, which acts as the fiscal agent for OhioLINK, and Kent State University, a charter member of the OhioLINK consortium; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration to approve purchases for services and resources through OhioLINK for the support and enhancement of library collections, systems, and services in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR BANKING SERVICES FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-21, approving the vendor selection for banking services for Kent State University. The university requires a banking services provider to support its daily business operations related to treasury management, credit card merchant services, and retail-university banking. The resolution will approve an agreement with PNC Bank for an initial 12-year term, with optional renewals for three one-year periods. The contract will commence on July 1, 2015.

Resolution 2015-21

APPROVAL OF VENDOR SELECTION FOR BANKING SERVICES FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Kent State University requires a banking services provider to support its daily business operations related to treasury management, credit card merchant services, and retail-university banking; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements contained in University Policy 3342-7- 12 in regard to formal bidding process, the Procurement Department, at the request of the Office of the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration, issued a request for proposal for the selection of a banking services provider; and

WHEREAS, in response to the request for proposal, PNC Bank provided the proposal with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total of bank fees will be \$1,292,000 for the initial 12-year term, with no fees charged in the first year of the agreement and with pricing for the additional three one-year periods at the end of the initial 12-year term indexed to the Consumer Price Index; and

WHEREAS, PNC Bank will pay to the university guaranteed royalties of approximately \$6,288,000 over the initial term of the agreement in exchange for a negotiated level of exclusivity as the banking partner of the university; 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 PNC Bank for banking services for 12 years, commencing on July 1, 2015, plus a university option to renew up to three additional one-year periods.

APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF A RETAILER FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF BOOKSTORES FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-22, approving the selection of a retailer for the operation and management of bookstores for Kent State University. The university requires a supplier to manage and operate bookstores for Kent State University students, faculty, staff and guests for all university campuses. The resolution approves a contract with Barnes and Noble College for the management and operation of Kent State University's bookstores for six years, with two additional two-year periods. The contract will commence on July 1, 2015.

Resolution 2015-22

APPROVAL OF SELECTION OF A RETAILER FOR THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF BOOKSTORES FOR KENT STATE UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the Kent State University Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs requires a supplier to manage and operate the bookstores for Kent State University students, faculty, staff and guests for all university campuses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the requirements contained in University Policy 3342-7- 12 in regard to formal bidding processes, the Procurement Department, at the request of the Division of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, issued a request for proposal for the selection of a retailer for operation and management of bookstores on the Kent State University campuses; and

WHEREAS, in response to the request for proposal, Barnes and Noble College provided the proposal suitable to the needs of the university and with the best overall value; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total of commissions, scholarships, and donations will be \$12 million for the initial six-year term and \$1.8 million per year during subsequent renewals; 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 Barnes and Noble College for the management and operation of the bookstores for the Kent State University campuses for six years, commencing on July 1, 2015, plus a university option to renew up to two additional two-year periods in accordance with University Policy 3342-7-12.

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY LEASE FOR THE KENT STATE FLORENCE PROGRAM

Trustee Colecchi noted the committee recommended approval of Resolution 2015-23, approving the property lease for the Kent State Florence program. The resolution seeks approval to lease a commercial building located at Via Cavous 26, Florence, Italy, to house the Kent State Florence program. The proposed facility will allow the Florence operation to move from three current locations to one.

Resolution 2015-23

APPROVAL OF PROPERTY LEASE FOR THE KENT STATE FLORENCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Kent State University desires to lease a commercial building located at Via Cavour 26, Florence, Italy (“Palazzo Vettori”); and

WHEREAS, the university desires to accommodate the Kent State Florence program within the facility; and

WHEREAS, the university desires to let the terms of current leases in Florence, Italy, expire without renewal; 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 lease of property located at Via Cavour 26, Florence, Italy, in accordance with applicable university policies.

Lastly, Trustee Colecchi reported that the committee heard a report from Trustee Ralph Della Ratta regarding recommendations from the Investment Committee, which recently met on February 9, 2015.

With that, Trustee Colecchi concluded the report of the Finance and Administration Committee.

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

ACTION: Trustee Pollock moved, seconded by Trustee Marsh, that the consent agenda be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.