

**Board of Regents Meeting
Northern Kentucky University, Student Union, Room 104
January 10, 2018**

Regent Richard Boehne, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, January 10, 2018.

Roll Call: Richard Boehne, Richard L. Boyce, Sami Dada, Normand Desmarais, Ashley Himes, Terry Mann, Dennis Repenning, W. Lee Scheben, Gregory Shumate, Arnie D. Slaughter, André Ward.

Other Attendees: Gerard St. Amand, Ben Jager, Wendy Peek, Tammy Knochelmann, Ken Bothof, Joan Gates, Sue Hodges Moore, Daniel Nadler, Sue Ott Rowlands, Kathleen Roberts, Kim Scranage, Lori Southwood, Mike Hales, Diana McGill, Greg Martin, Kevin Kirby, Cindy Reed, Mary Kishman, Dale Stephenson, Lawrence Rosenthal, Chris Bowling, Jonathan Erion, Bill Farrow, Mark Brackman, Christian Gamm, Melissa Gorbandt, Sara Kelley, Samantha Langley, Russ Kerdolff, Kathy Stewart, Leah Stewart, Jason Vest, Mary Paula Schuh, Chad Ogle, Kelsey Haskins, Ryan Padgett, Blaine Gilmore, Sam Rosenstiel, Anna Wright, Britta Gibson, Janel Bloch, Matthew Zacate.

Regent Arnie Slaughter seconded Regent Terry Mann's motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2017 Board of Regents meeting. **(Motion carried)**

Regent Norm Desmarais seconded Regent Arnie Slaughter's motion to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2017 Board of Regents meeting. **(Motion carried)**

Regent Richard Boyce seconded Regent Norm Desmarais's motion to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Board of Regents meeting. **(Motion carried)**

Regent Greg Shumate seconded Regent Richard Boyce's motion to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2017 Board of Regents meeting. **(Motion carried)**

Presidential Comments:

Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to make a few remarks before we get to the direct business of the Board.

December Commencement

A few weeks ago, we celebrated our annual December commencement. I have to say what a special privilege it was for me to be on stage to congratulate each of our newest graduates. The look of sheer joy on their faces as they crossed the stage is a memory I will not soon forget.

In December, we conferred about 1200 degrees and certificates upon a talented, diverse, and dedicated group of men and women. The number of degrees conferred in December is on par

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with the record setting pace of the past few years. This success is due in large part to the dedication of our faculty and staff from all organizations within the university who together focus intently on ensuring that our students continue to be retained and graduated at record numbers.

Enrollment

Although we are not yet through the first week of the semester, I have some encouraging news to share about our enrollment numbers. Although official numbers are not obtained until later, as of the first day of class, our total headcount looks to be up very slightly – by 11 students, but up. If this trend holds, it will be the first increase in spring to spring enrollment since 2011.

The momentum from the fall appears to be carrying through to the spring. On top of the large number of December degrees awarded, we are adding more new students as well as continuing to improve our retention and persistence rates. I will provide final spring to spring enrollment results after the final census is taken in March.

Student-Athlete Academic Success

Speaking of records, our student-athletes continue to shatter them in the classroom. For the Fall 2017 semester, the student-athlete cumulative GPA was a 3.37; that's over 0.1 higher than last year's record and makes 13 consecutive semesters with a GPA over 3.0.

Congratulations to the entire Athletic Department, the student-athletes, their professors and advisors for this sustained commitment to academic excellence.

And, oh by the way, our recent men's basketball victory over conference foe Oakland University was not only an exciting game, but it was televised on ESPN2 to a national audience in prime time. Great success on a national stage.

Sue Hodges Moore

Last month, Sue Hodges Moore, our Senior Vice President of Administration and Finance, announced that she is retiring from NKU at the end of February. Sue has dedicated over 40 years of her professional life to higher education in Kentucky through service to NKU, CPE, and the University of Louisville.

While her pending retirement from NKU is not news to anyone here, I wanted to take a moment in this setting to thank Sue during what is her final Board of Regents meeting at NKU. Sue, thank you for your many years of dedicated service to this university and to higher education in our Commonwealth. You have truly made an enormous positive difference in your university. You will be missed. We all wish you the best in your new endeavor as Chief Strategy Officer at Ball State University.

US 27 Development

One of the projects Sue and her team have worked on during her tenure is the US 27 development. A few weeks ago, I was joined by representatives from Highland Heights, St. Elizabeth Healthcare, and Fairmount Properties to announce the plan for a mixed-use, town center-style development along US 27 and Nunn Drive. The development will serve as an exciting gateway to our campus featuring restaurants, market-rate apartments, a hotel, retail space, and a large medical office building for St. Elizabeth and their partners at OrthoCincy. This currently vacant space will be transformed into a regional gathering place both for campus and the community.

The development agreement was signed between us and Fairmount Properties, the developer, prior to winter break. While there is still work to be done in finalizing other legal elements of the project, we expect construction to begin later this year. More to come as this exciting project takes shape.

50th Anniversary and Homecoming

Mark your calendars for Homecoming and the 50th Anniversary Kickoff. Homecoming begins on Sunday, February 4th and runs through Saturday, February 10th with the crowning of the King and Queen at the men's basketball game. The 50th Anniversary will kick off with the Alumni Awards Celebration on Friday, February 9th. Stay tuned for more information about all these events and activities.

Budget/Pension Update

Finally, we can't have presidential remarks without mention of budget.

First, we have been informed by our friends in Frankfort that our current fiscal year state appropriation will be cut by \$516K. I will provide greater details to the campus within the next several days by way of a campus wide message, so stay tuned.

Second, the Governor will present his budget for next fiscal year to the General Assembly next Tuesday, January 16th. We've been warned to expect further cuts, so as we manage the current year cut, we will do so with an eye on preparing ourselves for what is likely to follow.

At the same time, the Governor and General Assembly assert their continued intent to address pension reform to get our arms around a program whose cost is at the heart of the state's financial challenges. We received some indication that the Governor's presentation will include alternative budgets – one with and one without pension reform.

We have been strong advocates for pension reform that transforms our current system into one that is sustainable and affordable for the state and for us as a public employer. So, we look forward to working with our elected leaders over the next several weeks as they continue this pension reform effort.

Despite the challenges with the state budget, including the pension concern that has a substantial and direct adverse financial impact on us, we are not letting up efforts to obtain the remaining equity funding that the Governor and General Assembly addressed partially last biennium.

To that end, I am sending out a message today to the entire campus community and our friends urging your strong advocacy with the Governor and our legislators to address the remaining component of NKU's funding disparity as the state addresses these other issues. Your strong efforts were responsible for our success last biennium in obtaining an additional \$5.1M in state funding, and we are encouraged by numerous government officials that a strong advocacy effort this year can also be successful. So, we need your advocacy - please read my message and follow up as requested to contact the Governor and our legislators – it will make a difference. Thank you in advance for your response to my request.

Mr. Boehne, this concludes my remarks.

B. Presidential Reports:

1. Facilities Management Report (Senior Vice President Sue Hodges Moore)

- a. Health Innovation Center/Founders Hall Renovation
- b. Condensate Leak Repair
- c. Energy Savings Performance Contract
- d. Business Academic Center Roof Restoration
- e. Incubator Two Roof Restoration
- f. Science Center Roof Restoration
- g. Kentucky Hall Renovation
- h. Sustainability
- i. US 27 Development
- j. North Connector Road

2. Research, Grants, and Contracts Report (October 1, 2017 – November 12, 2017) (Provost and Executive Vice President Sue Ott Rowlands).

During the October 1, 2017 through November 12, 2017 time period, 6 grants were awarded. The total amount of money awarded was \$179,819. For the Fiscal year 2017-2018, the cumulative total number of grants awarded is 25 totaling \$2,260,337.

3. Fundraising Report (July 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017) (Vice President Eric Gentry).

The Fundraising Report summarized fundraising resources committed from July 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 totaling \$7,416,810 in support of the university.

4. Quarterly Financial Report (Senior Vice President Sue Hodges Moore).

The Report was reviewed by the Board of Regents Audit Committee in accordance with Article III (D) (2) of the Board of Regents Bylaws.

5. Policies Report (Senior Vice President Sue Hodges Moore).

The Policy Report summarized all policies that were approved at the executive-level after proceeding through the campus vetting process. The President and other university administrators determined that approval of these policies by the Board of Regents was not needed per the criteria established in Presidential Recommendation C-7 of the January 2015 regular meeting.

C. Presidential Recommendations:

Consent Agenda Items: A motion was made by Regent Terry Mann and seconded by Regent Dennis Reppenning to approve the following Presidential Recommendations as listed; C-1 through C-6. **(Motion carried)**

1. Academic Affairs Personnel Actions:

a. Administrative Appointments:

Dr. Ande Durojaiye, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs, effective January 22, 2018; **Dr. Dale Stephenson**, Dean of the College of Health Professions, effective January 15, 2018.

b. Faculty Appointments:

Ms. Anh Dang, assistant professor (tenure-track probationary) of marketing in the Department of Marketing, Sports Business, and Construction Management in the Haile/US Bank College of Business, effective August 13, 2018; **Mr. James Human**, advisor and lecturer (non-tenure-track renewable) of accounting in the Advising Center in the Haile/US Bank College of Business, effective November 27, 2017; **Ms. Dana Schmutte**, advisor and lecturer (non-tenure-track renewable) in the Advising Center in the College of Education and Human Services, effective October 23, 2017; **Ms. Jillian Snider**, advisor and lecturer (non-tenure-track renewable) of business administration in the Advising Center in the Haile/US Bank College of Business, effective September 5, 2017; **Ms. Emily Wagner**, advisor and lecturer (non-tenure-track renewable) in the Advising Center in the College of Education and Human Services, effective October 25, 2017.

c. Transitions:

Dr. John Clarkin, from associate professor (tenured) in the Department of Management to permanent part-time associate professor (tenured) in the Department of Management in the Haile/US Bank College of Business, effective July 1, 2017; **Ms. Rebecca Volpe**, from Director of the Small Business Development Center and lecturer of accounting (non-tenure-

track temporary) to Director of the Small Business Development Center and lecturer of accounting (non-tenure-track renewable) in the Department of Accounting and Business Law in the Haile/US Bank College of Business, effective October 1, 2017.

d. Departures:

Ms. Kathy Bergman, lecturer (non-tenure-track renewable) in the Department of Nursing in the College of Health Professions, effective December 19, 2017.

e. Retirements:

Dr. Jan Hillard, professor in the Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership in the College of Arts and Sciences, effective at the conclusion of the spring 2018 semester.

f. Phased Retirements:

Ms. Diane Gronefeld, professor in the Department of Allied Health in the College of Health Professions, beginning fall semester 2018 and terminating at the end of spring semester 2020.

g. Temporary Faculty Appointments:

Mr. Robert Schrage, lecturer of Public Administration in the Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership in the College of Arts and Sciences, effective January 2018 for spring semester.

2. Non-Academic Personnel Actions:

The following categories of non-academic personnel actions which occurred between October 10, 2017 and November 27, 2017 received approval by the Board of Regents: Activations/Rehires; Reassignments, Reclassifications, Title/Status Changes, Promotions; Transfers; Contract/Temporary to Regular & Regular to Contract; Departures.

3. Major Gifts Acceptance:

The Board of Regents officially hereby accepts contributions totaling \$3,960,000 received by the NKU Foundation Inc. for the benefit of Northern Kentucky University during the period October 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017.

4. Faculty Emeritus Status Appointments (Cornuelle):

The Board of Regents approved the Emeritus status for the following individual.

Ms. Andrea Cornuelle, professor in the Department of Allied Health in the College of Health Professions, effective May 17, 2017.

5. Policy Recommendation:

The Board of Regents approved the following policies: Disclosure of Campus Security & Crime Statistics Policy, Facilities & Administrative Expenses for Grants & Contracts Policy, Graduate Course Reinstatement Policy, Grade Appeals Policy, Information Security Incident Response Policy, and Data Governance & Security Policy.

6. Naming Recommendation (Welti, Swarts, JRG, Frohlich, Koeninger, Robinson):

The Board of Regents hereby approved the following naming actions:

(1) The naming of an endowed fund to support student-centered initiatives that the Department of Psychology deems most important. “Donald and Patricia Welti Psychology Fund”.

(2) The renaming and repurposing of an endowed fund titled Carol Swarts Milburn Scholarship in World Languages and Literature. Support for study abroad opportunities in the Department of World Languages and Literature will be reassigned to the Office of Education Abroad. “Carol’s Peripatetic Scholarship”.

(3) The naming of the Cyber Threat Intelligence Laboratory in Griffin Hall. “JRG Cyber Threat Intelligence Laboratory”.

(4) The naming of an endowed scholarship in support of students enrolled in Chase College of Law. “ Judge Anthony W. Frohlich Endowed Scholarship”.

(5) The naming of an endowed fund to support student-centered initiatives in the School of the Arts. “Bet and Dave Koeninger Angel Fund for the Arts”.

(6) The naming of an endowed scholarship to support students enrolled in Chase College of Law “Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III Endowed Scholarship”.

D. Executive Session:

Regent Andrá Ward seconded Regent Richard Boehne’s motion to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (f) **(Motion carried)**

Regent Terry Mann was absent during the Executive Session.

No other matters were discussed. No final action was taken.

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At 3:30 p.m., Regent Richard Boyce seconded Regent Andr  Ward’s motion to adjourn. **(Motion carried)**

Signature On File
Wendy J. Peek
Senior Administrative Assistant
Office of the President

Signature On File
Benjamin Jager
Executive Assistant to the President/
Secretary to the Board of Regents

I, Andr  Ward, Secretary of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 10, 2018, and that such matters are still in force and effect.

Signature On File
Andr  Ward
Secretary of the Board of Regents