



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

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**DATE:** Thursday, January 28, 2016, 8:00 a.m.  
**PLACE:** The Wolstein Center, Gerald H. Gordon Conference Pavilion  
Weinberg Board Room

**PRESENT:** Chairman Robert H. Rawson, Jr., Trustees Thomas W. Adler, David H. Gunning II, Morton Q. Levin, Dan T. Moore III, Bernardo “Bernie” F. Moreno, and June E. Taylor; Student Trustees Paul T.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Berkman opened his report by recognizing the significant achievements of the Washkewicz College of Engineering students and the business faculty of the Monte Ahuja College of Business. He noted that a team of CSU mechanical engineering graduates took first place, among the 3,500 participants and more than 2,500 technical presentations from 800 institutions and 39 countries, in the international student design competition sponsored by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA). President Berkman suggested that these students come to the next Board meeting and be formally recognized for their achievement. He further noted that Cleveland State University ranked 20<sup>th</sup> by the *U. S. News & World Report* from among more than 1,200 degree-granting, U.S.-based distance learning programs, for its on-line MBA program. He recommended that a commendation be written and sent from the Board.

President Berkman noted the outstanding Martin Luther King event held at CSU on January 19, co-sponsored with Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). In honor of Dr. King, the program featured students, representing a new generation, and speaking of their hopes and dreams for the future.

The President announced that Governor Kasich has appointed a capital budget commission of college and university presidents to develop capital appropriation recommendations for this biennium. Dr. Berkman, a member of the committee appointed by the Governor, predicted the House and Senate will have their own capital improvement priorities. He further noted that the remaining 10% of funds needed to complete the University's new addition to the Washkewicz College of Engineering is the University's singular capital request. Private donations account for a significant amount of the new engineering building project funding.

President Berkman reported that the University is being featured in the PBS "Voice of America" series, narrated by Earl Ray Jones, to be aired later this spring. He noted that Chairman Rawson and Mary Rose Sylvester, as the voice of the alumni, are among those being interviewed.

In closing his report, President Berkman introduced Jim Bennett for a comprehensive update on the 2020 Project (**Attachment A**). The initiative began a year ago with the encouragement of Vice Chairman Moreno and other members of the Board to take a holistic approach in looking at operational efficiencies of the University as a means to control costs and be successful in the challenging environment of reduced state funding. He noted the series of recently-held Town Hall and college meetings, and the collaboration between the Faculty Senate and the 2020 Project staff, in support of this significant endeavor. It was also noted that many of the initiatives integral to the 2020 Project are positioning Cleveland State University in a leadership role among higher education institutions, particularly in response to the Governor's Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency and other legislative mandates.

Mr. Bennett introduced the members of the “Path to 2020” leadership team. He presented an overview of the 2020 Project and the approach being used to develop a comprehensive action plan. The action plan will result from examining every aspect of CSU’s operations through 18





Chair Taylor summarized the January 20 meeting of the Student Affairs Committee (**Attachment F**). She emphasized the importance of providing students with life-changing experiences, preparing them for leadership positions in society and as global citizens. She reported that Vice President Yarbrough updated the Committee on Career Services and new initiatives in Student Affairs., including *Life Up Vikes* which was a featured presentation.

Chair Taylor reported Trustees All and Pendleton described the revised process for submitting names for consideration as student trustees, and reflected on their student experiences. She further reported that Dr. Katharine Hahn spoke about the new model for health care in the Counseling Center, providing quick access and multiple points of access, and reviewed the work of the Suicide Prevention Task Force.

Chair Taylor reported that the Committee was updated regarding the challenges faced by needy CSU students, and was informed of a new program, *Lift Up Vikes*, to be launched in February. In a follow-up email, Chair Taylor asked the Trustees to donate gently used items, in support of the program, that could be used by the Resource Center. A reminder was requested to be sent to the Trustees again in September.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Rawson explained that routine matters, or those discussed previously, are considered on the consent agenda. He asked if there were other consent agenda items that Board members wished to remove and discuss individually. There were none.

Trustee Moreno moved, and Trustee Adler seconded, the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Response to Provisions of Amended Substitute House Bill 64 re: Low Enrollment Courses and Programs (**Attachment G**), Associate of the University Spring 2016 Nominations (**Attachment H**), Architectural and Engineering Services Contract for Science Building Engaged Learning Lab Renovations (**Attachment I**), and Authorization to Contract Procurement of Electrical Energy Supplier (**Attachment J**). The following resolutions were passed by voice vote:

### **RESOLUTION 2016-1**

#### **CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY COURSE AND PROGRAM REPORT IN RESPONSE TO AMENDED SUBSTITUTE HB64**

**WHEREAS, Amended Substitute HB64** requires that the boards of trustees of each state institution of higher education evaluate all courses and programs based on enrollment and student performance at their respective institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland State University has conducted a review of 944 courses, identified 77 courses that meet the chancellor's definition of low enrollment, and taken appropriate actions to reduce the number of low enrollment courses; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland State University has conducted a review of 175 academic programs, identified 21 low enrollment programs, and taken appropriate actions to suspend these low enrollment programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland State University has been collaborating with other institutions in the region to share courses and offer joint programs and will continue to explore such opportunities to optimize the use of State resources;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the Cleveland State University Course and Program Review Report for submittal to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-2**

#### **ASSOCIATE OF THE UNIVERSITY NOMINATIONS Spring 2016**

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**RESOLUTION 2016-5**

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**WHEREAS**, the Cleveland State University Professi



to the process outlined above, and further that the Administration may award a contract not to exceed \$534,424.00, which includes a 10% contingency for unforeseen additional design services that may be needed.

**RESOLUTION 2016-9**

**AUTHORIZATION FOR UNIVERSITY TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH AN  
ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER**

**WHEREAS**, the University's electric purchasing agreement with Constellation Energy Solutions expires on June 30, 2016; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University recognizes the volatility of the energy market; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University may use block & index pricing; and,

**WHEREAS**, the University may increase the percentage of renewable/alternative energy portion of its electric energy consumption; and,

**WHEREAS**, to get the most favorable price, the electricity market requires a quick response to a bid submitted in response to the University's RFP for a Competitive Retail Electricity Service Supply offer; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter and recommends full Board approval.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the University Administration to enter into an electricity supply contract for a duration of between one and three years through an RFP process, with costs not to exceed \$0.0511/KWH for the generation, transmission losses and ancillary charge portion of the Competitive Retail Electricity Service Supply cost, which contract will be subject to approval by the CSU legal department.

**EXECUTIVE**

