

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES



REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Sands reported on the University's response to the coronavirus, the planning of which began early in March. He thanked

will be provided to Trustees, students, faculty and staff on a regular basis, and the University has a dedicated webpage specifically for coronavirus updates.

Chair Gunning thanked the President and Dr. Pison for the update noting that the Board is appreciative for the efforts and the University is fortunate to have strong leadership in place.

President Sands has asked his leadership team

Voinovich in 1992, elected Chairman of the Board (1999-2000), elected Chairman of the Cleveland State University Foundation Board (2000-2001), and appointed as an Executive-in-Residence in the Monte Ahuja College of Business; and

WHEREAS, William F. Patient received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree from Cleveland State University in 2002 for his strong leadership style, high standards, commitment to achieving goals and genuine concern for student success; and

WHEREAS, William F. Patient, a leader in business, was also an advocate for the Northeast Ohio community, serving on the Boards of Cleveland area organizations including Cleveland Tomorrow, the Playhouse Square Foundation, University Hospital Health Systems and the Musical Arts Association; in his words, "Corporate leaders need to be community leaders"; and

WHEREAS, the generosity of William F. Patient was demonstrated by his support of University initiatives and through the establishment of the William F. and Bonnie L. Patient Endowed Scholarship assisting students pursuing degrees in the sciences/engineering at Cleveland State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the Cleveland State University community, the Board of Trustees extends its deepest sympathy to William F. Patient's wife, Bonnie Patient, as well as the other members of his family. Mr. Patient will be remembered as a dedicated leader and scholar whose efforts will positively impact Cleveland State University for future generations.

#### Memorial Tribute to Vir K. Sondhi

President Sands introduced a memorial tribute resolution for Vir K. Sondhi, an international businessman, a dedicated former trustee and University friend, who passed away in March.

Trustee Adler moved and Trustee Cosgrove seconded the motion. The following resolution was passed by voice vote.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-6

#### MEMORIAL TRIBUTE TO VIR K. SONDHI

WHEREAS, the Cleveland State University community was saddened to learn of the passing of former trustee Vir K. Sondhi on March 5, 2020, pay tribute to his life and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees by Governor Bob Taft in June 2000, Vir Sondhi had been actively engaged with the University, serving 13 years on the CSU Foundation Board of Directors, and member and chair of the College of Education Visiting Committee; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board of Trustees, Vir Sondhi served with distinction as Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, liaison in the appointment of then University president Michael Schwartz. In addition to the search committee, Mr. Sondhi simultaneously chaired from 2001-2002 the Strategic Planning Committee and Board Committee on Visiting Committees and Honorary Degrees, leading a comprehensive revision of the Visiting Committee Bylaws; and

WHEREAS, Vir Sondhi, served a distinguished career as international banker and businessman in the roles of president, chief executive officer and principal owner of NASCO Industries, Inc.; senior vice president, international division of Bank of America; senior vice president of worldwide operations for the Bank of Montreal and Citicorp; and president and chief executive officer of the Overseas Capital Corporation; and

WHEREAS, utilizing the expertise of Mr. Sondhi as an international and corporate banker, and upon his recommendation, the Board of Trustees created an Audit Committee in 2005, which he chaired; and

WHEREAS, Vir K. Sondhi, was active civically during his early career in Los Angeles, serving on the Boards of the Salvation Army and Junior Chamber of Commerce, and continued his civic engagement in Cleveland on the Cleveland Business Foundation Board, Cleveland Port Authority, and Crime Stopper Board of Cuyahoga County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sondhi served as chair of the Citizens Advisory Board, appointed by the federal court to monitor the transition of the Cleveland Public Schools from governance by an elected board to governance by Mayor Michael White and appointed school board; and was also appointed by Federal Judge Frank Battisti to chair the Office of School Monitoring and Community Relations, which oversaw desegregation of the Cleveland schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, on behalf of the Cleveland State University community, the Board of Trustees extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Vir K. Sondhi, who will be remembered for his dedicated service to Cleveland State University and to the citizens of Cleveland, the State of Ohio and globally as a native of India.

Authorizing the Execution of Sublease Agreements Between the University and Youth Opportunities Unlimited and the Cleveland Playhouse in the East 113 Street Building

President Sands presented information on proposed sublease agreements that will result in the East 113 Street building being occupied at near-full capacity. The sublease agreements are with Youth Opportunities Unlimited (through December 2031) and The Cleveland Playhouse (through June 2025).

RESOLUTION 2020-7

AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SUBLEASE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN  
THE UNIVERSITY, AND YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED AND  
THE CLEVELAND PLAYHOUSE IN THE EAST 13<sup>TH</sup> STREET BUILDING

WHEREAS, the University Administration has determined that it is prudent to continue its subleasing plans relating to space located at 1901 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, Ohio and has agreed to terms for Sublease Agreements with Youth Opportunities Unlimited and The Cleveland Playhouse; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University ("Sublessor") has master leased all space located at 1901 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Cleveland, Ohio from 1901 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street LLC (Lessor) through December 31, 2034; and

WHEREAS, Sublessor and Youth Opportunities Unlimited mutually desire to enter into a Sublease Agreement for a term of eleven years through December 31, 2031 and the Sublessor and The Cleveland Playhouse also mutually desire to enter into a Sublease Agreement for a term of five years through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the amounts required for tenant improvements and incentives, building improvements and lease commissions for Youth Opportunities Unlimited of \$2.6 million and were approved by this Board as part of the 1901 East 13<sup>th</sup> Street subleasing plan presented in November 2019; and

WHEREAS, the University Administration recommends entering into the Sublease Agreements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves the Sublease Agreements between Youth Opportunities Unlimited and The Cleveland Playhouse and the University, which include key terms disclosed to the Board of Trustees, as negotiated by the University's Administration, subject to any modifications deemed necessary by University General Counsel or required by applicable law.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Chair Moore stated that the Committee met on March 19, 2020 (Attachment A). He reported that Provost Zhu shared some highlights since the last meeting:

Mechanical Engineering Professor Weizhi received a National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Award (over \$580,000), which is a highly competitive national award received by only four CSU faculty to date.

Exploring online programs, particularly in the areas of Business, Education, Social Work, Public Administration, and Nursing, to grow enrollment to 1,500 students in two years.

Highest student participation in all-inclusive access textbook programs among Ohio public institutions, saving CSU students \$700,000 a year.

New Senior Vice President Faison will provide update on general strategy to enhance programs in healthcare, including dining, at a future Board meeting.

The Committee received an update on the BeV Moreno Center for Sales Excellence from Monte Ahuja College of Business Dean, Dr. Sanjay Revu, and an update from Senior Director of Outreach and Engagement at the Monte Ahuja College of Business, Ms. Collette Hart, on the College's entrepreneur initiatives.

In compliance with state legislation passed in 2017, Chair Moore reported that Provost Zhu presented CSU's annual report on remediation work, submitted to the Ohio Department of Higher Education. He reported that in FY19, 1,512 students required remedial classes in English and Math.

Moore reported that an analysis and student profile of 2019 Freshmen and Transfer students, including general demographics, top feeder schools, and top majors, was presented by Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Dr. Randy Deike. Chair Moore reported that the Committee recommended to the Board approval of 30 faculty for tenure and promotion and one librarian promotion.

In closing, Chair Moore encouraged the representation of the Academic Affairs and Student Success on the Executive Committee of the Board.

#### FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chair Kirk stated that the Committee met on March 2 (Attachment B). He gave a financial update, noting that the Operating funds and income revenue are \$1.7 million higher than forecasted. He reported expenditures are in check with the \$4.4 million in cost reductions implemented, and \$3 million savings from unfilled positions, resulting a \$2.5 million surplus, as opposed to the slight deficit previously forecasted. He noted, however, that the budget does not include the impact of the current coronavirus terms of student refunds and expenses.

The Committee received and discussed an administrative proposal for rate changes: a 2% parking rate increase, 3% dining rate increase, no change in housing rates, reported Chair Kirk. Board members raised questions about refunding and board charges considering the current pandemic, and what other institutions were doing. President Sands responded that there is no state policy; some institutions are prorating costs, and others are providing credit. He stated that a plan is being developed with Chief Financial Officer Michael Biehl.

In closing, Chair Kirk noted that there are five items, recommended by the Committee, that are on the Consent Agenda for approval.



### ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Chair Komoroski reported that the Committee met recently on March 11, 2020 (Attachment C) and received a departmental briefing from Athletic Director Scott Garrett and a presentation on the department's draft strategic plan from Director Garrett and Deputy Directors Tyler Jones and Kelsie Gory Harkey.

The following represent top highlights reported:

Student athletes posted a 3.31 cumulative GPA the Fall 2019 semester, with over 200 Dean's List honorees.

Student-athlete graduation success rate of 95% second highest among public Division I NCAA institutions.

Corporate sponsorship sales, managed with staff, rather than outsourcing, resulted in a net revenue increase of nearly \$200,000.

Chair Komoroski reported that the Athletics strategic plan is about 85% complete, and will be presented to stakeholders (Faculty Senate Committee on Athletics and Student-Athlete Advisory Council) before being publicly released later this spring. The plan is built around the following five goals:

1. Enhancing the CSU mission
2. Attracting championship Vikings
3. Developing community support
4. Sharing CSU Athletics accomplishments
5. Embracing compliance

Board Chair Gunning highlighted the success of other athletic teams, including Women's Basketball, Swimming, Fencing, Tennis and Lacrosse. He congratulated all the student athletes, noting that over half have earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher.

### GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chair Adler reported that one of his responsibilities as Chair of the Governance Committee is to appoint a nominating committee for next year's Board officers. He appointed Trustee Len Komoroski as Chair, with Trustees David Fields and Lisa Kunkle. He noted that the Nominating Committee will meet by phone before the May Board meeting when the election of officers will be held, and any nominations should be forwarded to him and Trustee Komoroski.



RESOLUTION 2020-9

PROMOTION OF LIBRARIANS RECOMMENDATIONS

WHEREAS, the individuals in the attached exhibit have been reviewed by the appropriate Personnel Action Committee for Promotion of the Michael Schwartz Library, the Director of the Michael Schwartz Library, the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, they have fulfilled the requirements for promotion as set forth in Section 3344-62-03 (4) of the Librarians' Personnel Policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the promotion to the rank of Senior Assistant Librarian, effective July 1, 2020, for those individuals as recommended.

RESOLUTION 2020-10

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CORPORATE PURCHASING CARD AGREEMENT  
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WHEREAS, \$5,525,000 of the appropriation was designated for the continuation of improvements (Phase II) to the Ronald Berkman Hall General Classroom Upgrade project to be locally administered on the University's campus; and

WHEREAS, Phase I of the Ronald Berkman Hall General Classroom Upgrade project with a total amount previously appropriated by the state of \$4,000,000 has been completed; and

WHEREAS, after a competitive process, iVideo was selected as the lowest responsive and responsible bid for Phase II AV equipment installation with a cost of \$500,000 or more; 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's Administration to enter into a contract with iVideo not to exceed an amount of \$1,187,500, including contingency of 20% for the AV systems and installation as part of Phase II of the renovation of Berkman Hall classroom spaces, and to make any necessary changes to the contracts as may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of federal and state laws, as General Counsel deems appropriate.

#### RESOLUTION 2020-13

##### APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT DATA BACKUP AND STORAGE CLOUD BASED SERVICES

WHEREAS, the existing data backup procedures currently used for the University's student and business systems data needs to be replaced; and

WHEREAS, technologies and services are currently available providing high availability and reliability, greater security and faster recovery in the event that the on-premise data center environment would become incapacitated; and

WHEREAS, to ensure competitive procurement of the project, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the award of a contract to iVideo for the installation and implementation of the data backup and storage cloud based services, as recommended by the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, and as General Counsel deems appropriate.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION 2020-16

ACCEPTANCE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS FUNDS  
FOR FY 2020 SECOND QUARTER

RESOLVED, that the Sponsored Programs funds totaling \$2,557,390 received by the Cleveland State University during the period October 20, 2019 to December 31, 2019, are hereby accepted with thanks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President is hereby credited to use these Sponsored Program funds subject to the terms and conditions.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Gunning moved to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing real estate matters, imminent and pending litigation matters with general counsel, and personnel matters involving employment issues related to public employees. Vice Chair Cosgrove seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken by the Secretary of the Board; voting in the affirmative were Mr. Adler, Mr. Cosgrove, Ms. DePoe, Mr. Kirk, Mr. Komoroski, Ms. Kunkle, Mr. Moore, Mr. Reynolds, and Chair Gunning. The motion carried.

Chair Gunning excused everyone except the board and community trustees present, President Sands, Board Secretary Napier, Senior Vice President Faison, General Counsel Wilson, Provost Zhu, and Chief of Staff Link.

The Board adjourned into Executive Session at 9:35 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gunning announced at 11:40 a.m. that the Board had finished its business in Executive Session and was adjourning, noting that there was no further business. The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON MAY 21, 2020