



Mr. Khawam noted that plans are underway for a student council on diversity, a program to encourage retention of students by mentoring incoming freshman, and increasing sustainability initiatives on campus. Mr. Taylor noted that the SGA would like to become a more active advocate at the Statehouse for CSU and higher education, noting that students are passionate about student issues and the student experience at the University. He further noted that funding for student organizations is important in building student community and retaining students.

Chairman Moreno thanked the group for their service to the SGA and for efforts that address student success and retention; their presentation concluded with applause.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Moreno welcomed and introduced Mr. Richard Fleischman and Ms. Daria Roebuck, from the CSU Foundation Board of Directors, attending the meeting at the invitation of the Chair.

Chairman Moreno noted two examples of the University's positive and growing reputation; a recent Forbes Magazine article included information about CSU, and a large amount of social media interest was generated as a result of the December commencement, when an honorary degree was awarded to Mr. Rich Paul.

Chairman Moreno thanked Board members for their unanimous support of the Radiance fundraising event and acknowledged Trustee Adler for co-chairing the yearly scholarship fundraiser.

Chairman Moreno noted that Trustee Todd C. Davidson has resigned from the CSU Board of Trustees for personal reasons and indicated that the Governor will be filling the unoccupied term before the next Board meeting.

Chairman Moreno recommended preserving the status quo of current University regulations regarding concealed firearms, in response to Senate Bill 199.

Chairman Moreno introduced Trustee David Gunning, Chair of the Athletics Subcommittee, to lead a briefing and discussion of Cleveland State intercollegiate athletics.

### **Briefing/discussion of Cleveland State Intercollegiate Athletics**

Trustee Gunning opened the briefing by recognizing CSU's overall impact in the region through increased student enrollments, faculty achievements, a solid reputation as a public university and increased philanthropic support from the community. He noted that CSU is the only



Playhouse Square, the Cleveland Playhouse, the City of Cleveland, Cleveland International Film Festival and Trinity Cathedral.

President Berkman reported on funding challenges facing the University both at the state and federal levels. He noted that the state budget for higher education—to be received today in Columbus—is expected to offer no tuition authority or flexibility, with limited increases in need based financial aid, and little increase in the SSI. Dr. Berkman noted the possibility of a State-funded Venture Fund to help more students to access education in high demand fields like nursing, physical therapy and engineering. Dr. Berkman noted that at the federal level, there have been no significant changes in the Pell Program, no sign of debt relief strategies for students, and a decrease in the international student enrollment.

President Berkman reported that enrollment is facing challenges on a number of fronts, including decreasing numbers of international students and declines in law and graduate school enrollment. He also noted that student retention, while moving in a positive direction, remains a priority for CSU.

Dr. Berkman reported that the University's 10-year accreditation review is scheduled for 2020, and the initial step is to gather the appropriate information for the re-accreditation; this is a major undertaking that will encompass all aspects and programs of the University.

President Berkman noted that there are resource challenges at the University, citing funding needs for the School of Film, Television and Interactive Media, infrastructure challenges, and resource needs in essential departments. Dr. Berkman noted key positions at the University that are still to be filled, including: three deans, vice president of university engagement and Chief Diversity Officer, and Chief Information Officer. Dr. Berkman noted, too, that the University will begin collective bargaining negotiations, for staff, this summer.

### **REPORT OF THE CSU FOUNDATION CHAIR**

In the absence of Trustee Nancy McCann, Vice President Berinthia LeVine, offered a sincere thank you to Board members for their 100% participation in support of the Radiance fundraiser. She noted that information on fundraising activity through December 31, 2016 is included in the Trustees binders, and that the University has raised \$94 million toward its \$100 million campaign goal (**Attachment C**).

### **REPORT OF THE PROVOST**

Provost Jianping Zhu reported that recent changes to the Faculty Personnel Policies have created new categories of faculty, including college lecturer, professor of practice, clinical professor and legal writing professor; with the proposed changes, the faculty members in these categories would be eligible for emeriti status. He further noted that the proposed changes were approved by the Faculty Senate on November 2, 2016 and were posted for a 30-day public comment period (**Attachment D**).

Trustee Adler moved, and Trustee Levin seconded, the motion to approve the changes to the Faculty Personnel Policy. The motion was approved by voice vote.

### **RESOLUTION 2017-1**

#### **CHANGES TO THE FACULTY PERSONNEL POLICY RELATED TO EMERITI FACULTY**

**WHEREAS**, recent changes to faculty personnel policies have created new categories of faculty, such as college lecturer, professor of practice, clinical professor and legal writing professor; and

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland State University seeks to recognize the contributions of long-serving faculty members in these categories with emeriti status upon retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, changes to Faculty Personnel Policy related to emeriti status has been proposed to effect these changes;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the changes to the Faculty Personnel Policy, "Policies pertaining to emeriti faculty," as indicated in the accompanying exhibit.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration, in carrying out this Resolution, is authorized and empowered to make any necessary changes to the this policy or other faculty personnel policies as may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of federal and state laws, or as otherwise deemed appropriate.

Provost Zhu reported that the University regularly sponsors international travel programs for student and community members, and the number of these programs has increased. He further noted that it is appropriate for the University to establish parameters for such trips, including trips to countries for which there is a travel warning to ensure that the benefits of the travel outweigh any identified risks. In addition, the proposed policy includes that those who are travelling register with the Center for International Services and Programs. The proposed policy was posted for a 30-day comment period (**Attachment E**).

Trustee Gunning moved, and Trustee Moore seconded, the motion to approve the University-sponsored international travel policy. The motion was approved by voice vote.

## **RESOLUTION 2017-2**

### **APPROVAL OF UNIVERSITY-SPONSORED INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL POLICY**

**WHEREAS**, Cleveland State University encourages students and community members to take advantage of international travel opportunities as a means of enriching their education and serving the global community; and

**WHEREAS**, review of such travel is appropriate to ensure that the benefits of travel outweigh any identifiable risks;

**WHEREAS**, a new policy related to University-sponsored international travel has been proposed to establish the parameters for international travel;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees hereby adopts, as its policy governing University-sponsored international travel, policy 3344-80-01, attached hereto.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Administration, in carrying out this Resolution, is hereby authorized and empowered to make any necessary changes to the University-Sponsored International Travel Policy as may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of federal and state laws, or otherwise deemed appropriate.

### **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS**

Trustee Kirk asked Senior Vice President Stephanie McHenry to provide updates on the University's business affairs and finance, as well as to discuss Rhodes Tower facility modernization efforts.

#### **Senior Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance Update**

Senior Vice President McHenry reported on three major construction project updates including the Washkewicz College of Engineering Fenn Hall addition, Main Classroom updates, and science lab updates; in sum, these projects are on time and under budget. She further reported on Cleveland State's progress relating to supplier diversity initiatives and University goals; the goal for Fiscal Year 2017 is 10% and is currently on track (**Attachment F**).

Senior Vice President McHenry led a discussion about Rhodes Tower facility modernization efforts that included an historic overview of the tower's construction, renovations, and position within the University's portfolio of buildings (**Attachment G**).

Senior Vice President McHenry provided background for the modernization of six (6) main passenger elevators in Rhodes Tower, totaling \$2,623,284, and to be completed by the summer of

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graduate, interned with U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown, and is planning to enter law school. Ms. Janko reported that she is an accounting major, in her junior year, and has already interned with two accounting firms, Ciuni & Panichi and Ernst & Young.

### **Career Services Update**

Chair Taylor introduced Ms. Jessica Colombi, Executive Director of CSU Career Services. Ms. Colombi presented a comprehensive update on the program, including future plans for current students (**Attachment J**). Ms. Colombi noted that Career Services is now at full staffing level and has developed strategies to make a “best in class” experience for the students, employers, and University. Ms. Colombi noted that a system is in place to allow for data gathering to analyze success and respond to needs. Mr. Tom Hopkins, Executive-in-Residence, and Ms. Carol Caruso are working with Career Services to expand and enhance connections for the University with the business, government and nonprofit communities.

Ms. Caruso introduced the employer panel

Parking Overflow Lot (2020 Carnegie Avenue) Lease (**Attachment O**). The following resolutions were passed by voice vote as part of the consent agenda:

**RESOLUTION 2017-4**

**EMERITA STATUS FOR NANCY MEYER-EMERICK**

**WHEREAS**, the faculty member named below has achieved the rank of Associate Professor and has served Cleveland State University for 17 years; and

**WHEREAS**, this individual has requested emerita status in accordance with the terms of the applicable University policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby awards the designation emerita to the following faculty member in recognition of her service to Cleveland State University.

**Nancy Meyer-Emerick  
Associate Professor Emerita**

**RESOLUTION 2017-5**

**EMERITA STATUS FOR CAROL PHILLIPS-BEY**

**WHEREAS**, the faculty member named below has achieved the rank of Associate Professor and has served Cleveland State University for 15 years; and

**WHEREAS**, this individual has requested emerita status in accordance with the terms of the applicable University policy;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby awards the designation emerita to the following faculty member in recognition of her service to Cleveland State University.

**Carol Phillips-Bey  
Associate Professor Emerita**

**RESOLUTION 2017-6**

**EMERITUS STATUS FOR SHELDON H. STEIN**

**WHEREAS**, the faculty member named below has achieved the rank of Associate Professor and has served Cleveland State University for 34 years; and



Employees Union, Local 756 covering the three-year period from August 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, with terms as summarized at the January 30, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2017-9**

**AUTHORITY TO LEASE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2020 CARNEGIE AVENUE**

**WHEREAS,**