



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

with Trinity Cathedral. He also spoke of campus safety concerns identified by a tour of campus at night.

Ms. Milica Prica, also a third-year student, with a double major in political science and international relations, serves as Student Government Association Vice President and spoke of her leadership involvement with the open textbooks initiative, international services and programs, and voter registration.

Ms. Danielle Mihalcea, a Senior with a double major in international relations and political science, stated she is also a graduate 4+1 program student studying Global Interactions, focusing on international business and marketing. She currently serves as Treasurer of the Student Government Association and reported on the financial structure and financing of SGA and the student organizations. She reported that \$219,000 is currently allocated from General Fees for SGA and student organization funding through two separate budgets.

Ms. Renee Betterson, a Junior majoring in English literature and philosophy with a minor in political science, serves as the Student Government Association Speaker of the Senate. She spoke of her leadership of a diverse, 36-member Senate and her work with the Executive Board and student organizations. She reported involvement with 16 projects (i.e. electronic recycling drive, peer education in Health and Wellness, and meditation day). She noted that projects were identified through making office visits and noting areas of need. In some cases, work was done to increase the visibility of a resource center or program on campus (i.e. Veterans Success Center, Lift Up Vikes).

The student leaders responded to questions. Parking and dining remain the major student issues. Students would like to see more brand names and pop culture food items.

It was noted that fraternities and sororities receive Student Government Association funds. There are 12 fraternities and sororities on campus, involving 200-300 students, held accountable through the Student Code of Conduct. The houses are off campus and not owned by the University.

### **Parker Hannifin Living**

Discussion about the program serving as a national model, and potential funding, followed the presentation by the four students (Thomas Ashton, History; Ryan Molina, Engineering; Shanise Nance, Biology Pre-Medicine; and Joenae Gullatt, Health Sciences Pre-Medicine). Interest was expressed in expanding the program. President Sands reported that the program is funded for 50 students from the CMSD next year.

Trustee Adler suggested building the Parker Hannifin Living and Learning Community program into the Radiance scholarship event and identifying sponsorships. Trustee Reynolds reported that he already made a pitch to the Key Bank Foundation for support, and the Private Key Bank had committed to support the Leadership Speaker Series in which he was the inaugural speaker. Trustee Cosgrove noted that although private funding is important, he believes there is an opportunity for the Parker Hannifin Living and Learning Community Program to receive state funding.

### **REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Chair Gunning thanked the trustees for their part

In closing his remarks, Chair Gunning reminded the trustees of the required one-hour ethics training before the end of the year. One is scheduled on December 11 online.

### **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

As a follow-up to the student presentations, President Sands noted that the Student Government Association took the lead on the “night audit” to highlight campus safety issues. He also asked the Provost to place a briefing on open textbooks back on a Board agenda.

President Sands spoke of the Ohio Trustees Conference and Governor DeWine’s strong support of higher education. Several initiatives were proposed to increase the flow of college students in state and to encourage undergraduates to remain in Ohio for graduate school and work. It was noted that Governor DeWine also sees the value of a liberal arts education and not just training for jobs.

President Sands reported on his ninth local high school visit to Eastlake North. He noted that 10% of the class, 29 students, indicated coming to CSU, quickly becoming the first choice institution in five counties. It was also noted that a request was made by Shaker Heights High School for a visit.

Corporate visits continued in the fall to Eaton and Quicken Loans, now Rocket Mortgage. President Sands reported that, with the assistance of Trustee Len Komoroski, Rocket Mortgage FieldHouse will hire 52 employees/month starting in January.

President Sands reported that work continues on the strategic implementation plan. He has met with the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. Action plans are being built around the following seven key investments:

1. An additional investment in our student success coaching model.
2. Doubling the investment in our six-week summer math and English intensive preparation program for freshman students entering in fall 2020.
3. Recruiting a minimum of 40 new faculty by next fall to grow critical-path academic and research programs in health sciences, business, engineering, and data analytics.
4. Rebalancing our institutional financial aid offers to include a \$1 million increase in need-based financial aid, so that we elim

6. An update of our Campus Master Plan, where we will define our campus footprint for the next 10 years, build brand awareness and further establish our campus identity.
7. The Forward Together Innovation Challenge, a Shark-Tank style competition to encourage – our faculty, staff and students – to collaborate and present creative and innovative ideas and solutions for investments that enhance our mission and goals. We plan to initially seed

admissions and acceptances. Dr. Nigamanth Sridhar, Dean of Graduate Studies, reported that 85% are coming from India. In response to Trustee DePompei, he noted that campus housing is not an issue because most live off campus in apartments.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Chair Moore noted that the Committee met on November 7

\$350,000 of those funds to replace the ceiling in the Physical Education building, which has become a safety concern and priority.

Mr. Biehl reported that approval is also being sought on the Consent Agenda for the extension of the lease agreement with Trinity Cathedral for office space on Euclid Avenue for the University's Veteran and Military Resource Center for six months through June 30, 2020 at a cost of \$34,515.

He reported that an extension of the Facilities Use Agreement with Campus District, Inc. through October 2, 2020 for four offices in Urban Affairs at no cost is also on the Consent Agenda for approval.

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Chair Adler reported that the Committee met on November 8 (**Attachment I**). General Counsel Wilson reviewed the charges and responsibilities of the Committee, including Board governance documents, ethical standards and avoidance of conflict of interest, statement of commitment and responsibility, yearly Board self-assessment, new member orientation, guidelines and process for conferral of honorary degrees and other special non-student awards, and all matters relating to Visiting Committees.

Chair Adler noted that the new trustee orientation has been rescheduled to December 16. He also stated that the University is reviewing and evaluating the value, purpose and structure of the Visiting Committees and will make a recommendation to the Governance Committee at a future meeting.

Chair Adler asked Provost Zhu to report on the University's reconstituted honorary degree committee and nomination process (**Attachment J**). He noted that two nominations for honorary degrees (Scott Mueller and Dr. Lily Ng) are on the Consent Agenda for approval.

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

Mr. Hopkins referenced the Fundraising Reports through October 31, 2019 (**Attachment K**) provided with the Board of Trustees meeting materials. He noted that the FY 2020 fundraising goal of \$11 million was on target for the First Quarter, and more readable reports will be provided in the future.

Mr. Hopkins announced that a fundraising goal of \$2.25 million was established for Radiance this year, to be held on April 28, 2020. Honorees will be Bernie and Bridget Moreno and Bob and Judy Rawson. Trustees Adler and Cosgrove will be working to attain 100% level of support from both the Board of Trustees and CSU Foundation Board of Directors, and will reach out to the community-at-large. Mr. Hopkins noted there have been 1,715 Radiance Scholars over ten years, and a cohort of Radiance Scholars will be highlighted

Mr. Hopkins stated a report on engaged visionary philanthropy, including how to organize/structure and evaluate a prospect base, will be ready by the end of the calendar year.

In closing, Mr. Hopkins highlighted a few of the major gifts and pledges, including \$1 million for the Film School, \$200,000 for The John and Patricia Thompson Accounting Tutoring Fund, and \$150,000 for School of Social Work scholarships

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Gunning explained that routine matters, or those discussed previously, are considered on the Consent Agenda. Chairman Gunning asked if there were items that Board members wished to discuss individually; there were none.

Trustee Moore moved, and Trustee Adler seconded, the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Policy 3344-02-03 Against Discrimination, Harassment, Sexual Violence, and Retaliation Revisions (**Attachment L**), Posthumous Faculty Emerita Nomination (**Attachment M**), Approval of FY19 External Audit by Plante Moran Auditors (**Attachment N**), Campus-wide Elevator and Physical Education Building Projects (**Attachment O**), Trinity Cathedral Lease Agreement Extension (**Attachment P**), Campus District, Inc. Facilities Use Agreement Extension (**Attachment Q**), Honorary Degree Nominations (**Attachment R**), Acceptance of FY20 First Quarter Gifts and Pledges (**Attachment S**), and Acceptance of FY19 Fourth Quarter and FY20 First Quarter Sponsored Programs funds (**Attachment T**). 8.2, rQase65 TD.





**RESOLUTION 2019-73**

**AUTHORIZATION TO CONTRACT THE CAMPUS WIDE ELEVATOR  
AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING PROJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, on November 28, 2017, the University submitted a request for a state capital appropriation, of \$15.4 million for the FY19-FY20 capital biennium; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 13, 2018, the State signed into law H.B. 529 which allocated \$15.4 million to Cleveland State University; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1,425,000 of the appropriation was designated for the Rhodes Tower Elevator project to be locally administered on the University's campus; and

**WHEREAS**, \$1,425,000 of the appropriation was subsequently transferred to the Campus Wide Elevator project; and

**WHEREAS**, the university intends to transfer \$350,000 of the appropriation to be used to replace the ceiling in the lobby of the Physical Education building; and

**WHEREAS**, the University will solicit best value qualifications, bids, and proposals, as appropriate for services, construction, and materials in accordance with university purchasing policies for the Campus Wide Elevator and Physical Education building projects; and

**WHEREAS**, responses will be received, reviewed and vendors selected by University representatives; 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 contract for services, construction and materials for the Campus Wide Elevator and Physical Education building projects not to exceed \$1,425,000 for the total project cost.

**RESOLUTION 2019-74**

**APPROVING LEASE EXTENSION WITH TRINITY CATHEDRAL**

**WHEREAS**, Trinity Cathedral, an Ohio non-profit corpor

**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 approves the Lease extension between Trinity Cathedral and Cleveland State University for office space located at 2254 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44115 through June 30, 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-75**

##### **APPROVING EXTENSION OF FACILITIES USE AGREEMENT WITH CAMPUS DISTRICT, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, CAMPUS DISTRICT, INC., an Ohio non-profit (hereinafter called the “User”), and CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY (hereinafter called “CSU”) entered into that certain Facilities Use Agreement dated June 13, 2016 (the “Agreement”), whereby CSU provided to User access and use of office space and services located in the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, CSU and User mutually desire to extend the term of the Agreement through October 2, 2020; 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 approves the extension of the Agreement between Campus District, Inc. and Cleveland State University through October 2, 2020.

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-76**

##### **APPROVAL OF HONORARY DEGREE CANDIDATES**

**WHEREAS**, individuals who have made outstanding contributions to Cleveland State University, the Greater Cleveland area, and/or society have been nominated to receive an honorary degree from the University; and,

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**WHEREAS**, the Governance Committee of the CSU Board of Trustees recommends that the full Board approve the nominations of Dr. Lily Ng and Mr. Scott Mueller for honorary degrees from Cleveland State University;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees approves Mr. Scott Mueller and Dr. Lily Ng (Distinguished Emerita Faculty Honorary Degree) for honorary degrees, based upon their acceptance.

**RESOLUTION 2019-77**

**ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2020 FIRST QUARTER  
GIFTS AND PLEDGE PAYMENTS**

**RESOLVED**, that the gifts and pledge payments totaling \$1,270,410 received by the Cleveland State University Foundation during the period July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 are hereby accepted with thanks, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President is hereby directed to use these gifts subject to their terms and conditions.

**RESOLUTION 2019-78**

**ACCEPTANCE OF SPONSORED PROGRAMS FUNDS  
FOR FY 2019 FOURTH QUARTER  
AND FY 2020 FIRST QUARTER**

**RESOLVED**, that the Sponsored Programs funds totaling \$3,722,948 received by the Cleveland State University during the period April 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019, are hereby accepted with thanks; and

**RESOLVED**, that the Sponsored Programs funds totaling \$4,051,606 received by the Cleveland State University during the period July 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019, are hereby accepted with thanks, and;

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Trustee Moore moved, and Trustee Kirk seconded, the motion to adjourn into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing matters involving real estate and matters involving imminent and pending litigation with General Counsel.

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

Chair Gunning excused everyone except the voting and community trustees present, President Sands, Board Secretary Napier, General Counsel Wilson, Provost Zhu, and Senior Vice President Biehl. It is noted that Trustees Adler did not attend a portion of the executive session because of a conflict of interest issue. The executive session began at 11:18 a.m.

Chair Gunning announced at 11:45 a.m. that the Board had finished its business in Executive Session and was returning to its regular meeting. He noted that there was one item to be acted upon as a result of the executive session, and two resolutions to be introduced by President Sands.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **East 13<sup>th</sup> Street Amended Sublease Agreement with Middough Inc.**

Trustee Kirk moved, and Trustee Cosgrove seconded, the motion to authorize the execution of an amended and restated sublease agreement between Cleveland State University and Middough to secure other commercial tenant subleases in the building, extension of the master lease term, and investment in the East 13<sup>th</sup> Street building.

Trustee Adler abstained from voting to avoid a conflict of interest issue. The following resolution was passed by voice vote:

#### **RESOLUTION 2019-79**

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**WHEREAS**, Sublessor and Sublessee mutually desire to amend and restate the Sublease Agreement primarily to provide for a reduction in subleased space and a new sublease term of eleven years through December 31, 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sublessor desires to sublease to other tenants in the building at commercial rates, including the space currently occupied by Cleveland Playhouse in the building and

**WHEREAS**, the amounts required for tenant improvements, building improvements and lease commissions for 1901 East 13



Cleveland State University, and to wish him well in his future endeavors. The following resolution was approved unanimously with applause.

**RESOLUTION 2019-81**

**RECOGNITION OF ROB A. SPADEMAN FOR HIS  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, Rob A. Spademan has provided Cleveland State University with outstanding, forward-thinking and dedicated service in marketing, public relations, corporate communications and enrollment services throughout his tenure since 2007 as Associate Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Spademan has worked closely with, and provided sound communications and student recruitment guidance to University presidents, provosts and executive team members for renewed traditions like Homecoming, new initiatives like the Welcome Center at Euclid Commons, and increased national media coverage, leading to stories in *The Wall Street Journal*



**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees applauds Rob A. Spademan for 12 years of dedicated service and creative collaborative leadership, and wishes him all the best in his future endeavors, encouraging him to stay engaged with Cleveland State University.

Chair Gunning spoke of Rob Spademan's legacy of engaged learning that will be felt for generations. Mr. Spademan expressed his deep appreciation for the recognition and support of the Board. He spoke of his commitment to the University and the monetary prize he has established for an upcoming art student.

Chair Gunning reminded the members of the Board to indicate their participation in the December Commencement, and noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held January 16, 2020. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**APPROVED ON JANUARY 16, 2020**

William J. Napier

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

**APPROVED ON JANUARY 16, 2020**

David H. Gunning II

Chair, Board of Trustees