

BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
THE CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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DATE: Thursday, May 16, 2019, 8:00 a.m.  
PLACE: Student Center, Room 313/315  
2121 Euclid Avenue

PRESENT: Chair David H. Gunning II, Trustees Thomas W. Adler, Timothy J. Cosgrove, Stephen F. Kirk, Len Komoroski, Dan T. Moore, and David M. Reynolds; Student Trustee Erykah J. Betterson; Community Board Members Robyn Gordon, Heather Lennox, Linda McHugh and Joseph D. Roman; Faculty Representatives Dr. William M. Bowen and Dr. Stephen F. Duffy; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Dr. William J. Napier and President Harlan M. Sands.

Chair Gunning called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m. and confirmed the presence of a quorum. He asked if there were any corrections or deletions to the minutes of the March 21, 2019 Board meeting. Hearing none, he called for a motion to approve the minutes. Moved by Trustee Adler, and seconded by Trustee Roman, the minutes were approved by voice vote.

REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunning announced the gubernatorial appointment of Timothy J. Cosgrove, who was welcomed with enthusiastic applause. He noted that Mr. Cosgrove, although newly-appointed by Governor Mike DeWine on May 3 to the CSU Board of Trustees, is not really new to the Board, nor the University, having served as a Trustee in the past, and currently as Chair of the CSU Foundation Board of Directors.

Recognition of Trustee Deborah A. Vespy

Chair Gunning expressed the appreciation of the Board of Trustees to Deborah A. Vespy, whose term expired May 1, for her dedication and contributions to the Board of Trustees and to the University, having given of her time, expertise and resources. He spoke sympathetically of her search

RESOLUTION 2019-28

RECOGNIZING DEBORAH A. VESY FOR HER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ON THE  
CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Deborah A. Vespy was appointed to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees by Governor John Kasich on June 21, 2016 for a three-year term ending May 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vespy, as a member of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee, worked to ensure that the University remained focused on student recruitment, retention, and graduation and is providing the necessary student support services enabling student success; and

WHEREAS, in her interest and passion to improve the function, efficiency and effectiveness of the Board and University administrative operations, Ms. Vespy took a leadership role in developing an inaugural Board of Trustees Statement of Commitment and Responsibilities and a Board Self-Assessment instrument that will enable greater awareness, communication, and understanding for Board members and the University administration; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vespy has generously given of her time, expertise and resources, including significant contributions to the University's premier fundraising event, *Radiance*, in support of scholarships and student success initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Vespy leaves a legacy at Cleveland State University through the establishment of the Deborah Vespy Accounting Scholarship Fund in support of first-generation undergraduate accounting majors;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees acknowledges with sincere appreciation, the dedication and contributions of Ms. Deborah A. Vespy to the State of Ohio, Cleveland State University and the greater Cleveland community, and anticipates her continued involvement with the University in the years to come.

Chair Gunning announced the resignations of Trustees Terry Fergus and Vice Chair June Taylor and thanked them for their service. He noted that their letters of resignation have been forwarded to Governor DeWine, who is working with the University to fill the two positions.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Sands presented an update on campus events, interactions with state officials, a status report on the FY'20-'21

President Sands reported that the new Mission and Values Statement and Statement of Strategic Priorities, addressing seven strategic themes, were well-received across campus. He noted that the town hall meetings were well-attended, with over 400 participants providing feedback.

President Sands announced that, subsequent to the town hall meetings, he has commissioned a strategic priorities implementation steering committee, chaired by the Provost, to develop an action plan for the seven major strategic themes. He noted that the steering committee will work through the summer and fall to produce a fully-developed implementation plan.

President Sands reported that work continues on building partnerships with Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) and Lorain Community College. He stated that the dual admission partnership has also been extended to Lakeland Community College. The Parker Hannifin Living Learning Community, he noted, is filled and thirty more slots were added.

Other significant campus events were reported. President Sands noted that the largest Indian classical music festival outside of India, The Cleveland Thyagaraja Festival, is in its 42<sup>nd</sup> year. The Festival started in 1978 and has grown into a 12-day event with more than 8,000 attendees.

President Sands reported that, on April 20, Diversity Council Awards program featured Dr. Jennifer Eberhardt, Stanford Professor of Psychology, who spoke about implicit bias and the need to “see something suspicious, say something specific”. President Sands also announced that Cleveland State University has won a 2019 Best Class Award for Supplier Diversity from the Greater Cleveland Partnership Commission on Economic Inclusion.

President Sands was pleased to report that the CSU service awards program was reinstated and held on May 1. He noted that over 150 faculty

On April 24, CSU hosted a campus visit by Ohio

Vice President Spademan noted that transfer student enrollment is down across the state. Cleveland State enrollment will be boosted by students participating in the degree-link program with dual admission to the partner community college and Cleveland State University.

It was reported that domestic graduate enrollment is up, compared to this time last year. The University's partnership with Shorelight, now branded as CSU Global, expects to generate 50 to 90 students this fall.

### REPORT OF THE CSU FOUNDATION

CSU Foundation Chair Tim Cosgrove was pleased to report that over \$2 million was raised this year for *Radiance* in support of student scholarships. He noted that *Radiance* has grown substantially from the \$380,000 raised in the first year to a nine-year total in excess of \$10 million.

Mr. Cosgrove thanked the Board of Trustees for 100% participation; Trustee Adler, who initiated the premier scholarship fundraising event *Radiance* Co-Chairs Steve Percy and Nancy McCann, who raise the bar every year; Unity Advancement Vice President and Executive Director of the CSU Foundation Berinthia LeVine and staff and University Marketing Associate Vice President Rob Spademan. He noted that it was a spectacular event, honoring Barbara and Frank Sullivan and Jenniffer and Daryl Deckard, being recognized for their support of programs for youth aging out of the foster care system.

Mr. Cosgrove presented the fundraising reports as of March 31, 2019 (Attachment B). He reported \$9.3 million was raised from over 7,000 donors, and anticipated meeting the \$10 million goal by the end of the fiscal year.

Mr. Cosgrove stated that the CSU Foundation is in transition with his being appointed to the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees. He noted that the nomination and election of new Foundation Board members and officers will be held at its annual meeting in June. He further noted that Berinthia LeVine will be retiring at the end of June, and a celebration party is being planned. The Save-the-Date notice will be sent soon.

### REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Chair Kirk reported that the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee held a superb meeting on May 6, 2019 (Attachment C). He noted that a series of decision items, recommended by the Committee, are on the consent agenda.

One of the information items presented to the Committee, Chair Kirk reported, was a Joint Statement on Free Speech (Attachment D), jointly approved by the University Faculty Senate and Administration. President Sands noted that Cleveland State University was the only member of the Inter-University Council to have adopted such a resolution.

Most of the Committee's time and discussion, reported Chair Kirk, was spent on the digitally interactive Student Success Scorecard (Attachment E), demonstrated by Thomas



Concession Agreement (Attachment M), Ratification of Expenditures for Services provided by the Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOME) as Subcontractor under the CSU-NEOMED Partnership (Attachment N), Law School Incubator Master Lease Amendment (Attachment O), Associate of the University Status Nomination (Attachment P), FY'19 Third Quarter Gift Report (Attachment Q), and Office of Research Report, FY'19 Third Quarter (Attachment R). The following resolutions were approved by voice vote.

#### RESOLUTION 2019-30

##### AWARD OF RANK AND TENURE TO DR. YONG TAO

WHEREAS, an external search was conducted to fill the position of the Betty L. Gordon Endowed Distinguished Professor and Full Professor with tenure in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the Washkewicz College of Engineering at Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, the search attracted a substantial pool of well-qualified candidates, including Dr. Yong Tao, Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, the credentials of Dr. Tao have been reviewed by the appropriate faculty peer review committee in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, the Chair, Dean, the Provost and the President; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Tao has fulfilled the requirements for tenure at the rank of Professor as set forth in Article 12.10 of the Faculty Collective Bargaining Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the award of tenure at the rank of Professor to Dr. Yong Tao in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, effective the first day of July 17, 2019 full-time employment at Cleveland State University.

#### RESOLUTION 2019-31

##### COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES GRADUATE FACULTY BY-LAWS REVISIONS

WHEREAS, the graduate students have asked for representation and a voting voice on Graduate Council; and

WHEREAS, the Research Council has asked for representation and a voting voice on Graduate Council; and







WHEREAS, this individual has requested Emeritus status in accordance with the terms of the

WHEREAS, this evaluation will not be completed before the expiration of the University's three dining services agreements on June 30, 2019; 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 Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the amendments to the University's Campus Dining Management Services, Restaurant Services for Retail or Establishments, and Food and Beverage Concessions Service agreement allowing for a renewal period of July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University administration is authorized to take any and all actions and to execute any and all documents in fulfillment of this Resolution, and to make any revisions or changes to the amended contracts to conform to the provisions of applicable law, or as otherwise deemed necessary and appropriate by the University's General Counsel.

#### RESOLUTION 2019-39

#### RATIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES FOR SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NORTHEAST OHIO MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (NEOMED) AS SUBCONTRACTOR UNDER THE CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY – NEOMED PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2015, the University was awarded a grant from the Cleveland Foundation the amount of \$5,500,000 to promote the partnership between NEOMED and Cleveland State University to educate urban primary care professionals; and

WHEREAS, NEOMED serves as a subcontractor under the Cleveland Foundation grant to Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, there are purchase orders totaling \$1,187,401 requiring payment for the subcontracted efforts of NEOMED to meet the objectives of the partnership;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby ratifies the purchase orders totaling \$1,187,401 for the subcontract efforts of NEOMED; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University's administration is hereby empowered to take all steps necessary as may be required to ensure compliance with the applicable and effective provisions of the law and the University policies in funding the aforementioned purchase orders for work and effort performed by NEOMED under the terms of the CSU-NEOMED partnership.

RESOLUTION 2019-40

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT OF



ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2019 THIRD QUARTER  
GIFTS AND PLEDGE PAYMENTS

RESOLVED, that the gifts and pledge payments totaling \$3,409,135 received by the Cleveland State University Foundation during the ~~period~~ <sup>total</sup> January 1, 2019 to March 31, 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 2019-44

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chair Reynolds announced that two members of the Nominating Committee were no longer available to serve; thus the Nominating Committee is acting as a Committee-of-the-Whole. Nominations were taken for each of the positions serving as Board Officers for 2019-2020. Trustee Adler nominated Trustee David Gunning II for the position of Chair; Trustee Moore nominated Trustee Timothy J. Cosgrove for the position of Vice Chair; Trustee Gunning nominated Trustee Stephen F. Kirk for the position of Treasurer; Trustee Gunning nominated Trustee Thomas W. Adler for the position of Trustee Development Officer; and Trustee Gunning nominated Dr. William J. Napier for the position of Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following slate of Board officers for 2019-2020 were presented by Nominating Committee Chair David Reynolds to Board Chair Gunning. Chair Gunning accepted the slate of Board officers and turned the floor over to Nominating Committee Chair Reynolds, who opened nominations from the floor.

David H. Gunning II, Chair  
Timothy J. Cosgrove, Vice Chair  
Stephen F. Kirk, Treasurer  
Thomas W. Adler, Trustee Development Officer  
Dr. William J. Napier, Secretary

Hearing none, Chair Reynolds announced that the nominations for each Board officer position was closed. Trustee Reynolds moved, and Trustee Reynolds seconded the selection of the 2019-2020 slate of officers. The motion was approved by voice vote. He further stated that the slate of Board Officers for 2019-2020 will assume their respective positions with the adjournment of this meeting.

Chair Gunning noted that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be June 20. He added that the location for the June 4 Board Budget Workshop is soon to be determined.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED JUNE 20, 2019  
William J. Napier  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

APPROVED JUNE 20, 2019  
David H. Gunning II  
Chair, Board of Trustees