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Trustee Cosgrove moved approval of the resolution below, and Trustee Kunkle seconded the motion. The resolution was approved by call as well as with a standing ovation.

## RESOLUTION 2023-16

### RECOGNITION OF STEPHEN F. KIRK FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

WHEREAS, Stephen F. Kirk was appointed by Governor John R. Kasich on July 16, 2015 to serve on the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 2, 2014 and ending May 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, prior to the Governor-appointment, Mr. Kirk served on the Board of Trustees as an ex officio member from June 2013 to June 2015 virtue of his position as Chair of the CSU Foundation Board of Directors, and worked to ensure a strong, cohesive relationship between the two boards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk has been an ardent and vocal supporter of Cleveland State University throughout his relationship with the institution, first as a student and alumnus, then as Chair of the Monte Ahuja College of Business Visiting Committee and as Executive-in-Residence in the Ahuja College; these experiences qualified Mr. Kirk to offer valuable first-person observations into student and faculty life on campus, as well as the meaningful impacts for students of the innovative endeavors and programs within the Ahuja College; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk has provided significant support to the Monte Ahuja College of Business through the Dean's Discretionary Fund, the College's annual fund, the Nance Endowment, and the Executive MBA program, which he is extremely passionate about; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk has long championed the idea of paid co-op experiences for students, meaningful financial dashboards, sustainability efforts, expanding recruitment efforts, and removing barriers for students to attend Cleveland State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Business from CSU in 2007, was recognized by the Cleveland State University Alumni Association in 2007 as a Distinguished Alumnus, and was inducted into the Monte Ahuja College of Business Hall of Fame in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kirk has served as Treasurer of the Board as well as chair of the Academic and Student Affairs, Financial Affairs, and Governance committees throughout his tenure, utilizing his personal expertise from his career with the Lubrizol Corporation as well as his service on numerous business and community boards of directors:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees acknowledges with sincere appreciation the dedication and contributions of Mr. Stephen F. Kirk, to the State of Ohio, Cleveland State University, and the greater Cleveland community, and welcomes his and Joanne Kirk's continued involvement with the University in the years to come.



Chair Reynolds acknowledged that substitute SB 83 is currently being considered in the Ohio Senate and the companion bill is moving through the House; he noted that the bill will have significant impact on higher education - from what is taught in the classroom to how boards of trustees govern the institutions that they were appointed to serve. He encouraged outreach to elected officials.

## REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Chair Reynolds excused everyone excepting trustees, President Bloomberg, ex officio Trustee Hopkins, Provost Sridhar, Deputy General Counsel King, VP of Athletics Garrett, Assistant Board Secretary Link, and General Counsel and Board Secretary Wilson. The executive session began at 11:06 a.m.

At 12:44 p.m., Chair Reynolds announced that the Board had finished its business in Executive Session and was returning to its regular meeting.

### REPORT FROM STUDENT TRUSTEE

Trustee Wrege reported that the Student Government Association (SGA) has adopted a resolution opposing SB 83, and that students are concerned about the effects of how campus culture and classroom conversations would change if the bill is adopted.

### REPORT FROM FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE

Faculty Representative Ausherman acknowledged Trustees Kirk and Hopkins for their dedicated service to the University, their appreciation of faculty efforts, and their support of student success.

The Faculty Senate approved a proposal for the University to implement a 'no record' policy to improve student retention and success at CSU. The Senate received a drafted report from the ad hoc Committee on the Core Curriculum that provides vision and guidelines for reimagined general education courses; the final recommendations on the core curriculum will work its way through the appropriate processes and be reviewed by the University Curriculum Committee in the fall, Dr. Ausherman reported.

### FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE UPDATE

Committee Chair Kunkle updated the members on the meeting held earlier in the day. Several updates were received including the CFO report, the external audit report from RSM, and an enrollment report from VP Wehner.

The Committee approved five items that are included on the consent agenda, as well as one item approved under new business that was added to the consent agenda on actions at the committee meeting (approval of the collective bargaining agreement with IATSE).

The Committee also met in Executive Session, Committee Chair Kunkle reported.

## ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Chair Cosgrove reported on the May 11, 2023 meeting of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee. The Committee received an update from the Provost on the ongoing core curriculum review, current statuses of academic leadership positions at CSU, and the 'no record' policy being discussed.

Dr. Cockrell provided the Committee with updates on DEI and Engaged Learning efforts including expanded outreach of the Lift Up! pantry and a \$100 thousand bequest; the Courageous Conversations series and continuity engagement efforts; and affinity group graduation celebrations.

Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Dr. Cheryl Bracken updated the Committee on funded DEI initiatives secured for faculty, significant revisions to the faculty handbook; and other working and mentoring collaborations.

Dean Richard Schoephoerster of the Washoe College of Engineering also provided an excellent update and overview of efforts underway at the college.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Reynolds stated that routine matters, or those recommended by committees and discussed previously, are considered on the Consent Agenda. He asked if there were any items that Board members wished to discuss or remove; there were none.

Trustee Cosgrove moved, and Trustee Kirk seconded, the motion to approve the following consent agenda items: Approval of Master of Sport Age TruEn obtain.3(e)-5ageManne

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees approves the establishment of the Master of Sport and Entertainment Management degree program, in the Department of Management, Monte Ahuja College of Business.



WHEREAS, Permanent Parcel Number 103-12-014 is under the supervision

RESOLUTION 2023-21

AUTHORIZATION FOR THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY AND PROPER WITH THE EUCLID AVENUE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND LEASING AT 1901 EAST 13<sup>H</sup> STREET, CLEVELAND, OHIO

WHEREAS, the University as tenant, and 1901 East 13<sup>th</sup> LLC as owner and landlord, are parties to a Lease Agreement dated December 29, 2010, as amended (the "Lease"), whereby the University occupies and manages certain property and improvements located at 1901 East 13th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, commonly referred to as the Mough Building (the "Building"); and

WHEREAS, the 1901 East 13<sup>th</sup> LLC and the University administration are preparing to transfer ownership of the Building to the University as approved by resolution of the Board of Trustees at its March 16, 2023 meeting; and

WHEREAS, following the transfer of the Building to the University, the University will become the owner and landlord of the Building; and

WHEREAS, the University has limited statutory authority to lease space to third-party tenants who are not associated with the University's academic or auxiliary purpose; and

WHEREAS, there are existing tenants in the Building who are not associated with the University's academic or auxiliary mission; and

WHEREAS, the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation, consistent with its corporate purpose, can sublease space at the Premises to third-party tenants; and

WHEREAS, the University administration desires to lease the Building to the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation as master-tenant, in

RESOLUTION 2023-22

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDED AND RESTATED GROUND  
LEASE WITH EUCLID AVENUE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FOR  
LANGSTON STUDENT HOUSING GROUND LEASE

WHEREAS, the University as lessor and CSU Housing LLC, as lessee previously entered into that certain Ground Lease dated June 14, 2011 (the "Original Ground Lease") pursuant to which the University leased to CSU Housing LLC real property with a street address of 2303 Chester Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114, parcel numbers 102-32-052 and 102-32-054, on which The Langston Student Housing Project and Langston Retail Project (each as defined in the "Amended and Restated Ground Lease Agreement") were constructed (the "Leased Premises"); and

WHEREAS, the Euclid Avenue Development Corporation issued bonds to finance the acquisition of the Original Ground Lease and the improvement of the Leased Premises and on July 26, 2022 entered into an Assignment and Assumption of Ground Lease with CSU Housing LLC to assume all of CSU Housing LLC's title and interest (and the liabilities and obligations thereunder) in and to the Original Ground Lease; and

WHEREAS, EADC and the University now desire to enter into an Amended and Restated Ground Lease Agreement that is similar to and consistent with existing lease agreements between the University and EADC, that will supersede the Original Ground Lease; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter as submitted by the University Administration;  
WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has approved this matter as submitted by the University Administration;

WHEREAS, CSU seeks to maintain a cost competitive program with other institutions in the region by establishing tuition rates that are lower than standard undergraduate rates; and

WHEREAS, CSU must submit a biennial tuition waiver under Ohio state law to request an exception from standard undergraduate tuition rates for the RN to BSN program; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland State University intends to maintain the waiver for the RN to BSN program for the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee reviewed the RN to BSN tuition waiver at its last committee meeting and recommends full Board approval:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the tuition waiver for the RN to BSN program.

RESOLUTION 2023-24

due to war, conflict or disaster, to be effective beginning July 1, 2023, for the duration of the 2024-2025 Biennium or as long as the Chancellor's authority continues.

RESOLUTION 2023-25

ACCEPTING GIFTS AND PLEDGE PAYMENTS  
3RD QUARTER, FY 2023  
JANUARY 1, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2023

RESOLVED, that the gifts and pledge payments totaling \$3,329,094 received by the Cleveland State University Foundation during the period January 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023 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 2023-26

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO ADMINISTRATION TO EXECUTE  
INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES UNION ,  
LOCAL 756 (TICKET SELLERS) COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the University and the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Union, Local 756 have reached a final tentative agreement for a three-year collective bargaining agreement for stage-hands for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the tentative agreement has been ratified by IATSE 756; and

WHEREAS, the Financial Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed this matter as submitted by the University Administration and recommends full Board approval:

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Reynolds announced that there were three items for consideration under new business; the first item seeks to approve the extension agreement with the women's basketball coach.

Trustee Cosgrove moved the resolution for approval; Trustee Starkoff seconded the motion. The following resolution was approved by roll call.

RESOLUTION 2023-27

AUTHORIZATION FOR ADMINISTR

Chair Reynolds called for a motion to approve the ratification of Dr. Melissa L. Gruys as the new Dean of the Ahuja College of Business. Trustee Kunkle moved the resolution; Trustee DePompei seconded it.

The following resolution was approved by roll call.

#### RESOLUTION 2023-28

#### RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF DR. MELISSA L. GRUYS AS DEAN OF THE MONTE AHUJA COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

WHEREAS, Dr. Kenneth Kahn separated from the university in August 2022 from the position of Dean of the Monte Ahuja College of Business; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Heidi H. Meier was appointed Interim Dean of the College in August 2022, and has been providing steady and stable leadership to the College of Business; and

WHEREAS, the university launched a national search for a new Dean in January 2023, with Dean Andrew Kersten serving as the chair of the search committee, which was comprised of seven faculty members, two staff members, one student and one community member from outside the university; and

WHEREAS, the search process, which was supported by external search consultant firm WittKiefer, garnered over 50 applications representing a diverse and talented pool of candidates; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gruys has an earned doctorate in the field of Human Resources and Industrial Relations, has served as professor and administrator at Washington State University-Vancouver and at Wright State University, and is currently serving as Dean of the Doermer School of Business at Purdue University Fort Wayne; and

WHEREAS, based on her demonstrated ability during the search and interview process, the university administration has identified Dr. Gruys as the best person to provide strong direction and leadership to the Monte Ahuja College of Business:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Cleveland State University Board of Trustees ratifies the appointment of Dr. Melissa Gruys to the position of Dean of the Monte Ahuja College of Business effective July 1, 2023.

Chair Reynolds called for a motion to approve the annual evaluation of President Laura Bloomberg. Trustee Whiting moved the approval of the resolution; and Trustee Cosgrove seconded the motion. Board Secretary Wilson called the roll, resulting in unanimous approval and applause.

President Bloomberg thanked the Board members and noted that together there have been significant achievements this year and she feels honored to serve in this position.

#### RESOLUTION 2023-29

#### APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL EVALUATION OF PRESIDENT LAURA J. BLOOMBERG

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6 of President Bloomberg's employment agreement and Section 3344-1-03(C) of the Board Bylaws, the board shall conduct a review of the performance of the president at the annual meeting in a manner consistent with the president's contract; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of the President's performance is based on jointly established goals for the year in review that reflect progress in achieving the University's strategic plan, and the evaluation process should include the mutual agreement on the goals and objectives for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, President Bloomberg provided her written self-evaluation to the Board of Trustees in advance of the annual meeting for their review and consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Board has thoughtfully and carefully reviewed the President's self-evaluation and has noted that she has substantially met and in many cases exceeded her performance goals for FY23; and

WHEREAS, the Board commends President Bloomberg for her significant achievements during her first year as President which include, but are not limited to: Tf -9.955 tnerg n ul9(t 6(d)1(e, but(d)-d)





ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Rods adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED ON JUNE 28, 2023

Sonali B. Wilson

Vice President of Legal Affairs and  
Compliance, General Counsel and  
Board Secretary

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