



BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OCTOBER 20, 2017

KEENE STATE COLLEGE  
KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE

REPORT OF MEETING

*Approved February 2, 2018*

Trustees present: Chair John Small, Vice Chair Joseph Morone, Secretary Amy Begg, Kassandra Spanos Ardinger, Robert Baines, Donald Birx, Todd Black, James Burnett III, Frederick Dey, M. Jacqueline Eastwood, Frank Edelblut, Ricky Fife, Suzanne Foster, Adam Geddis, Cathy Green, Mark Huddleston, Speaker of the House Shawn Jasper, Todd Leach, Lorraine Stuart Merrill, Kenneth Moulton, Christopher Pope, Mark Rubinstein, Wallace Stevens, Melinda Treadwell

Participants: Jonathan King, Brendon Martin, Catherine Provencher, Nathaniel Stafford, Nancy Targett

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### **Chair's Welcome and Remarks**

Chair Small called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He acknowledged Trustee Merrill's retirement and thanked her for her service to the state and to the University System. He congratulated Speaker Jasper for receiving the governor's nomination to head the NH Department of Agriculture, Markets & Food. He congratulated Trustee Foster for Medtronic's recognition as the Best Company to Work For in New Hampshire for the fourth year in a row by Business NH Magazine.

### **Campus Update**

Interim President Treadwell and Chancellor Leach presented an update on KSC's recent transition. They described initial efforts to stabilize campus leadership, implement cost containment, and leverage system efficiencies, with early success resulting in a current year budget reduction. A plan for long-term stability and sustainability was laid out in terms of organizational structure and staffing, enrollment management, academic realignment, and fiscal improvements. Progress will be reported on a quarterly basis.

### **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Leach reported on recent System Office accomplishments, fall enrollment, and legislative activities. He called attention to the NH Business and Industry Association's public statement calling for greater State support for the University System.

### **University System Student Board (USSB) Update**

Nathaniel Stafford, USSB chair and UNH graduate student representative, described plans to improve and sustain USSB effectiveness and to work more closely with the provosts and the newly designated trustee liaison to the USSB.

### **Board Minutes**

The following motion was made by Trustee Baines, duly seconded, and approved.

*VOTED, that the Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the meetings held on June 23, 2017, and September 18, 2017.*

### **Sightlines Facilities Condition Assessment**

Sightlines representatives, Brendon Martin, senior account manager, and Jonathan King, associate director, presented an overview of the systemwide comprehensive facilities condition assessment of core buildings and supporting infrastructure. Assessment results will be available to USNH through an interactive database to support capital planning and the prioritization of deferred maintenance and capital investments.

## **UNH Life Sciences Workforce Initiative**

Provost Targett provided an update on the partnership opportunity with the Advanced Regenerative Manufacturing Institute (ARMI). She described a systemwide initiative that would establish a critical mass of students in health and life sciences to meet growing NH workforce demands. Partnership with ARMI was discussed as an opportunity catalyst to support the University System's priority to increase program capacity in biosciences and to position NH as a leader in the emerging biosciences manufacturing sector.

## **Campuses Economies of Scale**

Chancellor Leach provided an update on efforts to achieve economies of scale and programmatic synergies among PSU, KSC, and GSC. He described strategies to achieve administrative efficiencies and reported that cross-campus discussions were underway to explore collaborations for shared, differentiated, and coordinated program design and delivery. He stated that opportunities for synergies are being extended to UNH and CCSNH as appropriate.

## **Presidents' Reports**

Chair Small called attention to the presidents' reports provided in the advance meeting materials.

## **Committee Reports**

Chair Small stated that draft reports of the prior day's committee meetings were available on the Board portal.

### ***Executive Committee***

Chair Small provided an overview of the meeting and noted that the committee had no action to bring before the Board.

### ***Governance Committee***

Trustee Ardinger, committee chair, provided an overview of the meeting and noted that the committee had no action to bring before the Board. She encouraged trustees to read the "Freedom of Speech on Campus" report provided in the committee meeting materials.

### ***Educational Excellence Committee***

Trustee Dey, committee chair, provided an overview of the meeting and noted that the committee had no action to bring before the Board.

### ***Financial Affairs Committee***

Vice Chair Morone, committee chair, provided an overview of the meeting and introduced the following action.

#### ***Suspend Enrollment Limitation of Out-of-State Undergraduates at UNH***

The following motion, made by Vice Chair Morone, was duly seconded, discussed, and approved.

*VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee that the Board of Trustees suspend for FY19 the limitation of 25 percent imposed by state statute RSA 187-A:10 on the number of undergraduate students enrolled at UNH from domiciles outside the state, it having been determined that such suspension benefits the state and UNH without impairing the opportunity for qualified students of the state of New Hampshire to attend UNH.*

#### ***PSU PE Center Renovations – Health & Human Enrichment Cluster***

The following motion, made by Chair Small, was duly seconded, discussed, and approved.

*VOTED, on recommendation of the Financial Affairs Committee, that the Board of Trustees approve the current design and \$10 million project budget for the PE Center Renovation for the Health & Human Enrichment Cluster at Plymouth State University (PSU); AND FURTHER, that the source of funds be State Appropriations (\$3 million), University Funds (\$5.2 million) and Strategic Funding (\$1.8 million). Attachments can be found in the Financial Affairs Committee materials Agenda Item III.A.2.a.*

### ***Finance Committee for Investments***

Vice Chancellor Provencher, on behalf of the committee chair, provided an overview of the meeting and noted that the committee had no action to bring before the Board.

### ***Audit Committee***

Trustee Black, committee chair, provided an overview of the meeting and introduced the following action.

#### ***Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2017***

The following motion was made by Trustee Black who stated that, absent a full quorum at the prior day's meeting, approval of the motion was recommended by members of the Audit Committee who were present. The motion was duly seconded and approved.

*VOTED, that the USNH Financial Statements, including UNH Foundation Financial Statements, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, be accepted and forwarded to the Governor, the Legislative Fiscal Committee, and others as specified in state law RSA 187-A:22.*

### **Nonpublic Session**

The following motion to enter into nonpublic session was made by Chair Small for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining. The motion was duly seconded and unanimously approved by roll call vote.

*VOTED, that the USNH Board of Trustees go into nonpublic session for the purpose of discussing matters relating to strategy or negotiations with respect to collective bargaining as authorized by RSA 91-A:2, I (a).*

The Board entered into nonpublic session at 11:52 a.m.

### **Return to Public Session**

Upon a motion to exit nonpublic session, made by Chair Small, duly seconded, and approved, the public meeting was reconvened at 11:55 a.m.

Upon return to public session, the below action was taken relative to nonpublic session business.

#### ***Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between KSC and the KSC Campus Safety Unit (Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers Local Union 633)***

The following motion was made by Chair Small, duly seconded, and unanimously approved.

*VOTED, on recommendation of the Executive Committee and in recognition that the negotiated term relating to safety vests was proposed by the union, the Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed collective bargaining agreement with the Chauffeurs, Teamsters & Helpers Local Union 633.*

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.