



BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meeting Held at GSC Event Center 25 Hall St., Concord, NH and via Zoom Videoconference Platform

(January 20, 2022)

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Executive Committee Members present at meeting location (GSC Event Center, 25 Hall Street, Concord, NH 03301): Chair Joseph Morone, Secretary Kass Ardinger, Trustees Todd Black, Jackie Eastwood, Mike Pilot, and Alex Walker. Executive Committee Members participating by videoconference: Vice Chair Jamie Burnett and Trustee Morgan Rutman. Other Trustees present at the meeting location: Jim Gray and Shawn Jasper. Other Trustees participating by videoconference: Amy Begg, Don Birx, Jose Calvo, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, Mackenzie Murphy, Gregg Tewksbury, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover.

Call to Order: At 4:05 pm, Chair Morone called the meeting to order, had the roll called, and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: On motion moved by Trustee Black and seconded by Trustee Ardinger, the committee unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 16, 2021:

***VOTED,** that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of December 16, 2021, as presented.*

CAO Cathy Provencher Updates: CAO Provencher announced the retirement of General Counsel Ron Rodgers, currently planned for August, and the intention to create a search committee, charged with completing the process and having a replacement on-board by the end of June.

Legislative Affairs Report: USNH Director of Governmental Relations, Tom Cronin, reported on legislation pending before the NH General Court, including bills on the regulation of firearms, COVID testing and immunization, CCSNH degree-granting authority, and ‘divisive concepts.’

Presidents’ Reports of Plans for Spring Semester Opening: Each of the presidents reported on current conditions at their institution, focusing particularly on the management of COVID infections, and their plans for the start of the spring semester.

Follow-up Discussion of Administrative Board Recommendation on USNH Governance: CAO Provencher reported on her follow-up to the discussion at the previous Executive Committee meeting, in particular her discussions with several key members of the legislature. Based on those discussions the Administrative Board recommends using the title “Interim Chancellor” but otherwise proceeding with the recommendation as presented. Following a brief discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to move the recommendation forward to the full Board, using the title “Interim Chancellor.”

Institutional Proposals for Strategic Investments: CAO Provencher confirmed the presidents will present proposals for various strategic investments, first to the Financial Affairs and Investments and Capital planning Committees, and then the full Board at its meeting in April. In the follow-up discussion the committee noted the proposals should be in the form of a three-to-five-year plan, and may include projects funded over multiple budget cycles.

Approval of Tuition, Mandatory Fees, and Housing and Dining Fees for FY23: Following presentation and discussion, on motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve the tuition and fee proposals for FY23, as presented.

VOTED, on recommendation of the Campus Presidents, effective for academic year 2022-23, the tuition rates as presented on the attached schedule be adopted as the maximum amounts authorized, mandatory student fees be adopted in amounts not to exceed \$3,504 at UNH-Durham; \$2,884 at KSC; and \$2,622 at PSU, and the housing and dining rates be adopted as per the rate schedules included in the materials distributed with the meeting agenda.

Approval of Operating Budget Assumptions and Parameters for FY23: Following presentation and discussion, on motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Black, the committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve the proposed operating budget assumptions and parameters for FY23, as presented.

VOTED, that FY23 budget planning assumptions and parameters as outlined on the attached be approved for use in developing the FY23 budget.

Approval of Appointment to UNH Faculty as full Professor with Tenure: Following presentation and without further discussion, on motion made by Chair Morone and seconded by Trustee Eastwood, the committee voted unanimously by roll call to approve recommended faculty appointment, as presented.

VOTED, on recommendation of President Dean, that the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Educational Excellence Committee and the Board of Trustees, approve the appointment of one individual with the rank professor with tenure at the University of New Hampshire, as presented in the supporting material.

Adjourn: At 5:55 pm, Chair Morone called for further business and, hearing none, adjourned the meeting.