EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DECEMBER 10, 2015

SYSTEM OFFICE
CONCORD, NH

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Participants: Chair Pamela Diamantis, Vice Chair Tim Riley, Don Birx, Lincoln Crutchfield, Ted Dey, Chet Homer, Todd Leach, Ken Moulton, Mark Rubinstein, John Small, Wally Stevens, Mike Vlacich

Via phone: Jude Blake, Cathy Conway, Mark Huddleston, Anne Huot

Staff: Jim McGrail, Cathy Provencher, Ron Rodgers, Tia Miller

Call to Order

Chair Diamantis called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm

Minutes

Trustee Stevens moved the following motion, Trustee Riley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

VOTED, that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of November 19, 2015 as presented.

Public Higher Education Study Committee (PHESC)

Chancellor Leach and Vice Chancellor Provencher reported on their meeting earlier in the day with the PHESC. PHESC is responsible for legislative oversight of the University System of New Hampshire and the Community College System of New Hampshire. Representative Rick Ladd is chair. PHESC had heard from a national expert that K-12 test scores were not good relative to where they should be. That was the primary question and reason USNH was asked to attend. Other questions included CEO salaries, compensation, enrollments, plans for instate students. Due to time constraints the focus of the conversation was around teacher preparation. USNH is working closely with DOE to address state needs.
Capital Appropriation Update

A capital appropriation request needs to be ready for submission the first of May. Admin Board is currently working on preparing a draft and will provide an update in January. A brainstorming session that included chancellor, presidents and both campus and system staff was held earlier in the day and the focus moving forward will be on a multi-biennial approach targeting state needs.

Deferred Maintenance Subcommittee

Vice Chancellor Provencher provided a brief update and goal is to report out at the January meetings, but all of the information that is needed won’t be readily available for at least six months.

Campus Updates

President Huot noted the retirement celebration for Jay Kahn and Dan Petree will be starting on Monday.

President Birx provided a brief update on the campus community after the loss of two students. The events held on campus were well attended and provided venue for students and families to come together.

President Birx also noted that the clusters are moving ahead and applications are fairly strong for next year.

Chancellor Leach reported that he and President Birx met with Representative Chandler.

Nonpublic Session

Trustee Stevens moved the following motion to go into nonpublic session at 4:26 pm, Trustee Riley seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

MOVED, that the USNH Board of Trustees Executive Committee go into nonpublic session for the purposes of (1) discussing personnel issues including matters relating to collective bargaining, (2) discussing the compensation of certain public employees, and (3) consulting with legal counsel, as authorized by RSA 91-A:2, II (a) and (b) and 91-A:3, II (a).

At 5:14 pm the Executive Committee, on motion made by Trustee Stevens and seconded by Trustee Dey, voted to come out of nonpublic session noting that no votes or actions were taken.
Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.