

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Held on Friday, May 3, 2024
Big Rapids, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Regular Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Friday, May 3, 2024 in room 203 of the David L. Eisler center, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, Michigan. Chair LaShanda R. Thomas called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. In addition to Chair Thomas, the following individuals were present: Trustees Michael B. Fisher, George K. Heartwell, Kurt A. Hofman, Michael D. Ryan, Anna P. Seibold, Ronald E. Snead, and Vivian TerMaat; University President Bill Pink; Provost and Vice President Bobby Fleischman; University Vice Presidents Daniel Eichinger, Amanda M. Matheson, Kathy K. Mullins, David Pilgrim and Jeanine Ward-Roof; Vice President and General Counsel Miles J. Postema; President of Kendall College of Art and Design Tara E. McCrackin; Board Counsel Mark E. Nettleton; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman; and members of the University and area communities.

2. Hearing of the Public

No requests had been made to address the Board.

3. Administrative Reports

The following Administrative Reports were presented. Copies of written reports are in the official file for this meeting:

- a. Student Government – President-elect Stephen Bender provided an update on Student Government activities.
- b. Academic Senate – Emmanuel Jadhav, Academic Senate President, provided a brief overview of his report.
- c. Finance – Vice President Matheson provided a brief overview of the items being presented today.
- d. Legislative Update – Vice President Eichinger provided information in addition to his written report.

4a. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Trustee Snead, supported by Trustee Heartwell, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the items contained in the Consent Calendar as presented in the appended documentation:

- “a. *Consent Calendar*
1. *Minutes of February 16, 2024*
 2. *Personnel Items*
 3. *Appointments and Reappointments to the Boards of Directors of FSU-Authorized Charter School Academies*
 4. *Charter School Contract Amendments*
 - a. *Lighthouse Academy – Additional Campus*
 - b. *Lighthouse Academy – Campus Name & Address Changes.*”

4b. *Slate of Candidates for the Ferris Foundation Board of Directors*

It was moved by Trustee Heartwell, supported by Trustee Snead, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, Section 4.04 of the “Restated Bylaws of The Ferris Foundation” (hereinafter “Restated Bylaws”) provides that there will be a minimum of 13 and a maximum of 40 directors of The Ferris Foundation (hereinafter “Foundation”) Board of Directors (hereinafter “Directors”); and,

WHEREAS, the maximum allowable number of Directors has not yet been attained, allowing for the election of additional Directors pursuant to Section 4.05 of the Restated Bylaws; and,

WHEREAS, The Ferris Foundation Board has approved the slate of names for addition to the Board of Directors, consisting of seven individuals: Jeremy Amshey, Sarah Chadwick, John Garvelink, Mary Garvelink, Shane Napper, Dave Neitzer, and Laurie Placinski, bringing the number of directors to 33, as of this date.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the approved slate is hereby accepted by Ferris State University’s Board of Trustees.”

4c. *Starbucks License Agreement Renewal and Site Refresh*

It was moved by Trustee Heartwell, supported by Trustee Ryan, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the university’s current license agreement with Starbucks Corporation expires Jan 31, 2025, and Ferris is to provide Starbucks notification of intent to renew no later than 180 days prior to the end of the applicable Store Term; and,

WHEREAS, the university is requesting the Board of Trustees approve a license agreement renewal with Starbucks for ten (10) additional years; and,

WHEREAS, the university also requests the Board of Trustees approve the expenditure of \$1,000,000 to refresh the campus Starbucks location in accordance with what Starbucks has outlined as responsibilities of Ferris State University; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees approval to move forward with this project is required pursuant to Board approved Purchasing Policy, Section 4-205, Matters Reserved to the Board, as it relates to contracts for capital construction projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposal of continuing a relationship with Starbucks Corporation by renewing the university license agreement for an additional ten (10) years and approving the cost to refresh the university Starbucks store, Point of Sale Systems, and necessary software, in accordance with Board-approved policies, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000, as presented in the supporting materials.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Funding for this item will be provided from the maintenance & reserve account for auxiliary services.”

4d. Kendall College of Art and Design MEP Utility Vault Relocation

It was moved by Trustee Heartwell, supported by Trustee TerMaat, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids is providing improvements to Division Avenue adjacent to Ferris State University’s Kendall College of Art and Design campus; and,

WHEREAS, this is a multi-phased project that will occur during the 2024 and 2025 construction seasons; and,

WHEREAS, a survey was conducted and determined Ferris State University currently has its existing utility vault located on the City of Grand Rapids property; and,

WHEREAS, the existing utility vault has to be filled in and all existing electrical transformers, heat pumps, cooling towers, and fire suppression controls currently located in the existing vault, need to be relocated into the existing basement of 17 Fountain Street; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed schedule for this project calls for completing the design and bidding by May 2024, with a planned substantial completion of the renovation construction project in January 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration is recommending the project be approved for a not to exceed amount of \$2,200,000; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees approval to move forward with this project is required pursuant to board approved Purchasing policy, Section 4-205, Matters Reserved to the Board, as it relates to professional services and capital construction contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, or their designee, are hereby authorized to proceed with the retention of the necessary preconstruction, construction and other related services and procurement, including the negotiation of and entering into contracts, in accordance with the Board-approved policies, at a total project cost not to exceed \$2,200,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the funding for this project will be provided from Capital Renewal and Deferred Maintenance (CRDM) – Phase 4 funds.”

4e. Professional Services Agreement with Grand River Solutions

It was moved by Trustee Heartwell, supported by Trustee Seibold, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, Ferris State University has been utilizing Grand River Solutions to provide services for some of the University’s Title IX requirements, such as serving as hearing officers, advisors, and investigators. and where needed Title IX Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, Grand River Solutions has proposed, and the Administration recommends, entering into an agreement to provide these services for the time period beginning June 21, 2024 through June 30, 2025, at a cost not to exceed \$200,000, including expenses; and,

WHEREAS, Board approval is required to authorize this agreement pursuant to Board-approved Purchasing Policy, section 4-205, Matters Reserved to the Board, as it relates to professional services contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with Board-approved Contracting Policy, section 4-205, Matters Reserved to the Board, the Vice President of Administration and Finance, or her designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Grand River Solutions for a period beginning June 21, 2024 through June 30, 2025, in accordance with Board-approved policies, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for the professional services agreement will be provided from the Student Life/Student Affairs budget.”

5. President's Report

President Pink extended his appreciation to everyone participating in Commencement weekend activities, noting the fantastic efforts of our grounds workers. He noted that at all ceremonies, former Professor Paul Klatt will be recognized and awarded Emeritus status posthumously. A memorial service will be held for him next week on campus.

6. Hearing of the Public

No requests had been made to address the Board.

7. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Snead expressed his gratitude for President Pink's response and actions relative to the passing of Professor Klatt. He is encouraged in the way the university is headed and is excited to have his grandson graduating tomorrow.

8. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled full Board meeting will be held on Friday, October 4, 2024 in Grand Rapids.

9. Adjournment

At 1:54 p.m., Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting.

Submitted by: Karen K. Huisman, RP
Secretary to the Board of Trustees