

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Thursday, September 13, 2018
Big Rapids, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Special Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018 by teleconference, commencing from room 301C in the Timme Center for Student Services building, 1201 S. State Street, Big Rapids, Michigan. Chair Paul E. Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. In addition to Chair Boyer the following individuals were present: Trustees Lori A. Gwizdala, Gary L. Granger, Ana L. Ramirez-Saenz and Rupesh K. Srivastava; University President David L. Eisler; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Paul Blake; Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences Kristi Haik; Board Counsel Fredric N. Goldberg; and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman. Trustees Robert J. Hegbloom and Amna P. Seibold were absent with prior notification. Trustee LaShanda R. Thomas was absent.

2. Hearing of the Public

No one responded to Chair Boyer's invitation to address the Board.

3. National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Grant

President Eisler introduced this item; Provost Blake provided an overview and Dean Haik provided specific details of the grant. After discussion it was moved by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, supported by Trustee Gwizdala, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the College of Arts and Sciences and Hengli Jiao, Professor of Mathematics and Principal Investigator (PI), Kristi L. Haik, Dean and Co-PI, and the College of Engineering Technology and Brent Williams, Associate Professor of Welding Engineering Technology and Co-PI, were notified that they had been awarded a five-year grant from the National Science Foundation Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (S-STEM) to conduct a program entitled “Sustainable, Scalable Scholarships, Opportunities, Achievements, and Results (S³OAR, pronounced SOAR-three)”;

WHEREAS, the grant is a collaborative grant between Ferris State University and Northern Kentucky University and totals \$2,266,550;

WHEREAS, the amount of the grant award for Ferris State University is \$1,197,955 for the period January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, the collaborator, Northern Kentucky University, was awarded the grant award of \$1,068,595 for the period January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2023;

WHEREAS, both universities may contribute \$65,000 per year for five years, totaling \$325,000 for each university, in non-mandatory cost-share beginning in Fall 2021;

WHEREAS, acceptance of the grant award is subject to the terms and conditions of the National Science Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Board approval to accept the grant award is required, pursuant to Board-approved Contracting Policy, section 4-102.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the grant award of \$1,197,955 from the National Science Foundation to provide the program as outlined in the grant proposal, for the period commencing January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that President David L. Eisler, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute and administer the grant award, upon legal review and in accordance with Board-approved policies, and pursuant to the terms and conditions as described by the National Science Foundation.”

4. Hearing of the Public

No one responded to Chair Boyer’s second invitation to address the Board.

5. Adjournment

At 10:45 a.m. Chair Boyer adjourned the meeting.

Approved by

Paul E. Boyer
Chair

Submitted by

Karen K. Huisman
Secretary to the Board of Trustees