

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Held on Friday, February 21, 2020
The University Center Building
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, February 21, 2020 in room 202b of The University Center Building, 805 Campus Drive, Big Rapids, Michigan. Chair Anna P. Seibold called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. In addition to Chair Seibold, the following individuals were present: Trustees Kurt A. Hofman, Lori A. Gwizdala, Robert J. Hegbloom, Ana L. Ramirez-Saenz, Kari L. Sederburg, and Rupesh K. Srivastava; University President David L. Eisler; Provost and Vice President Paul Blake; University Vice Presidents David Pilgrim, James D. Bachmeier, Shelly L. Percy and Jeanine Ward-Roof; University Vice President and General Counsel Miles J. Postema; Interim President of Kendall College of Art and Design Tara E. McCrackin; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman; and members of the University and area communities. Trustee LaShanda R. Thomas was absent with prior notification.

Motion to Amend

It was moved by Trustee Gwizdala, supported by Trustee Sederburg, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby amends its agenda for today's meeting by the following item:

Add item 4h.: Memorandum of Understanding between Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Public Schools – Southwest Community Campus.

2. Hearing of the Public

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

3. Administrative Reports

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

- a. Student Government – Allyson Faulkner, Student Government President
- b. Academic Senate – Sandy Alspach, President, Academic Senate
- c. Finance – Jim Bachmeier, Vice President for Administration and Finance
- d. Diversity Plan Update – David Pilgrim, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion
- e. Strategic Planning Progress - David Pilgrim, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion

4a. Consent Calendar

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

“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 December 13, 2019 and February 10, 2020*
- 2. Personnel Items*
- 3. Appointment and Reappointments to the Boards of Directors of FSU-Authorized Charter School Academies*
- 4. Academic Senate Charter Revisions”*

4b. Bridge Academy – Contract Extension and Additional Campus

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

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the Ferris State University Board of Trustees (the “University Board”) granted conditional approval to a Resolution (the “Initial Resolution”) dated May 7, 2004, for Bridge Academy (the “Academy”), which conditionally authorized the execution of a contract with the Academy to charter an academy (“Original Charter Contract”) and conditionally authorized the Chairperson of the University Board to execute the Original Charter Contract between the Academy and the University Board; and,

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2006 the University Board approved the Academy to add an additional campus at 3105 Carpenter Avenue, Hamtramck, Michigan to serve 6–8 grades; and,

WHEREAS, on March 20, 2009 the University Board reauthorized the Academy for five years through June 30, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, on February 21, 2014 the University Board granted a two-year contract extension through June 30, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2015 the University Board reauthorized the Academy for three years through June 30, 2019; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2018 the University Board reauthorized the Academy for five years through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Academy has 873 students in grades K-8 from counties such as Yemen, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Jordan, Puerto Rico, Egypt and Algeria with 99% receiving free and reduced lunch rate; and

WHEREAS the Academy has an English Language Learners (ELL) population of 67% and has a 4% special education rate; and,

WHEREAS, despite the Academy’s high percentage of ELL and cultural diversity the students averaged at the 92nd percentile in English and Language Arts (ELA) and the 90th percentile in Math; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy’s students exceed both their composite and resident districts scores in both ELA and Math on the Michigan State Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP); and,

WHEREAS, the Academy’s 8th grade students exceed their resident district scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT); and,

WHEREAS, the Academy serves students in grades K–8, but is authorized by the University Board for K–12; and,

WHEREAS, the Academy has a matriculation agreement with Frontier Academy which serves as a high school for the Academy; and,

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2020 the Academy Board of Directors requested the University Board consider and approve a contract amendment to allow the addition of another campus located at 3120 Carpenter Avenue, Hamtramck, Michigan to serve 9–12 grades beginning in the 2020-2021 academic year; and,

WHEREAS, the Charter Schools Office requests the University Board to extend the 2019-2024 Charter Contract for three years to allow building renovations at the proposed additional campus; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board hereby approves the establishment of an additional campus for the Academy at 3120 Carpenter Avenue, Hamtramck, Michigan conditioned upon the following:

- 1. The Academy must provide satisfactory evidence to the Charter Schools Office Director by August 1, 2020 that the proposed facility located at 3120 Carpenter Avenue, Hamtramck, Michigan is suitable to house a high school, and that all necessary fire, health and safety certifications for this facility have been issued by the appropriate governmental agencies.*
- 2. The Academy must provide satisfactory evidence to the Charter Schools Office Director by August 1, 2020 that a lease or purchase agreement has been negotiated that is acceptable to the Charter Schools Office Director.*
- 3. In the event that the Academy shall occupy the premises located at 3101 Carpenter, Hamtramck, Michigan, and such location is appropriately secured in accordance with items 1 and 2 above, the Academy must provide satisfactory evidence to the Director of FSU Charter Schools that the site complies with the provision of the existing “Terms and Conditions of Contact” that requires compliance with “Environmental Law,” meaning any federal, State or local law, statute, ordinance, or regulation pertaining to health, industrial hygiene, or the environmental conditions of, under, or about the building including without limitation the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, Liability Act of 1980 (“CERCLA”), as amended, 41 U.S.C. Section 9601, et. seq., and the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (“RCRA”), 42 U.S.C. Section 6901, et. seq.*
- 4. The Academy must provide satisfactory evidence to the Charter Schools Office Director by August 1, 2020, that the Academy has developed appropriate curriculum for all grade levels*

and that the Academy’s Board of Directors has reviewed and adopted said curriculum for those grades that are housed and taught at the Academy during the 2020-2021 academic year and subsequent years.

5. *The Academy may enroll only grades 9–12 at the proposed facility and may not change the grade configuration without the prior written approval of the Charter Schools Office Director.*

AND IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

1. *The contract extension between Bridge Academy (the “Academy”) and the Ferris State University Board of Trustees (the “University Board”) for a term ending on June 30, 2027, is approved contingent upon the Academy Board approving the New Charter Contract (including without limitation the Terms and Conditions and all of the Schedules incorporated therein) and its execution, delivery and filing of the same in the name of and on behalf of the Academy.*

The University Board establishes the method of selection, length of term, number of members, qualification of members, the procedure for removal of members, and other matters pertaining to the Academy’s Board of Directors, as follows:

a. *Method of Selection. The University Board shall prescribe the methods of appointment for members of the Academy Board. Ferris State University’s Director of Charter Schools (“CSO Director”) is authorized to administer the University Board’s academy board selection and appointment process (including a Public School Academy Board Member Questionnaire or School of Excellence Board Member Questionnaire or Strict Discipline Academy Board Member Questionnaire, as applicable, and required background checks), as provided below:*

1. *The University Board shall appoint initial and subsequent members of the Academy Board of Directors by formal resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph (4) of this subparagraph (a). The CSO Director shall recommend nominees to the University Board based upon a review of the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire, required background checks and each nominee’s resume. Each nominee shall be available for interview by the University Board or the CSO Director. The University Board may reject any or all Academy Board nominees.*
2. *The Academy Board shall be provided an opportunity to nominate its subsequent members, by resolution and majority vote, except as provided herein. The Academy Board shall recommend at least one nominee for each vacancy. The Academy Board’s nominees shall submit the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire for review by the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (“CSO”). If the University Board elects not to appoint any of the Academy Board’s nominees for a vacant position on the Academy Board or elects to make its own nomination(s), it may nominate and appoint an Academy Board member of its own choosing for that vacant position, or it may request additional nominees from the Academy Board.*
3. *An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of the term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.*
4. *Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board’s Chair, the CSO Director may appoint a qualified individual to the Academy Board. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at*

its next regularly scheduled formal session. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under the exigent conditions provision.

b. Length of Term. Each member of the Academy Board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. The initial terms of the members of the Academy Board shall be staggered in a manner determined by the CSO Director, but no individual member's term shall exceed a period of four (4) years. The subsequent term of each member of the Academy Board shall be for a period of four (4) years. The terms for each position shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of the pertinent year.

c. Number of Directors. The number of board member positions on the Academy's Board of Directors shall be seven (7). The number of board member positions shall never be fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7), as determined from time to time by the University Board. If the Academy Board fails to attain or maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the University Board or the CSO Director, may deem that failure an exigent condition.

A vacancy may be left on the initial Academy Board for a parent or guardian representative to allow sufficient time for the Academy Board to interview and identify potential nominees.

d. Qualifications of Members. To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall, among other things: (1) be a citizen of the United States; (2) be a resident of the State of Michigan; (3) submit all materials requested by the CSO including, but not limited to, the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire which must include authorization to process a criminal background check of the nominee; and (d) submit annually a conflicts of interest disclosure as prescribed by the CSO.

The Academy Board shall include as a member (1) at least one parent or guardian of a child attending the Academy; and (2) one professional educator, preferably a person with school administrative experience. The Academy Board shall include representation from the local community in which the Academy serves.

The members of the Academy Board shall not include (1) any member appointed or controlled by another profit or non-profit corporation; (2) Academy employees or independent contractors performing services for the Academy; (3) any current or former director, officer, or employee of an educational management company that contracts with the Academy; and (4) Ferris State University officials or employees.

e. Oath. Before beginning his/her service, each member of the Academy Board shall take and sign the constitutional oath of office before a justice, judge, or clerk of a court, or before a notary public. The Academy shall cause a copy of such oath of office to be filed with the CSO. No appointment shall be effective prior to the taking, signing and filing of the oath of public office.

f. Removal of Members. The University Board may remove an Academy Board member with or without cause at any time by notifying the affected Academy Board member. The notice shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. Any Academy Board member may also be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy Board for cause.

With the approval of the University Board Chair, the CSO Director may suspend an Academy Board member's service, if in his/her judgment the member's continued presence would constitute

a risk to persons or property, or would seriously impair the operations of the Academy. Any suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspension made under this provision.

g. Tenure. Each member of the Academy Board shall hold office until such member's replacement, death, resignation, removal or until the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.

h. Resignation. Any member of the Academy Board may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Academy or the CSO. Notice of resignation will be effective upon receipt or at a subsequent time designated in the notice. Any Academy board member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Academy board meetings may, at the option of the Academy Board, the University Board, or the CSO Director, be deemed to have resigned, effective at a time designated in a written notice sent to the resigning Academy board member. A successor shall be appointed as provided by the method of selection adopted by the University Board.

i. Board Vacancies. An Academy Board vacancy shall occur because of death, resignation, removal, failure to maintain United States citizenship or residency in the State of Michigan, disqualification, enlargement of the Academy Board, or as specified in the Code.

j. Compensation. An Academy Board member shall serve as a volunteer director and without compensation for his/her services. By resolution of the Academy Board, the Academy Board members may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incidental to their duties as an Academy Board member.

k. Current Members of the Board of Directors. The University Board re-confirms the appointments of the following persons to their existing terms set forth below as members of the Academy's Board of Directors:

*Jamal Aljahmi
6906 Oakman Boulevard
Dearborn, MI 48126
Term Ending: June 30, 2022*

*Abdulraqib Nagi Anakeeb
4012 Oliver Street
Detroit, MI 48211
Term Ending: June 30, 2023*

*Ahmad Tousis
2240 E. Maple Road
Troy, MI 48083
Term Ending: June 30, 2020*

*Fahmi Husain
3880 Edwin Street
Hamtramck, MI 48212
Term Ending: June 30, 2021*

*Toyab Al-Bari
12610 Gallagher Street
Detroit, MI 48212
Term Ending: June 30, 2023*

*Vacant

Term Ending: June 30, 2020*

*Vacant

Term Ending: June 30, 2021*

1. *The University Board hereby approves the New Charter Contract in substantially the form provided to the University Board in connection with its consideration of this Contract Extension Resolution, and upon being presented with the counterpart of the same that has been fully executed by a duly authorized representative of the Academy Board in its name and on its behalf, the President of the University, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the same in the name of and on behalf of the University Board, and the New Charter Contract shall thereupon take immediate effect and supersede and replace the Original Charter Contract in all respects.”*

4c. New Hope Public School Academy – Contract Extension

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

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the Ferris State University Board of Trustees (the “University Board”) granted conditional approval to a Resolution (the “Initial Resolution”) dated October 5, 2018, for New Hope Public School Academy (the “Academy”), which conditionally authorized the execution of a contract with the Academy to charter an academy (“Original Charter Contract”) and conditionally authorized the Chairperson of the University Board to execute the Original Charter Contract between the Academy and the University Board; and,

WHEREAS, the academy is to be located in the Samaritas Center in Saginaw, Michigan where for over 70 years the Center has provided 20,000 meals annually, afterschool programs, tutoring, and onsite sports programs along with a wide variety of human services. In addition, the Center hosts programs sponsored and supported by the United Way, AmeriCorps and the Saginaw Community Action Committee; and,

WHEREAS, the Center has numerous classrooms, computer lab, kitchen, storage, gymnasium and office areas with a plan to renovate the facility to support both the Center and Academy; and,

WHEREAS, Samaritas and the Board of Directors of New Hope Public School Academy embarked on a \$1.26M capital campaign to fund the project instead of assuming debt for the renovations; and,

WHEREAS, by the spring of 2019 the capital campaign had not generate the needed funds for the renovations in time for the Academy to open in the fall of 2019; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Charter Contract the FSU Charter Schools Office (CSO) Director extended the opening of the Academy for one year with the understanding the Academy would open in the fall of 2020; and,

WHEREAS, in the spring of 2019 the CSO Director was informed by Samaritas that the capital campaign had not met its capital campaign goal to begin and complete renovations in time for the Academy to open in the fall of 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the CSO Director met with the Michigan Samaritas CEO to review the capital campaign and financial restructuring of Samaritas which will result in the funds necessary for the building renovations in time for the Academy to open in the fall of 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the CSO requests the University Board to extend the 2018-2023 Charter Contract for three years to allow building renovations and the Academy to open in the fall of 2021 with the stipulation that in the event the Academy does not open in the fall of 2021 the Charter Contract shall be rescinded by the University Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The contract extension between New Hope Public School Academy (the “Academy”) and the Ferris State University Board of Trustees (the “University Board”) for a term ending on June 30, 2026, is approved contingent upon the Academy Board approving the New Charter Contract (including without limitation the Terms and Conditions and all of the Schedules incorporated therein) and its execution, delivery and filing of the same in the name of and on behalf of the Academy.*

The University Board establishes the method of selection, length of term, number of members, qualification of members, the procedure for removal of members, and other matters pertaining to the Academy’s Board of Directors, as follows:

a. Method of Selection. The University Board shall prescribe the methods of appointment for members of the Academy Board. Ferris State University’s Director of Charter Schools (“CSO Director”) is authorized to administer the University Board’s academy board selection and appointment process (including a Public School Academy Board Member Questionnaire or School of Excellence Board Member Questionnaire or Strict Discipline Academy Board Member Questionnaire, as applicable, and required background checks), as provided below:

- 1. The University Board shall appoint initial and subsequent members of the Academy Board of Directors by formal resolution, except as prescribed by subparagraph (4) of this subparagraph (a). The CSO Director shall recommend nominees to the University Board based upon a review of the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire, required background checks and each nominee’s resume. Each nominee shall be available for interview by the University Board or the CSO Director. The University Board may reject any or all Academy Board nominees.*
- 2. The Academy Board shall be provided an opportunity to nominate its subsequent members, by resolution and majority vote, except as provided herein. The Academy Board shall recommend at least one nominee for each vacancy. The Academy Board’s nominees shall submit the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire for review by the Ferris State University Charter Schools Office (“CSO”). If the University Board elects not to appoint any of the Academy Board’s nominees for a vacant position on the Academy Board or elects to make its own nomination(s), it may nominate and appoint an Academy Board member of its own choosing for that vacant position, or it may request additional nominees from the Academy Board.*
- 3. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy created other than by expiration of the term shall be appointed for the unexpired term of that vacant position.*
- 4. Under exigent conditions, and with the approval of the University Board’s Chair, the CSO Director may appoint a qualified individual to the Academy Board. All appointments made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled formal session. The University Board reserves the right to*

review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any appointments made under the exigent conditions provision.

b. Length of Term. Each member of the Academy Board shall serve at the pleasure of the University Board. The initial terms of the members of the Academy Board shall be staggered in a manner determined by the CSO Director, but no individual member's term shall exceed a period of four (4) years. The subsequent term of each member of the Academy Board shall be for a period of four (4) years. The terms for each position shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of the pertinent year.

c. Number of Directors. The number of board member positions on the Academy's Board of Directors shall be seven (7). The number of board member positions shall never be fewer than five (5) nor more than seven (7), as determined from time to time by the University Board. If the Academy Board fails to attain or maintain its full membership by making appropriate and timely nominations, the University Board or the CSO Director, may deem that failure an exigent condition.

A vacancy may be left on the initial Academy Board for a parent or guardian representative to allow sufficient time for the Academy Board to interview and identify potential nominees.

d. Qualifications of Members. To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall, among other things: (1) be a citizen of the United States; (2) be a resident of the State of Michigan; (3) submit all materials requested by the CSO including, but not limited to, the applicable Academy Board Member Questionnaire which must include authorization to process a criminal background check of the nominee; and (d) submit annually a conflicts of interest disclosure as prescribed by the CSO.

The Academy Board shall include as a member (1) at least one parent or guardian of a child attending the Academy; and (2) one professional educator, preferably a person with school administrative experience. The Academy Board shall include representation from the local community in which the Academy serves.

The members of the Academy Board shall not include (1) any member appointed or controlled by another profit or non-profit corporation; (2) Academy employees or independent contractors performing services for the Academy; (3) any current or former director, officer, or employee of an educational management company that contracts with the Academy; and (4) Ferris State University officials or employees.

e. Oath. Before beginning his/her service, each member of the Academy Board shall take and sign the constitutional oath of office before a justice, judge, or clerk of a court, or before a notary public. The Academy shall cause a copy of such oath of office to be filed with the CSO. No appointment shall be effective prior to the taking, signing and filing of the oath of public office.

f. Removal of Members. The University Board may remove an Academy Board member with or without cause at any time by notifying the affected Academy Board member. The notice shall specify the date when the Academy Board member's service ends. Any Academy Board member may also be removed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy Board for cause.

With the approval of the University Board Chair, the CSO Director may suspend an Academy Board member's service, if in his/her judgment the member's continued presence would constitute a risk to persons or property, or would seriously impair the operations of the Academy. Any

suspension made under this provision must be presented to the University Board for final determination at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The University Board reserves the right to review, rescind, modify, ratify, or approve any suspension made under this provision.

g. Tenure. Each member of the Academy Board shall hold office until such member's replacement, death, resignation, removal or until the expiration of the term, whichever occurs first.

h. Resignation. Any member of the Academy Board may resign at any time by providing written notice to the Academy or the CSO. Notice of resignation will be effective upon receipt or at a subsequent time designated in the notice. Any Academy board member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive Academy board meetings may, at the option of the Academy Board, the University Board, or the CSO Director, be deemed to have resigned, effective at a time designated in a written notice sent to the resigning Academy board member. A successor shall be appointed as provided by the method of selection adopted by the University Board.

i. Board Vacancies. An Academy Board vacancy shall occur because of death, resignation, removal, failure to maintain United States citizenship or residency in the State of Michigan, disqualification, enlargement of the Academy Board, or as specified in the Code.

j. Compensation. An Academy Board member shall serve as a volunteer director and without compensation for his/her services. By resolution of the Academy Board, the Academy Board members may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses incidental to their duties as an Academy Board member.

k. Current Members of the Board of Directors. The University Board re-confirms the appointments of the following persons to their existing terms set forth below as members of the Academy's Board of Directors:

*Susan Hand
3690 North Sturgeon Road
Midland, MI 48642
Term Ending: June 30, 2022*

*John Nelson
1991 South Graham Road
Saginaw, MI 48609
Term Ending: June 30, 2021*

*Rudi Nitschmann
5564 Gaertner Court
Bay City, MI 48706
Term Ending: June 30, 2021*

*Cal Talley
PO Box 6354
Saginaw, MI 48638
Term Ending: June 30, 2022*

*Kristi Flora
2308 North Mason
Saginaw, MI 48602
Term Ending: June 30, 2022*

*Vacant

Term Ending: June 30, 2020*

*Vacant

Term Ending: June 30, 2021*

- 2. The University Board hereby approves the New Charter Contract in substantially the form provided to the University Board in connection with its consideration of this Contract Extension*

Resolution, and upon being presented with the counterpart of the same that has been fully executed by a duly authorized representative of the Academy Board in its name and on its behalf, the President of the University, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute the same in the name of and on behalf of the University Board, and the New Charter Contract shall thereupon take immediate effect and supersede and replace the Original Charter Contract in all respects.”

4d. New Degree: Associate in Fine Arts in Design Studies at Kendall College of Art and Design

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

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University currently offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees in the fields of design, art, art education, and art history; and,

WHEREAS, KCAD offers one advanced studies certificate in Visual and Critical Studies. KCAD also provides courses on the KCAD campus that support the university’s College of Business advanced studies Certificate in Design and Innovation Management; and,

WHEREAS, the college seeks to further diversify its program offerings with the goal of attracting a new untapped market of students who would directly benefit from the opportunity to complete an Associate in Fine Arts in Design Studies degree at KCAD; and,

WHEREAS, the proposing faculty have reviewed other programs across the state of Michigan and feel that with the established dual enrollment programs of KCAD, Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Community College the proposed Associate in Fine Arts in Design Studies degree may be a natural next step to college; and,

WHEREAS, the Associate in Fine Arts in Design Studies program and curriculum have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the KCAD College Senate, the KCAD Dean of Academic Affairs, the KCAD President and the Ferris State University President’s Council; and,

WHEREAS, the University will file the appropriate documents with the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and to the President’s Council of the State Universities of Michigan, initiating the process of accrediting the new degree, contingent upon Board of Trustees approval; and,

WHEREAS, it is the University’s intent to begin enrolling students in the Associate in Fine Arts in Design Studies degree program beginning with Fall Semester 2020; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees’ approval is required to establish this new degree program, pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs – Programming Responsibilities policy, Section 3-201(1); and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the establishment of the Associate in Fine Arts in Design Studies degree at Kendall College of Art and Design, in accordance with Board-Approved Policy, Academic Affairs—Academic Programming

Responsibilities, and contingent upon fulfillment of the requirements of the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and the President’s Council of the State Universities of Michigan, as of the Fall Semester 2020.

WHEREAS, Kendall College of Art and Design will not advertise this degree, offer it, nor publicize it in any form until the appropriate approvals are in place.”

4e. New Board-Approved Sites for Degree Delivery

It was moved by Trustee Hegbloom, supported by Trustee Srivastava, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following two (2) Resolutions, as submitted on this date:

4e.1. Establishment of New Board-Approved Site for Degree Delivery – Kalamazoo Valley Community College

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the Office of Extended and International Operations of Ferris State University seeks to establish a new approved permanent (non-temporary) site at which the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Generalist will be offered; and,

WHEREAS, this proposal specifically requests approval for a site at Kalamazoo Valley Community College (KVCC) in Kalamazoo, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the request to establish a new permanent site at KVCC has been reviewed and approved by the Dean of Extended and International Operations and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the request was presented to the University Curriculum Committee as an informational item, in accordance with the University Curricular Actions and Approval Table; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees approval is required to establish a new site for degree delivery, pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs policy, Subpart 3-2 Programming Responsibilities, Section 3-201(3).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Ferris State University hereby approves Kalamazoo Valley Community College in Kalamazoo, Michigan as a new Board-Approved Site for degree delivery, as of Fall 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for the operations at this location will be provided from the Extended and International Operations annual operating budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs will approve the selection of existing programs to be delivered to this site.”

4e.2. Establishment of New Board-Approved Site for Degree Delivery – Lake Michigan College

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the Office of Extended and International Operations of Ferris State University seeks to establish a new approved permanent (non-temporary) site at which the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice Generalist will be offered; and,

WHEREAS, this proposal specifically requests approval for a site at Lake Michigan College (LMC) in Benton Harbor, Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the request to establish a new permanent site at LMC has been reviewed and approved by the Dean of Extended and International Operations and the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; and,

WHEREAS, the request was presented to the University Curriculum Committee as an informational item, in accordance with the University Curricular Actions and Approval Table; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees approval is required to establish a new site for degree delivery, pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs policy, Subpart 3-2 Programming Responsibilities, Section 3-201(3).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Ferris State University hereby approves Lake Michigan College in Benton Harbor, Michigan as a new Board-Approved Site for degree delivery, as of Fall 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for the operations at this location will be provided from the Extended and International Operations annual operating budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs will approve the selection of existing programs to be delivered to this site.”

4f. Sabbatical Leave Requests 2020-2021

It was moved by Trustee Hegbloom, supported by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, 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 Board of Trustees hereby approves the Sabbatical Leave Requests for Academic Year 2020-2021 as recommended by the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs and endorsed by the Board of Trustees’ Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee.”

4g. Naming of Room 109 in the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR

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

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, Pinnacle Construction Group has made a \$88,500.00 gift to The Ferris Foundation in support of the Construction Technology and Management program at Ferris State University; and,

WHEREAS, Pinnacle Construction Group is highly respected and recognized among construction industry professionals and clients, having received several awards of excellence from the Association of Builders and Contractors and the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce as its “Small Business of the Year;” and,

WHEREAS, company leadership has been supportive of hiring Ferris Construction Management graduates; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board-Approved FSU Code of Rules, Bylaw and Policies, Subpart Part 4-11, Naming of Buildings, Rooms and Areas, Section 4-1103, Rooms and Areas, President David L. Eisler hereby recommends that the classroom, Room 109, in the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR, be named the “Pinnacle Construction Group Classroom” in recognition of Pinnacle Construction Group’s generosity to the Construction Technology and Management program.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby determines, pursuant to Board-approved policy, Section 4-1103, that Pinnacle Construction Group is worthy of institutional tribute and approves President David L. Eisler’s recommendation to name the classroom, Room 109, in the Granger Center for Construction and HVACR, the “Pinnacle Construction Group Classroom,” effective immediately.”

4h. Memorandum of Understanding between Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Public Schools, Southwest Community Campus

It was moved by Trustee Gwizdala, supported by Trustee Hegbloom, 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 demonstrated its commitment to meeting the educational needs and aspirations of Grand Rapids and Grand Rapids Public Schools by investing in program expansion, as well as partnerships with GRPS and youth serving organizations in Grand Rapids; and,

WHEREAS, examples include the expansion of Kendall College of Art and Design, partnering in the creation of the Grand Rapids Public Museum School, Promesa Summer Success, and the Academy of Teaching and Learning at Innovation Central High School; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris is also partnering to expand the community development of the Roosevelt Park

neighborhood by engaging with the Plaza Roosevelt consortium; and,

WHEREAS, the delivery of key higher education programs and services in the neighborhood in collaboration and partnership with the Grand Rapids Public Schools District at the Southwest Community Campus Middle/High School is the next step in Ferris’s expanding commitment to the Grand Rapids community; and,

WHEREAS, President David L. Eisler is now recommending that the University enter into a proposed non-binding Memorandum of Understanding between Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Public Schools, Southwest Community Campus, providing details of the anticipated future collaboration with GRPS at its Southwest Community Campus Middle/High School, including a proposed lease of space from GRPS to house the University’s programs for the two year period ending June 30, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby approves President David L. Eisler’s recommended Memorandum of Understanding between Ferris State University and Grand Rapids Public Schools, Southwest Community Campus, as presented on this date, in accordance with Board-approved policies and the terms contained therein, including a proposed lease of space from GRPS to house the University’s programs for the two year period ending June 30, 2022.”

5. Hearing of the Public

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

6. President’s Report

President Eisler distributed materials to the Trustees. A copy of the materials are included in the official file for this meeting. The documents he referenced and comments included:

- A report from Professor Dan Wrubel on his services with VOSH (Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity). He leads a mission that goes to the island of Dominica. With a team of 33, they had 1,700 patient encounters and passed out 1,500 pairs of prescription eyeglasses for free.
- A review of the highlights of the latest report on the Now and Always Capital Campaign.
- An update on the Legislative Luncheon in Lansing, including highlights of the university and featured presentations provided there.
- A review of the presentation President Eisler will be providing to the Joint Capital Outlay Subcommittee regarding the Center for Virtual Learning.
- The revised core values and mission pamphlet.
- Promotional items designed by 160over90.
- The latest recruiting piece, which also includes the work of 160over90.
- QR Codes that lead to the virtual viewing of the proposed Center for Virtual Learning.
- Both the men’s and women’s basketball teams won their games last evening.

7. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Hegbloom provided comments on behalf of the Board of Trustees, including:

- We are extremely proud of the University.
- We appreciate the passion everyone has for the University.
- There are many ways the Trustees help the University
 - Focusing on the Strategic Plan and helping to move along the items and issues, and there has been a lot of progress there.
 - Taking steps to move the University forward by utilizing new tools for recruitment and marketing.
 - Upgrading facilities, such as the College of Pharmacy, toured earlier today.
 - The Center for Virtual Learning will be another tool, as we continue to move forward, which will make a difference and will continue to put Ferris above the rest.
- As we step back and look at how proud we are and the support we can give, it is these types of initiatives that are so exciting as we look into the future.
- Kendall's new associate degree will be one of the only design curriculums in the country that offers this approach. It gives us something unique.
- We have 93 program updates we are working on as we continue to drive change as we move forward.

8. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled full Board meeting will be held on Friday, May 8, 2020 in Big Rapids.

9. Adjournment

At 11:54 a.m. it was moved by Trustee Hofman, supported by Trustee Sederburg, and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned.

Submitted by:

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

May 8, 2020