

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 19, 2021
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Special Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 by web and teleconference. Chair Amna P. Seibold called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. In addition to Chair Seibold the following individuals were present: Trustees George K. Heartwell, Kurt A. Hofman, Ana L. Ramirez-Saenz, Kari L. Sederburg, Ronald E. Snead, and Rupesh K. Srivastava; University President David L. Eisler; Vice President James E. Bachmeier, Board Counsel Frederic N. Goldberg; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman; FSU Associate Vice President for Physical Plant Michael Hughes; and FSU Senior Project Manager Joseph Haupt. Trustee LaShanda R. Thomas was absent.

2. Hearing of the Public

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

3a. Revised Budget and Scope for the Center for Athletic Performance

Vice President Bachmeier, Associate Vice President Hughes and Senior Project Manager Haupt provided additional information regarding this item. It was then moved by Trustee Heartwell, supported by Trustee Hofman, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the current campus Master Plan includes the Ewigleben Sports Complex Partial Renovation and Addition project; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration completed preliminary planning in 2015 for this project, which is now referred to as the Center for Athletic Performance (CAP); and,

WHEREAS, the project moved into a fundraising mode which is currently ongoing; and,

WHEREAS, the current facility is outdated and dysfunctional in many ways, has circulation, ADA, and HVAC concerns, and has a current weight room that is smaller and more modest than many high school facilities across the State of Michigan; and,

WHEREAS, the significant scope elements of this project include:

- *Strength and conditioning space and related support areas;*
- *Renovations to a number of the outdated locker rooms and to make appropriate*

- improvements in support of our gender equity initiatives;*
- *Enlarge the volleyball arena so that our very competitive, and often nationally ranked, volleyball program can host NCAA post-season games when they earn the right to host;*
 - *A new entrance connector on the southeast side of the Sports Complex that would resolve ADA issues, improving pedestrian flow inside the building, and allow users to pass from the Wink Arena side of the facility to the sports complex side without going outdoors, or without passing through the ice arena;*
 - *Address HVAC concerns; and,*
 - *Add appropriate meeting space that can accommodate a variety of team sizes.*

WHEREAS, the proposed schedule for this project calls for completing the design and bidding in May/June 2021, while the fundraising efforts continue with a planned substantial completion of the renovation construction project in July 2022; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration is recommending the new design concept be approved and the previously approved budget be revised to a not to exceed amount of \$15,300,000; 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.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Vice President for Administration and Finance, or his designee, 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, and the acquisition of furniture, fixtures and equipment, at a revised total project cost not to exceed \$15,300,000.00, inclusive of monies already expended.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funding for this project is anticipated to include \$6,900,000 from currently committed gifts, pledges and University funds set aside for this project and \$8,400,000 from bond 2019 proceeds, for a combined revised total project cost not to exceed \$15,300,000.00.”

3b. Razing of Vandercook and Taggart Residence Halls

Vice President Bachmeier provided an overview of this item. It was then moved by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, supported by Trustee Snead, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, the University administration has determined Vandercook and Taggart Halls are beyond their service life, have significant capital renewal and deferred maintenance needs, and no longer meet the programmatic and functional expectations of students; and,

WHEREAS, Vandercook Hall is located on the site planned for the new Center for Virtual Learning Center and has been targeted in the campus facilities master plan for demolition and redevelopment; and,

WHEREAS, the plan is to conduct this demolition and site restoration work during the summer of 2021; 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 capital construction and professional services contracts.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Vice President for Administration and Finance or his designee, is hereby authorized to proceed with the retention of necessary professional, construction and other services required for the razing of Vandercook and Taggart Residence Halls, including necessary site restoration, utility infrastructure and associated systems modifications as required, including the negotiation of, and entering into contracts, upon legal review in accordance with Board-approved policies, at a total project cost not to exceed \$2,000,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this project will be provided from Central University Funds.”

4. Hearing of the Public

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

5. Adjournment

At 11:24 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

February 19, 2021