

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Tuesday, June 21, 2022
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Special Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 by web and teleconference. Chair Amna P. Seibold called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. In addition to Chair Seibold the following individuals were present: Trustees George K. Heartwell, Kurt A. Hofman, Ana L. Ramirez-Saenz, Ronald E. Snead, and LaShanda R. Thomas; University President David L. Eisler; Provost and Vice President Bobby Fleischman; Vice Presidents Jim Bachmeier, David Pilgrim, Shelly Percy, and Jeanine Ward-Roof; Vice President and General Counsel Miles Postema; Kendall College of Art and Design President Tara McCrackin; Board Counsel Frederic N. Goldberg; and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman. Trustee Rupesh K. Srivastava was absent with prior notification.

2. Hearing of the Public

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

3a. FY2022-2023 Preliminary General Fund Operating Budget, including Tuition and Fees

President Eisler provided additional information regarding this item. It was then moved by Trustee Heartwell, supported by Trustee Thomas, 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 FY2022-2023 Preliminary General Fund Operating Budget is approved as submitted on this date."

3b. Real Estate Broker for 2 Fulton Street West, Grand Rapids

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

RESOLUTION

"WHEREAS, University Board of Trustee's passed a resolution on June 17, 2020 to move the Urban Institute for Contemporary Arts (UICA) operation into the Woodbridge Ferris Building in Grand Rapids and to sell the building housing the UICA, located at 2 Fulton Street West in Grand Rapids; and,

WHEREAS, the University Administration used a request for proposal (RFP) process to identify the best cost savings for the University; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration approved a resolution on October 2, 2020 authorizing the real estate firm of Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) as the commercial realtor specializing in the marketing and sale of the 2 Fulton Street West, Grand Rapids property as a partner to assist in the process; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration has determined a change in brokers would be beneficial to the University at this time and recommends Pure Real Estate Brokerage, a firm who was part of the original RFP process; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees' approval to move forward with this change in real estate/brokerage firms is required pursuant to Board-approved Purchasing Policy, section 4-205, Matters Reserved to the Board as it relates to professional services contracts and pursuant to Board-approved Administration and Finance policy, section 4-901, Review of Properties Proposed for Disposal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Vice President of Administration and Finance, is hereby authorized to change brokerage firms from Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL) to Pure Real Estate Brokerage to secure offers to purchase the property located at 2 Fulton Street West in Grand Rapids, subject to the appropriate listing exclusions, with the listing price to be determined by the Vice President for Administration and Finance in consultation with the University's appraiser and Pure Real Estate Brokerage, except that the listing price shall not be less than the fair market value of the property as determined by the appraisal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Vice President of Administration & Finance will seek approval from the Board of Trustees at a future meeting prior to acceptance of any offer to purchase the property and close the transaction.”

3c. Professional Search Services for Non-Academic Management Positions

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, the University periodically utilizes the assistance of a professional search firm to assist in the process of creating an expanded pool of quality applicants insure the University's successful search; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration has reviewed the services of Academic Search, Inc. and Harris Search Associates and wishes to enter into agreements with these firms based upon their services meeting the needs of the University; and,

WHEREAS, the Administration has reflected on the potential need for these services over the next two years through fiscal year 2024 and is recommending the retention of Academic Search, Inc., and Harris Search Associates; and,

WHEREAS, Board approval is required to authorize the Administration to enter into an agreement with each of this firm individually, 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 his designee is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into agreements with Academic Search, Inc. and Harris Search Associates, through Fiscal Year 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the cost for the professional services will be charged to the division, college, or unit budget where the position is located and are not expected to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year, including both firms, for these non-academic search services.”

3d. Jim Crow Museum Traveling Exhibit

Vice President Pilgrim provided an overview of this item. It was then moved by Trustee Thomas, 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, Ferris State University’s Jim Crow Museum serves as a critical resource in establishing the University’s commitment to diversity and to educating students to be critical thinkers, was conceived as a learning laboratory to discuss local and national problems relating to racism and stereotyping, supports the University’s direction to be a learning-centered institution, and pursues strategies for working together in support of the University’s work to enhance collaboration and tolerance; and,

WHEREAS, the museum brings positive national and international attention to the University; and,

WHEREAS, the traveling exhibit will be a vital asset in the fundraising campaign as well as increase the reach and impact of the Museum; and,

WHEREAS, the project strongly supports the Ferris State University mission to prepare students for responsible citizenship in a changing global economy and society, as well as our stated core values of Collaboration, Diversity, Ethical Community, Excellence, Learning, and Opportunity through its mission “to use objects of intolerance to teach tolerance and promote social justice”; and,

WHEREAS, the project will further the goals of the University in developing the Jim Crow Museum and Ferris State University as a world-class teaching tool accessible to the public in as many ways as possible; and,

WHEREAS, as the campaign began, donors, champions, university staff, and stakeholders determined a traveling exhibit was the best way to promote the educational mission and fundraising campaign of the new facility; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees approval to move forward with the development and employment of the Jim Crow Museum traveling exhibit is required pursuant to Board-approved Purchasing policy, Section 4-205, Matters Reserved to the Board, as it relates to fabrication, 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 procurement of necessary professional design, fabrication, and employment of the Jim Crow Museum Traveling Exhibit, including the negotiation of and entering into contracts, upon legal review and in accordance with Board-approved policies, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this project will be provided from a donor contribution of \$500,000 and University development funds of \$500,000.”

Trustee LaShanda R. Thomas left the meeting.

3e. Michigan Department of Health & Human Services - CHARM Grant Approval

Provost and Vice President Fleischman provided an overview of this item. It was then 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, on May 16, 2022, Ferris State University was notified by the Surveillance for Healthcare-Associated and Resistant Pathogens (SHAR) Unit of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), that it was approved for funding up to a total amount of \$611,929.80, for the “Collaboration to Harmonize Antimicrobial Registry Measures (CHARM)” project; and,

WHEREAS, the CHARM project will provide financial support to: (1) Establish infrastructure at Ferris to support the growth of CHARM, (2) Expand CHARM into outpatient facilities to implement tracking and reporting core elements of antimicrobial stewardship, and (3) Develop an up-to-date and accessible statewide dashboard that will contain information on prescribing and disparities; and,

WHEREAS, the CHARM project total estimated project cost is \$611,929.80 over FY22-FY24, and does not require any University matching funds; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees' approval to accept this grant is required pursuant to Board-approved Contracting policy, section 4-103, Delegation of Authority by the Board, as it relates to approval of grant awards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the MDHHS CHARM Program Grant Award in the amount of \$611,920.80 and authorizes President David L. Eisler, or his designee, to administer the grant award, in accordance with the provisions of the grant and any applicable Board policies.”

3f. Michigan Department of Health & Human Services SARS-CoV-2 Epidemiology Wastewater Evaluation Grant Approval

It was 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, on May 25, 2021, Ferris State University was notified by Dr. Susan Peters, from the Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases Section of the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS), that it was selected for funding in FY21-FY23 in the amount of \$1,831,851.00, for the “SARS-CoV-2 Epidemiology – Wastewater Evaluation and Reporting (SEWER) Network” project; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this project is provided by the Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) Enhancing Detection Expansion grant supported through the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (P.L. 116-260); and,

WHEREAS, The University was funded for the amount of \$470,518 from June 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The MDHHS has conditionally approved funding estimates of \$749,051 for October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 and \$612,282 for October 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023. The project began June 1, 2021 and will end July 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the SARS-CoV-2 Epidemiology – Wastewater Evaluation and Reporting (SEWER) Network program total estimated project cost is \$1,831,851 over FY21-FY23, and does not require any University matching funds and Board approval is required to accept the MDHHS SARS-CoV-2 Epidemiology – Wastewater Evaluation and Reporting (SEWER) Network project grant; and,

WHEREAS, Board of Trustees' approval to accept this grant is required pursuant to Board-approved Contracting policy, section 4-103, Delegation of Authority by the Board, as it relates to approval of grant awards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the MDHHS SEWER Program Grant Award in the amount of \$\$1,831,851.00 and authorizes President David L. Eisler, or his designee, to administer the grant award, in accordance with the provisions of the grant and any applicable Board policies.”

4. Hearing of the Public

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

5. Adjournment

At 10:40 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees: October 7, 2022