

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Wednesday, June 29, 2022
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Special Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 by web and teleconference. Chair Amna P. Seibold called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. In addition to Chair Seibold the following individuals were present: Trustees George K. Heartwell, Kurt A. Hofman, Ana L. Ramirez-Saenz, and Ronald E. Snead; 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; and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman. Trustees Rupesh K. Srivastava and LaShanda R. Thomas were absent with prior notification.

2. Hearing of the Public

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

3a. Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreements, POLC Units I and II

Vice President and General Counsel Postema provided additional information regarding this item. It was then moved by Trustee Snead, supported by Trustee Heartwell, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following Resolutions, as submitted on this date:

RESOLUTIONS

“RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves and ratifies the collective bargaining agreement tentatively agreed to on June 22, 2022 between the Ferris State University Board of Trustees and Unit I, non-supervisory Ferris State Public Safety Officers, affiliated with the Police Officers Labor Council. This agreement is in effect from the date of ratification by both parties until 11:59 p.m., June 30, 2027.

RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves and ratifies the collective bargaining agreement tentatively agreed to on June 23, 2022 between the Ferris State University Board of Trustees and Unit II, supervisory Ferris State Public Safety Officers, affiliated with the Police Officers Labor Council. This agreement is in effect from the date of ratification by both parties until 11:59 p.m., June 30, 2027.”

3b. Naming of the University Center

Chair Seibold provided an overview of 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, David L. Eisler has served as president of Ferris State University for nineteen years, making him the longest serving president among Michigan’s 15 public universities; and

WHEREAS, President Eisler was instrumental in the development of much of the University’s infrastructure through his successful leadership and stewardship of more than \$400 million in construction projects throughout his tenure; and

WHEREAS, President Eisler successfully led the University’s first-ever comprehensive campaign, exceeding the initial goal of \$80 million and raising more than \$125 million ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife, Patsy, created an endowment for the Ferris Youth Initiative which supports students who have aged out of foster care and are attending Ferris State University, and for many years has engaged with the legislature, demonstrating the importance of the Tuition Incentive Program, effectively securing full funding for this program and changing the trajectory of thousands of students’ lives; and

WHEREAS, over the years he has worked tirelessly to ensure a Ferris education is accessible and affordable for students, making Ferris the fourth-lowest among Michigan’s 15 public universities in terms of net price, thereby reducing the average debt for graduates, which is the lowest it has been in a decade; and

WHEREAS, President Eisler has been a constant champion for diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives on campus, creating the Office of Diversity and Inclusion in 2007, the Center for Latin@ Studies in 2012, and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center in 2018; and

WHEREAS, his passion for service to others, and his deep commitment to the mission, vision and values of the University has propelled Ferris State University forward to new heights, creating infinite opportunities for students in Big Rapids, Grand Rapids and beyond.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the Board-Approved FSU Code of Rules, Bylaws and Policies, Subpart Part 4-11, Naming of Buildings, Rooms and Areas, that the Board of Trustees hereby determines that David L. Eisler is worthy of institutional tribute and approves the naming of the University Center in his honor as the “David L. Eisler Center,” effective immediately.”

4. Hearing of the Public

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

5. Adjournment

At 10:14 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