

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Ferris State University Board of Trustees  
Held on Friday, February 16, 2024  
Detroit, Michigan

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Regular Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Friday, February 16, 2024 in the Westin Book Cadillac, 1114 Washington Blvd, Detroit, Michigan. Chair LaShanda R. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. In addition to Chair Thomas, the following individuals were present: Trustees Michael B. Fisher, George K. Heartwell, Kurt A. Hofman, Michael D. Ryan, Ronald E. Snead, and Vivian TerMaat; University President Bill Pink; Provost and Vice President Bobby Fleischman; University Vice Presidents Daniel Eichinger, Amanda M. Matheson, Kathy K. Mullins, David Pilgrim and Jeanine Ward-Roof; Vice President and General Counsel Miles J. Postema; President of Kendall College of Art and Design Tara E. McCrackin; Board Counsel Mark E. Nettleton; Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman; and members of the University and area communities. Trustee Anna P. Seibold was absent with prior notification.

2. Hearing of the Public

No requests had been made to address the Board.

3. Administrative Reports

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

- a. Student Government – Submitted written report prior to meeting, was not in attendance.
- b. Academic Senate – Emmanuel Jadhav, Academic Senate President, provided a brief overview of his report. Trustee Ryan congratulated the Senate for their work on scholarships.
- c. Finance – Vice President Matheson provided a brief overview of the items being presented today.
- d. Legislative Update – Vice President Eichinger provided information in addition to his written report.
- e. Strategic Plan Update – Vice President Pilgrim provided a brief update and distributed the *2024-2027 Strategic Plan – Ferris Forward: Relevant and Responsive*

4a. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Trustee Snead, supported by Trustee Fisher, 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 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 14, 2023*
  - 2. Personnel Items*
  - 3. Appointments and Reappointments to the Boards of Directors of FSU-Authorized Charter School Academies*
  - 4. Charter School Academy Reauthorizations*
    - i. Benton Harbor Charter School Academy*
    - ii. Hope of Detroit Academy*
    - iii. New Bedford Academy”*

### 4b. Sabbatical Leave Requests, Academic Year 2024-2025

It was moved by Trustee Snead, supported by Trustee Ryan, 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 (17) Sabbatical Leave Requests for Academic Year 2024-2025 as presented and endorsed by the Board of Trustees’ Academic Affairs/Student Affairs Committee.”*

### 4c. Degree Program Changes

It was moved by Trustee Snead, supported by Trustee Fisher, and unanimously carried that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the following three (3) Resolutions, as submitted on this date:

- 4c.1. New Degree Program: Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences

## RESOLUTION

*“WHEREAS, the College of Pharmacy proposes the establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program; and,*

*WHEREAS, the proposed establishment of the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the University Curriculum Committee, the Academic Senate, the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the University President; and,*

*WHEREAS, Board of Trustees' approval is required for this action, pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs – Programming Responsibilities policy, Section 3-201(1), as it relates to the inauguration of a new degree program.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the recommendation of the University President that the Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences degree program be established and implemented for the Fall 2024 semester."*

#### **4c.2. Degree Program Changes in the College of Engineering Technology**

### **RESOLUTION**

*"WHEREAS, the College of Engineering Technology proposes the elimination of the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Electronics Technology and Bachelor of Science in Electrical-Electronics Engineering Technology degree programs; and,*

*WHEREAS, the College of Engineering Technology proposes the establishment of the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Electronics Engineering Technology and Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Automation Engineering Technology degree programs; and,*

*WHEREAS, the degree programs proposed for elimination have suspended admissions and have implemented teach-out plans; and,*

*WHEREAS, the degree programs proposed for elimination and those proposed for creation have been reviewed and recommended for approval by the University Curriculum Committee, the Academic Senate, the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the University President; and,*

*WHEREAS, Board of Trustees' approval is required, pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs – Programming Responsibilities policy, Section 3-201(2), as it relates to the elimination of the existing degree programs, and pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs – Programming Responsibilities policy, Section 3-201 (1), as it relates to the inauguration of new degree programs,*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the recommendation of the University President that the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Electronics Technology and Bachelor of Science in Electrical-Electronics Engineering Technology degree programs be eliminated, as of September 30, 2024, and the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Electronics Engineering Technology and Bachelor of Science in Electronics and Automation Engineering Technology degree programs be established and implemented, as of the Fall 2024 semester.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs that no additional students shall henceforth be admitted to the Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Electronics*

*Technology and Bachelor of Science in Electrical-Electronics Engineering Technology degree programs, and that arrangements have been made for the timely completion of the programs by students currently enrolled, all in accordance with applicable Board-approved policies and any pertinent provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement between the University and the Ferris Faculty Association, MEA/NEA.”*

- 4c.3. Elimination of Degree Program: Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies at Kendall College of Art and Design

### **RESOLUTION**

*“WHEREAS, Kendall College of Art and Design of Ferris State University proposes the closure of the Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies; and,*

*WHEREAS, after studying enrollment trends, evaluating workplace needs, identifying growth opportunities, and discussing student needs the KCAD administration determined that adjustments to its degree programs needed to be made for the college to operate effectively while providing the best experience possible for its students; and,*

*WHEREAS, students in this program have completed their program requirements as of the Fall 2023 semester; and,*

*WHEREAS, Board of Trustees approval is required for this program closure, pursuant to Board-approved Academic Affairs – Academic Programming policy, Section 3-201, Matters Reserved to the Board, as it relates to the elimination of an existing degree program.*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the recommendation of the KCAD President that the Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies degree program close as of the end of the Fall 2023 semester.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs that no additional students shall henceforth be admitted to the Master of Arts in Visual and Critical Studies program, all in accordance with applicable Board-approved policies and any pertinent provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement between the University and the Kendall Faculty Association, and accrediting bodies.”*

#### **4d. Michigan Department of Education OST Program FY24 Grant Award**

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, on January 18, 2024, Ferris State University was notified by Dr. Michael Rice, State Superintendent, Michigan Department of Education, that the Office of Preschool and Out-of-School Time (OST) Learning Program Grant was approved for funding in FY24 in the amount of \$1,037,040 for the “MDE-OST Program Grant” project; and,*

*WHEREAS, funding for this project is provided in partnership with the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP), under the provisions of Public Act 103 of 2023, Section 32n of the State School Aid Fund and does not require any university matching funds; and,*

*WHEREAS, the MDE-OST grant is administered through the Clinton County Regional Education Service Agency (RESA), and provides funding for concentrated STEM/STEAM-focused exploration and learning, exploration and participation in community service events and activities, tutoring, mentoring components, student leadership development and social-emotional learning (SEL); and,*

*WHEREAS, Ferris State University, under the direction of Dr. Deedee Stakley, will partner with the following K-12 institutions to offer out-of-school learning opportunities: Crossroads Charter Academy, Grand Rapids Public Schools, Grant Public Schools, Hope of Detroit Academy, Holland Public Schools, Mecosta Osceola Career Center, Morley Stanwood Community Schools, Shelby Public Schools, Voyageur College Prep Academy and West Shore ESD; and,*

*WHEREAS, the MDE-OST project grant aligns with the University’s mission to promote excellence in education and contribute to the development of a skilled and knowledgeable workforce; 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 MDE-OST Program FY24 grant award in the amount of \$1,037,040 and authorizes President Bill Pink, or his designee, to administer the grant award, in accordance with the provisions of the grant and any applicable Board policies, as presented on this day.”*

**4e. Grand Rapids Student Success Hub Renovation, 17 Fountain Street, NW, Grand Rapids**

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

**RESOLUTION**

*“WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Student Success Hub and Extended and International Operations (EIO) is moving from the Grand Rapids Community College (GRCC), Applied Technical Center to 17 Fountain Street, NW, Grand Rapids; and,*

*WHEREAS, the move will reduce payment to GRCC for office space, allow for additional office space for EIO Admissions, and provide a dedicated and individual presence for the Grand Rapids Student Success Hub; and,*

*WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be in an amount not to exceed \$1.3 million; 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 Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the Vice President for Administration and Finance, or her designee, to proceed with the procurement of necessary professional design and other pre-construction, construction phase services and procurement of goods related to the design and renovation of the Grand Rapids Student Success Hub location at 17 Fountain Street, NW, Grand Rapids, including the negotiation of, and entering into, contracts upon legal review and in accordance with Board-approved policies, at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$1.3 million.*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for this project will be provided equally between the Division of Academic Affairs and University Central Funds.”*

5. President’s Report

President Pink extended his appreciation to the Board and Administration on a successful dinner to emphasize our presence in Detroit. He indicated he would keep everyone updated on our campus safety efforts and improvements. He noted the Jim Crow Museum will be at the Wayne County Community College District downtown campus for three months, but it could be longer. He expressed his gratitude to everyone for making the trip to Detroit.

6. Hearing of the Public

No requests had been made to address the Board.

7. Comments from the Board of Trustees

Trustee Snead expressed his gratitude for everyone attending and noted he appreciates the increase of Ferris State University’s presence in Detroit.

8. Reconfirmation of Next Meeting Date

The next regularly scheduled full Board meeting will be held on Friday, May 3, 2024 in Big Rapids.

9. Adjournment

At 10:42 a.m., Chair Thomas adjourned the meeting.

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