

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the
Ferris State University Board of Trustees
Thursday, August 6, 2020
Virtual Meeting

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

A Special Meeting of the Ferris State University Board of Trustees was held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 by web and teleconference. Chair Anna P. Seibold called the meeting to order at 3:49 p.m. In addition to Chair Seibold the following individuals were present: Trustees Lori A. Gwizdala, Robert J. Hegbloom, Kurt A. Hofman, Ana L. Ramirez-Saenz, LaShanda R. Thomas and Rupesh K. Srivastava; University President David L. Eisler; Vice President and General Counsel Miles J. Postema; Vice Presidents James E. Bachmeier, Paul Blake, Shelly L. Percy, David Pilgrim and Jeanine Ward-Roof; President of Kendall College of Art and Design Tara E. McCrackin; Director of Budgetary Planning and Analysis Sally A. DePew; Board Counsel Frederic N. Goldberg; and Secretary to the Board of Trustees Karen K. Huisman. Trustee Kari L. Sederburg was absent with prior notification.

2. Hearing of the Public

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

3. Consent Calendar

It was moved by Trustee Ramirez-Saenz, 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

“RESOLVED, that the Ferris State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the item contained in the Consent Calendar as presented in the appended documentation:

- 3. *Consent Calendar*
 - a. *Personnel Items”*

4a. HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) – Implementation Grant Award entitled “Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network (CMREN)”

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

RESOLUTION

“WHEREAS, on July 31, 2020, Ferris State University was contacted by a senior official at the Department of Health and Human Services Health Research Services Administration (HRSA) with a request for Ferris to host the nationwide announcement of all 89 recipients of the FY 2021 Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Implementation Program (HRSA-20-031); and,

WHEREAS, the HRSA official indicated that the application submitted by FSU for a RCORP-Implementation grant (award of \$1 Million) will be included in this announcement; and,

WHEREAS, the Rural Communities Opioid Response Program is a multi-year initiative by HRSA aimed at reducing the morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder (SUD), including opioid use disorder (OUD), in high risk rural communities; and,

WHEREAS, the proposed Ferris RCORP-Implementation project would continue the work of a previously awarded HRSA planning grant that began in 2019, which successfully created the Rural Opioid Prevention Network (ROPN) collaborative and was funded by the HRSA Office of Rural Health Policy; and,

WHEREAS, the FSU Opioid Task Force, initially formed in 2016, served as the organizing body for ROPN and the work surrounding the planning grant, and creation of the Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network (CMREN) is the “next generation” for the ROPN collaborative project; and,

WHEREAS, Ferris submitted the RCORP-Implementation proposal on behalf of the CMREN for an initial three-year funding cycle, with the project period beginning on September 1, 2020 and ending on August 31, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, the total three-year award is in the amount of \$1,000,000, consisting entirely of external funding with no matching or in-kind contributions required from Ferris State University; and,

WHEREAS, Board approval is required to accept the HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) – Implementation Grant Award entitled “Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network (CMREN)” in the amount of \$1,000,000, pursuant to Board-approved Contracting Policy, section 4-102, as it relates to grant awards.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees hereby accepts the HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) – Implementation Grant Award entitled “Central Michigan Recovery and Education Network (CMREN),” in the total amount of \$1,000,000, and authorizes President David L. Eisler, or his designee, to administer the grant award in accordance with the provisions of the award, and any applicable Board policies.”

5. Hearing of the Public

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

6. Adjournment

At 3:57 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by:

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

Approved by the Board of Trustees:

October 2, 2020.