

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Walker Cisler and Student Conference Center
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
November 8, 2016**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in regular session beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, in the East Superior Room of the Walker Cisler and Student Conference Center, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. The meeting was pursuant to Section 1.01. of the Bylaws of said Board with notice to the Board pursuant to Section 1.04., and public notice pursuant to Section 1.05. of the Bylaws.

The section numbers and headings of these minutes correspond to the agenda. A copy of the proposed agenda was distributed to each Trustee at the public session of November 8, 2016. The proposed agenda had been mailed pursuant to Section 1.04. of the Bylaws. Copies of all such material are contained as appendices to these minutes.

At the call to order, there were a few individuals in the audience and there was one member of the press.

I. Roll Call

Mr. James P. Curran, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. He asked Ms. Kaye M. Batho, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey
Mr. James P. Curran
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson
Ms. Ann Parker
Mr. Randy Pingatore
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma
Dr. Thomas C. Pleger, President and Ex-officio

Six Trustees were recorded as present with Trustee Frost Steensma via teleconference. Trustees Douglas Bovin and Mark Mercer as absent. Present for the University were Ms. Colleen Barr, ESP Support Staff President, Mr. Thomas Coates, Executive Director of the Foundation; Ms. Kris Dunbar, Director of Athletics; Mr. Philip Espinosa, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; Dr. David R. Finley, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Steve Gregory, Director of Physical Plant; Mr. RJ Homan, Student Government President; Mr. Matthew Jurvelin, Vice President for Enrollment and Student Affairs; and Mr. Maurice Walworth, Interim Vice President for Finance.

II. Approval of the Agenda for November 8, 2016

Ms. Parker moved for Board approval to amend the agenda for November 8, 2016 to include under Item VII. Finance Committee, a recommendation to approve a loan request for equipment for the Student Activity Center; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes for September 9, 2016

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the minutes from September 9, 2016 as presented; supported by Mr. Nelson. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

IV. Addresses to the Board

There were no addresses.

V. Chair's Remarks

Mr. Curran thanked all for coming to the meeting. He informed the Board of an issue regarding program and course fees and he requested the Administration to research and report back to the Board in 45 days. Mr. Curran acknowledged all the LSSU staff and students' preparations and hard work put into the HLC re-accreditation visit and thanked all involved.

VI. President's Remarks

Dr. Pleger informed the Board of informational items including an upcoming newly structured Campus Collegium set for November 15, 2016, University and institutional goals and a review of course and program fees. He acknowledged and thanked the HLC re-accreditation assessment review team for their work on the assessment review and visit. He added that a draft report will be completed in the near future and a final report from the HLC will be in March 2017.

VII. Finance Committee

Mr. Nelson moved for Board approval of the five-year capital outlay plan recommendation as required by the State of Michigan (Appendix A); supported by Mr. Pingatore as presented. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of a five year lease, not to exceed \$160,000 for the purchase of exercise equipment for the Student Activity Center as presented; supported by Ms. Parker. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Human Resources Committee

Ms. Colleen Barr informed the Board that there was no report at this time.

IX. Academic Affairs Committee

Provost Finley gave an overview of informational items including HLC re-accreditation visit summary, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan receiving the E-cities award for the third consecutive year, signing of a reverse transfer agreement with Delta College, partnership with Bayliss Library, book review by Dr. Russell Searight, reaccreditations in engineering and commended Dr. David Baumann, Computer Science and Math Field day which hosted 150 participants and commended Dr. Katie Kalata, and a new podcast resource on campus. He commended Librarian Marc Boucher for his efforts in receiving the new podcast resource on campus.

Ms. Parker moved for Board approval of the appointment of the following individuals to their respective Board of Directors for the terms listed:

Daniel Hogan to Advanced Academy for a term to expire on June 30, 2019; and

Christina Meir to Concord Academy for a term to expire on June 30, 2017.

The motion was supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

X. Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Jurvelin informed the Board of informational items including housing number compared to last year are down slightly, increased visits to the Counseling Center, upgrades to the Student Activity Center, applications are up eleven percent, admitted applications are the same as last year and applications in the Upper Peninsula and Northern Lower Peninsula are up from last year.

Ms. Dunbar informed the board of information items including cross country, tennis and golf have completed their seasons, basketball season has begun, hockey currently ranked 20th in the nation, celebration of 50 years of hockey, Pink in the Rink weekend and fundraising.

Student Government President RJ Homan informed the Board of Student Government initiatives including SG Activities Board hosting over 20 events fall semester, use of food pantry, total of 73 clubs, registration of 85 students to vote and 150 students to vote absentee.

Ms. Dunbar commended Mr. Homan, Student Government, and Student Life for their participation at the athletic events which generates energy and spirit.

XI. Development Committee

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of a donation of property to be accepted as recommended to the Foundation; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

XII. Other Business

There was none.

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Pingatore moved for adjournment at 3:50 p.m.; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

James P. Curran, Chair

Thomas C. Pleger, President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Kaye M. Batho, Secretary. A draft of these minutes was completed at 4 p.m. on November 18, 2016.