

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Special Meeting
Considine Hall
LaJoie Board Room
December 15, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in special session beginning at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2017, in the LaJoie Board Room of Considine Hall, Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and with Board of Trustees members connected via teleconference. The meeting was pursuant to Section 1.03 of the Bylaws of said Board.

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 December 15, 2017. Any material considered by the Board, which was distributed at the time of the meeting, is so designated in these minutes. Copies of all such material are contained as appendices to these minutes.

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

I. Roll Call

Chair Rodney M. Nelson, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked Vice President Morrie Walworth, to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey
Dr. Mark W. Mercer
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson
Ms. Ann Parker
Mr. Randy Pingatore
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma
Dr. Peter T. Mitchell, President and Ex-Officio

Six Trustees were recorded as present and Trustees were via teleconference. Trustees Douglas R. Bovin and James P. Curran were recorded as absent. Present for the University were Dr. David R. Finley, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. David Paitson, Athletic Director; Mr. Morrie Walworth, Vice President for Finance and Operations; Dr. Aaron Westrick, Faculty Association President and Ms. Shelley Wooley, Interim Dean of Student Life and Retention.

II. Approval of the Agenda for December 15, 2017

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval to amend the agenda for December 15, 2017 to delete item V. 2017-18 Auxiliary Budget Recommendation and item VII. Cell Tower Lease Recommendation; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Addresses to the Board

There were none.

IV. Approval of Academic Strategic Direction Document

Dr. Mitchell informed the Board of the recommended strategic direction includes a variety of suggestions and recommendations. He stated that the final version may have minor changes in the naming of academic areas. Dr. Mitchell added that the strategic direction will improve retention and marketing.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the academic strategic document recommendation as presented (Appendix A); supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Mitchell and the Chair commended the LSSU community for their input and commitment to the academic strategic direction.

V. Approval of 2017-18 Auxiliary Budget Recommendation

This item was deleted and is to be recommended at a future Board meeting.

VI. Approval of the Electrical Contract Recommendation

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of the electrical contract be sole-sourced to J. Ranck Electric as presented; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

VII. Approval of Cell Tower Lease Recommendation

This item was deleted and is to be discussed at a future Board meeting.

VIII. Other Business

Dr. Mitchell informed the Board on informational items including faculty contract discussions are underway, the passing of Professor Emeritus James Moody and the LSSU Nursing Student pinning ceremony.

Ms. Parker informed the Board that the Presidential Search Committee has reviewed almost 60 applications and have met to narrow the pool to approximately 15 applicants. She added that Dr. Mitchell will be checking references in preparation for a meeting in mid-January to identify 6-9 semi-finalists for video interviews the last two weeks of January. The timetable has a goal of campus visits for 3-4 finalists in February 2018 and a selection of the present elect by early March.

IX. Adjournment

Mr. Bailey moved for adjournment at 12:21 p.m.; supported by Mr. Pingatore. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Rodney M. Nelson, Chair

Peter T. Mitchell, President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Kaye M. Batho, Secretary. A draft of these minutes was completed at 4:00 p.m. on January 2, 2018.