

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Walker Cisler Student and Conference Center
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
March 16, 2018**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in regular session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, March 16, 2018, in the Crow's Nest of the Walker Cisler Student and Conference Center, Lake Superior State University, 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 March 16, 2018. The proposed agenda had been sent 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 several members in the audience and two members of the press.

I. Roll Call

Chair Rodney M. Nelson, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. He asked Ms. Marcia Jenkins-Ball, Administrative Assistant, to call roll. The following members responded "present":

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey
Mr. Richard Barch
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 with Trustee Mark Mercer recorded as absent. Present for the University were Mr. Dakota Baker, President of Student Government; Ms. Wendy Beach, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Thomas Coates, Foundation Director; Dr. David R. Finley, Interim Provost and Academic Vice President; Mr. Steve Gregory, Director of Physical Plant; Dr. David Myton, Associate Provost; Dr. David Paitson, Director of Athletics; Ms. Lauren Paitson, Interim Director of Admissions; and Mr. Maurice Walworth, Vice President for Finance; Dr. Aaron Westrick, LSSU Faculty Association President; and Ms. Shelley Wooley, Interim Associate Dean of Student Life.

II. Approval of the Agenda for March 16, 2018

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the agenda for March 16, 2018 as presented; supported by Ms. Parker. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes for January 26, 2018

Ms. Parker moved for Board approval of the minutes for January 26, 2018 as presented; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

IV. Addresses to the Board

There were no addresses to the Board.

V. Chair's Remarks

Mr. Nelson welcomed all to the Board meeting. He introduced and welcomed President-elect Rodney S. Hanley, his wife Sara and their two sons Harry and Edward.

Mr. Nelson commended Dean Donna Fiebelkorn for her work with the EUP Reads program which resulted in over 700 elementary students and their families is on campus. He stated that he, Trustee Bailey and LSSU administrators had a productive meeting with the Les Cheneaux Culinary School regarding potential collaborations.

Mr. Nelson commended Trustee and Search Committee Chair, Ann Parker and the Search Committee for their time and effort on the Presidential Search. He also commended the faculty, students and staff for their participation in the interview process.

VI. President's Remarks

Dr. Mitchell welcomed all to the Board meeting. His Board orientation focused on a series of bills before the Michigan Senate dealing with sexual assault. He said an editorial in the Detroit News summarized these bills, urging a balance between protecting children from assault and/or abuse while also not creating a 30 year statues of limitations for filing litigation and not removing core principles of immunity from Boards of Trustees.

Dr. Mitchell informed the Board of the importance of clear goals that are reviewed at each Board meeting.

His 5 goals for 2017-18 were:

1. Increase Enrollment – he stated that there are positive signs of increases in freshmen enrollment which is at almost 2000 students, which is on target for recruitment and retention
2. CFRE Funding- he stated that the goal is to raise \$2,950,000 and we have raised \$2.8 million and still need \$1.4 million more to construct the facility that includes the key elements identified in the visioning sessions.
3. Develop a Strategic Plan- he stated that the Strategic Academic Direction was developed throughout the fall semester with collaboration among faculty and administration. He said the key focus is preparing graduates for a lifetime of a rewarding career and making a difference in society.
4. Hire a President- he stated that this has been completed in the choosing of Dr. Hanley.
5. Develop a Financial Model- He stated that his focus over the next 3 months will include a review of academic programs with low enrollment and incorporate the ways to staff efficiently.

VII. Report of the Finance Committee

Mr. Walworth informed the Board of informational items including the planning and funding for an electrical shutdown and high voltage line replacement in May, upcoming final report for Considine Hall, world-wide one rate discussion, CFRE project update and progress on the Johnson Controls study. He stated that the financial health of the University is better than in 2017 with the HLC reports showing all 4 fiscal year 2017 ratios improved from fiscal year 2016. He added that the general fund revenue projections are on target.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval for President Peter Mitchell to sign documents related to the sale of the Annex and associated property on behalf of LSSU; supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The Chair requested a roll call vote. The results of the roll vote were:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey	“Yes”
Mr. Richard Barch	“Yes”
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson	“Yes”
Ms. Ann Parker	“Yes”
Mr. Randy Pingatore	“Yes”
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma	“Yes”

The motion carried with six affirmative votes.

Ms. Frost Steensma informed the Board of her confidence in VP Walworth in this initiative but also wanted the Trustees to be more involved in the process for P3 projects and possible sole sourcing.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval to appoint a committee to identify and select an advisor regarding a P3 initiative; supported by Mr. Barch. The motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Chair Nelson appointed Trustees Bailey, Barch, Frost Steensma, Mr. Gregory, Dr. Mitchell, Mr. Walworth and Ms. Wooley to the committee.

VIII. Report of the Human Resources Committee

Ms. Parker gave the final report on the Presidential Search and commended all involved in the process. She stated that it is the recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee to name Dr. Rodney S. Hanley as the next President of Lake Superior State University.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval to appoint Dr. Rodney S. Hanley as the 10th President of Lake Superior State University, effective June 1, 2018 with a contract to be executed by Chair Nelson. The Chair requested a roll call vote. The results of the roll call vote were:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey	“Yes”
Mr. Richard Barch	“Yes”
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson	“Yes”
Ms. Ann Parker	“Yes”
Mr. Randy Pingatore	“Yes”
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma	“Yes”

The motion carried with six affirmative votes.

IX. Report of Academic Affairs Committee

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval to confer the appropriate degrees upon the list of candidates for Fall 2017 as certified by the Registrar as having completed their graduation requirements; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Finley informed the Board of academic informational items including the submission of a required interim report for HLC on the definition of credit hour, faculty negotiations are in progress, the faculty senate by-laws have been drafted, academic forgiveness policy has been established, progress on IT hardware

network with 100 new switches across campus and the creation of a first year seminar and the nursing simulation center agreement with War Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Westrick informed the Board that the LSSU Faculty Association was impressed with the search process and outcome for the Presidential search. He added that the quality of communication with the administration is excellent.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the recommendation for the appointment of the following individuals to their respective board of directors for the terms listed:

Natalie Evans to American International Academy for a term expiring June 30, 2020; and

Allen Richardson to Detroit Service Learning Academy for a term expiring June 30, 2020; and

Carrie Van Zandt Rohrbach to Momentum Academy for a term expiring June 30, 2021; and

Dennis Rosales to Tipton Academy for a term expiring June 30, 2019.

Ms. Frost Steensma supported the motion. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the recommendation to reauthorize the Macomb Montessori Academy charter contract through June 30, 2023; supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the recommendation to reauthorize Momentum Academy charter contract through June 30, 2023; supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the recommendation to reauthorize WAY Academy Flint charter contract through June 30, 2023; supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

X. Enrollment Report

Ms. Paitson updated the Board regarding the current enrollment numbers as of today demonstrate 114% increase in applications over last year with admitted students up 123%, orientation registrations are up 167 vs. 129 last year, and an increase of campus tours.

Dr. Mitchell added that the admission's strategy is a four-year project with senior volume being the key to the first year, junior and senior volume plus a new CRM system the second year for increased efficiency and effectiveness the fourth year to enable each entering class to be larger than the previous year.

Ms. Paitson informed the Board of recruiting events including two admitted receptions held in Grandville and Lansing, Michigan, Drop Anchor Day and the Laker Gold Scholarship Day.

XI. Report of the Student Affairs Committee

Student Government President Dakota Baker informed the Board of informational items including food pantry use, an increase in student volunteers, Student Government Awards ceremony and successful student ski pass program. He requests that the Board consider a SAM fee increase for next year between \$5.00 - \$15.00 per semester per student.

Ms. Wooley informed the Board of a new hire of a nurse practitioner at the Health Care Center, Erin Meehan Amo who is an alumnus of LSSU. She stated that over 100 housing applications have been downloaded before housing packets were mailed.

Dr. Paitson informed the Board of informational athletic updates including the men's basketball had a successful season in the NCAA tournament and Coach Steve Hettinga is in his 11th year at LSSU. He stated that hockey Coach Damon Whitten has signed to 4 additional years for Laker hockey. He added that the athletic office is expanding department awareness with revenue generation strategies, website expansion and increased social media.

XII. Report of the Development Committee

Mr. Coates informed the Board of information items including CFRE project update including 3 local banks committing \$255,000 making donations to \$2.8 million. He stated that the Lake State Classic is to be held on June 28-29, 2018 in Gaylord, Michigan. He added that the Fund for LSSU supported various students and faculty projects with \$28,000.

XIII. Other Business

Dr. Mitchell informed the Board that the Provost Search has narrowed the pool of applicants to 7 candidates with final video interviews to be held next week followed up with the top 3 candidates to visit campus. He said his goal is to announce a new provost by mid-April. Dr. Mitchell thanked Dr. Finley for his role as Interim Provost.

Mr. Pingatore moved for Board approval of a resolution of appreciation to Trustee James Curran, who's term has expired, as presented (Appendix A); supported by Ms. Parker. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Parker thanked Trustee Curran for his guidance while serving on the Board of Trustees.

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Barch moved for adjournment at 9:55 a.m.; supported by Mr. Bailey. 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 on March 26, 2018.