

**Board of Regents Meeting
Northern Kentucky University, Student Union, Room 104
November 12, 2014**

Regent Dennis Repenning, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, November 12, 2014.

Roll Call: Richard Boehne, Jacqueline Emerine, Virginia G. Fox, John P. B. Jose, Terry Mann, Stephen A. Meier, Dennis Repenning, Nathaniel Smith, Elizabeth Thompson, Brenda Wilson

Other Attendees: Geoffrey S. Mearns, Kathryn Herschede, Tammy Knochelmann, Wendy Peek, Sara Sidebottom, Sue Ott Rowlands, Ken Ramey, Peter Gitau, Ken Bothof, Eric Gentry, Sue Hodges Moore, Joe Wind, Kathleen Roberts, Tracy Insko, Chris Bowling, Jeff Butler, Alex Lefebure, Pat Moynahan, Kathy Stewart, Tim Sofranko, Joel Robinson, Russ Kerdolff, Kevin Kirby, Chris Cole, Larry Meyer, Denise Robinson, Katherine Frank, Becky Porterfield, Cynthia Reed, Kim Scranage, Jeanne Pettit, Bill Thompson, Sara Kelley, Leah Stewart, Jan Hillard, Larry Blake, Jeff Waple, Vickie Natale, Jason Willis, Jerry Pizzano, Ken Kline, Andy Meeks, Mike Woeste, Kim Yelton, John Witte, John O’Neal, John Moran, Alar Lipping, Doug Dejaco, Larry Herbst, Greg Scramm, Bill Molton, Ray Mirizzi, Andy Koenig, Holly O’Malley, Ben Broomall, Kelly Martin, Nick Koch, Scott Barton, Richard Jones, Adrienne Lane, Lori Southwood, Richard Cracchiolo, Darin Surrey

Regent Stephen Meier seconded Regent Virginia Fox’s motion to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2014 Board of Regents meeting. **(Motion carried)**

Presidential Comments:

P&G Breakfast

Yesterday, I joined approximately 100 NKU alumni who work for Procter & Gamble for breakfast. Our message, and our ask of these alumni, was simple. We asked them to engage with NKU – our students and our programs. We plan to continue these breakfast or lunch meetings with companies all over the region who employ a significant number of our graduates.

AASCU Excellence in Innovation

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) recently announced the inaugural winners in a new awards program honoring member institutions for excellence and innovation in several major areas of campus life and leadership. Our University is one of seven institutions nationwide to receive an award.

AASCU honored the NKU Center for Applied Informatics Virtual Co-op Program for its success in adapting the traditional co-op education model into an initiative that provides almost all services virtually. The program now engages more than 120 students per year. Students develop mobile apps, websites, and similar products for more than 200 companies and non-profits, as well as providing services to 50 start-ups.

Professional Grounds Maintenance Society

I am also very pleased that we recently received the Grand Award from the Professional Grounds Maintenance Society. NKU received this award for the excellent maintenance and the beauty of our grounds. NKU was one of just six winners nationally. I believe that the grounds at NKU are well maintained and increasingly beautiful. I am very grateful to the men and women of our facilities maintenance staff who care for our grounds, buildings, and other facilities. Several members of our grounds crew are with us today. Please stand and introduce yourself. Please join me in thanking them, and all of our facilities maintenance staff, for their important work.

Military Friendly Schools

For the fifth consecutive year, our University has been recognized as a Military Friendly School. This designation is given to the top 15% of all universities in the country. We are very proud to serve our military members, veterans, and families. More than 500 students are using military or veteran benefits to attend NKU.

IPP Process

As I have mentioned in previous updates to the Board and to the campus, we are presently engaged in a year-long campus-wide study of our athletics program as part of our Division I reclassification. We have formed several subcommittees comprised of faculty, staff, student athletes, and athletics representatives. The IPP study looks at governance and commitment to rules; academic integrity; gender and diversity issues, and student-athlete well-being. The subcommittees are in the process of drafting sections of the comprehensive report, which we will share with the campus in the spring in order to gather broad feedback. An important part of the IPP is the involvement of the campus in the process. I first shared details about the process at my Fall Convocation and we have since kept the campus and our broader community informed through press releases, the NKU website, social media, emails, and a presentation at our Fuel the Flame retreat in September. I'll have more to share on our progress at our next meeting.

JJ Webber

Two weeks ago, JJ Webber, a star cross country runner, defended his title and captured his second A-Sun individual championship and led our team to a second place finish. As you may recall, JJ was the first Division I conference champion at our University. We are very proud of JJ and the team for these accomplishments.

Postseason Play

As you may recall, NKU is able to compete in A-Sun postseason team tournaments for the first time this year. This is very good news for our student-athletes and our University. So far, two of our Fall sports teams, men's and women's soccer, have qualified for the postseason. Women's soccer won their first game – which was the first, of many, conference tournament wins for teams. And if the volleyball team continues their excellent play, we are hopeful that they will also qualify for postseason play. I am very proud of the excellent season our teams have had.

RoadToNKU

As you know, I am spending time visiting seven areas of the state meeting with high school students, legislators, community leaders, CPE board members, and alumni. These visits have been very productive. I have visited the Somerset, Pikeville, and Ashland areas, and spent four days visiting schools and communities in western and far western Kentucky. I have especially enjoyed talking with the high school students and their teachers. Their enthusiasm for education, and their interest in Northern Kentucky University has been strong. I will give more details about my visits during the January Convocation.

B. Presidential Reports:

1. Facilities Management Report (Vice President Ken Ramey)

- a. Health Innovation Center/Founders Hall Renovation
- b. Campus Recreation Center Expansion/Renovation
- c. Administrative & University Center Storm Water & Drainage Repair
- d. Landrum Elevator Renovation
- e. Arc Flash Hazard Assessment
- f. Switchgear Condition Assessment
- g. Founders Hall Switchgear Replacement
- h. Business Academic Center Variable Air Volume (VAV) Box Replacement
- i. Exterior Door Security and Access Control

2. Research, Grants, and Contracts Report (August 2014 – September 2014) (Provost and Executive Vice President Sue Ott Rowlands)

From August 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, 24 grants were awarded. The total amount of money awarded was \$2,203,931. From July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014, the cumulative total number of grants awarded was 32 totaling \$3,325,451.

3. Fundraising Report (July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014) (Vice President Eric Gentry)

The Fundraising Report summarized fundraising resources committed from July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 totaling \$1,591,087 in support of the university.

4. Annual Financial Report (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014) (Vice President Ken Ramey)

The Report was reviewed by the Board of Regents Audit Committee in accordance with Article III (D) (2) of the Board of Regents Bylaws.

C. Presidential Recommendations:

Consent Agenda Items: A motion was made by Regent Brenda Wilson and seconded by Regent Elizabeth Thompson to approve the following Presidential Recommendations as listed; C-1 through C-5. **(Motion carried)**

1. Academic Affairs Personnel Actions:

a. Faculty Appointments:

Dr. Gail Mackin, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, effective August 10, 2014; **Dr. Judy Voelker**, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Philosophy, effective August 10, 2014.

b. Retirements:

Dr. Penny Summers, associate professor in the Department of Communication, effective December 31, 2014; **Dr. Ann Taylor**, senior lecturer in the Department of Communication, effective May 16, 2015.

c. Departures

Dr. Michael McDermott, assistant professor in the Department of Management, effective December 31, 2014; **Dr. Stefan Paula**, associate professor in the Department of Chemistry, effective December 31, 2014.

d. Leaves Paid/Unpaid:

Dr. Penny Summers, associate professor in the Department of Communication, continuation of paid leave of absence with benefits beginning August 11, 2014 through December 31, 2014.

* In the September Board of Regents materials, Dr. Richard Kolbe was incorrectly identified as being in the Department of Management. However, Dr. Kolbe is actually a professor in the Department of Marketing, Economics, and Sports Business.

2. Academic Affairs Faculty Reappointments:

The following reappointments received retroactive Board of Regents approval for the 2014-15 academic year.

Dr. John C. Carmen, Department of Biological Sciences; **Dr. Celeste Morris**, Department of Chemistry; **Dr. Amber Onorato**, Department of Chemistry; **Dr. Ingrid Keller**,

Department of Music; **Dr. Kassiani Kotsidou**, Department of Physics and Geology; **Dr. Mauricio Torres**, Department of Physics and Geology; **Dr. Monica Wakefield**, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Philosophy; **Ms. Ronnie Chamberlain**, Department of Theatre and Dance; **Ms. Corrie Danieleley**, Department of Theatre and Dance; **Dr. Lee Kersting**, Department of Accounting, Finance, and Business Law; **Dr. Abdullah Al-Bahrani**, Department of Marketing, Economics and Sports Business; **Ms. Jane Underwood**, Salmon P. Chase College of Law; **Dr. Kathleen Thompson**, Department of Counseling, Social Work and Leadership; **Dr. Roger Kollock**, Department of Kinesiology and Health; **Dr. Patricia Bills**, Department of Teacher Education; **Dr. Porsha Robinson-Ervin**, Department of Teacher Education; **Dr. Pamela Fletcher**, Department of Advanced Nursing Studies; **Ms. Deb Engel**, Department of Nursing; **Ms. Julie Hart**, Department of Nursing; **Dr. Kalyani Ankem**, Department of Business Informatics; **Dr. Joseph Rubleskem**, Department of Business Informatics; **Dr. Monica Gallegos**, Department of Communication; **Dr. Alexis Pulos**, Department of Communication.

3. Non-Academic Personnel Actions:

The following categories of non-academic personnel actions which occurred between August 13, 2014 and, October 14, 2014 received approval by the Board of Regents: Activations, Rehires; Reassignments, Reclassifications, Title/Status Changes, Promotions; Transfers; Contract/Temporary to Regular; Departures; Retirees; Administrative/Executive.

4. Major Gifts Acceptance:

The Board of Regents officially accepted contributions totaling **\$1,065,000.00** received by the NKU Foundation Inc. and the University during the period July 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014

5. Naming Recommendations:

The Board of Regents hereby approves the following naming actions:

- (1) The naming of an undergraduate scholarship in support of incoming students from Seton High School, Cincinnati, OH, the “Lynn Brumback Scholarship”.
- (2) The naming of an undergraduate scholarship in support of incoming students from Norwood High School, Cincinnati, OH, the “Emerson Brumback Scholarship”.
- (3) The naming of an endowed undergraduate scholarship in support of students pursuing a degree in history the “Ed and Betty Foster Endowed Scholarship in History”.
- (4) The naming of an endowed undergraduate scholarship in support of students pursuing a degree in social work the “Ed and Betty Foster Endowed Scholarship in Social Work”.

D. Executive Session:

Regent John P. B. Jose seconded Regent Jacqueline Emerine's motion to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810 (1) (C) in order to discuss potential and pending litigation against the University and KRS 61.810 (1) (F) in order to discuss a personnel issue. (**Motion carried**)

No other matters were discussed. No final action was taken.

At 2:32 p.m., Regent Virginia Fox seconded Regent Terry Mann's motion to adjourn. (**Motion carried**)

Signature On File
Wendy J. Peek
Senior Administrative Assistant
Office of the President

Signature On File
Kathryn J. Herschede
**Executive Assistant to the President/
Secretary to the Board of Regents**

I, Nathaniel Smith, Secretary of the Board of Regents of Northern Kentucky University, certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting held on November 12, 2014, and that such matters are still in force and effect.

Signature On File
Nathaniel Smith
Secretary of the Board of Regents