

**Board of Regents Meeting**  
**Northern Kentucky University, Student Union, Room 104**  
**March 15, 2017**

Regent Richard Boehne, Chair, called the regular meeting of the Board of Regents to order at 1:00 pm, Wednesday, March 15, 2017.

**Roll Call:** Richard Boehne, Richard L. Boyce, Normand Desmarais, Terry Mann, Dennis Repenning, W. Lee Scheben, Gregory Shumate, Arnie D. Slaughter, Andr Ward, John William Weber. Absent: Virginia G. Fox.

Other Attendees: Geoffrey S. Mearns, Ben Jager, Wendy Peek, Tammy Knochelmann, Ken Bothof, Joan Gates, Eric Gentry, Sue Hodges Moore, Daniel Nadler, Sue Ott Rowlands, Kim Scranage, Mike Hales, Lori Southwood, Kevin Kirby, Diana McGill, Cindy Reed, Jeff Standen, Tracy Insko, Chris Bowling, Bill Farrow, Mark Brackman, Sara Kelley, Kathy Stewart, Idna Corbett, Leah Stewart, Russ Kerdolff, Allen Cole, Christian Gamm, Mary Paula Schuh, Syed Zaidi, Tim Sofranko, Jason Vest, Eric Jackson, Greg Hatchett, David Marlo, Gerry St. Amand, Ryan Padgett, Tom McKee, Chris Cole, Atley Smedley, Kaitlyn Schaefer, Debbie Poweleit, Matt Saxton, Janel Bloch, Chris Ogle, David Tataw, Abdou Ndoye, Mark Hansel.

Regent John William Weber seconded Regent Gregory Shumate’s motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2017 Board of Regents meeting. **(Motion carried)**

Regent John William Weber seconded Regent Gregory Shumate’s motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2017 Board of Regents meeting. **(Motion carried)**

**Presidential Comments:**

Good afternoon.

**Partnership with University of Kentucky and St. Elizabeth Healthcare**

Two weeks ago, we announced a very exciting partnership with the University of Kentucky Medical School and St. Elizabeth Healthcare to establish a regional medical school campus here at NKU.

The UK College of Medicine at Northern Kentucky University will be a fully functioning four-year program, utilizing the same curriculum and assessments as UK’s Lexington campus. On-site faculty will have UK College of Medicine appointments and teach in small groups. They will also provide simulated patient experiences with lectures delivered from Lexington utilizing educational technology. Clinical experiences will occur at St. Elizabeth Healthcare and surrounding community practices.

The program will strive to enroll students from this region, and a certain number of spots will be reserved for NKU undergraduate students who meet the admission standards.

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We are proud to partner with the University of Kentucky and St. Elizabeth Healthcare to leverage our individual strengths to bring professional medical education to the Northern Kentucky region. Among other things, this medical school campus at NKU will help us further the mission of our Health Innovation Center to improve the health of the people that we serve.

### **Outcomes-based Funding Legislation Update**

I am pleased to report that SB153 has passed both the Senate and the House. This historic, transformative legislation will now go to Governor Bevin for his signature.

This legislation is the result of a collaborative effort among the Council on Postsecondary Education, a group of dedicated university presidents, and the Kentucky General Assembly. It will benefit higher education in Kentucky, specifically the students who will enroll in our public universities, as well as the taxpayers who help fund our institutions.

### **Outstanding Civic Education Leader Award**

I would like to congratulate Dr. Ryan Salzman, Assistant Professor of Political Science, for receiving the Outstanding Civic Education Leadership Award from Secretary of State Alison Lundergan Grimes. The Outstanding Civic Education Leadership Award recognizes a teacher, school administrator, educational leader, legislator, or community leader who has “made notable contributions toward promoting or implementing civic learning to prepare students to be engaged and responsible citizens.”

Ryan was chosen among hundreds of other applicants to represent our region for his innovative work in promoting and implementing civic learning that will prepare his student to lead lives of purpose and service. He heads the Future Leader Internship Program – and created a similar summer-away program in Washington D.C. – that brings policy issues to life by giving students access to the leaders of the Commonwealth and the Nation.

Ryan’s dedication to our students and our community is a great example of the faculty members we have here at NKU. We are very lucky to have him.

### **Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure**

In just a few moments, I will ask you to approve my recommendations regarding the reappointment, promotion and tenure of several of our outstanding faculty members. I’d like to recognize these faculty members who I recommend for tenure and promotion. As you know, this is a significant achievement. I’d like to extend my congratulations to:

- Dr. Kristen Schwarz, Biological Sciences
- Dr. Kebede Gemene, Chemistry
- Dr. Jason Vest, School of the Arts
- Dr. Gabriel Sanders, Kinesiology and Health
- Dr. Tammie Sherry, Teacher Education
- Dr. Catherine Gannon Tagher, Nursing
- Dr. Alain Krapl, Economics and Finance
- Dr. Samuel Goh, Business Informatics
- Professor Sara Drabik, Communication

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- Dr. Stephanie Klitzke, Communication
- Dr. Austin Lee, Communications
- Professor Jennifer Kinsley, Law Instruction

I'd also like to recognize the outstanding faculty members who are being recommended for promotion to full professor:

- Dr. KC Russell, Chemistry
- Dr. William Landon, History and Geography
- Dr. Eric Jackson, History and Geography
- Dr. Seyed Allameh, Physics, Geology and Engineering Technology
- Dr. Morteza Sadat-Hosseiny, Physics, Geology and Engineering Technology
- Dr. Sharyn Jones, Sociology, Anthropology, Philosophy
- Dr. Lenore Kinne, Teacher Education
- Dr. Jaesook Gilbert, Teacher Education
- Dr. Greg Hatchett, Counseling, Social Work and Leadership
- Dr. Stephen Yungbluth, Communication
- Dr. Maureen Doyle, Computer Science
- Dr. James Walden, Computer Science
- Dr. Jang-Chul Kim, Economics and Finance
- Dr. Eileen Weisenbach Keller, Marketing, Sports Business and Construction
- Professor Eric Alden, Law Instruction
- Professor Amy Halbrook, Law Instruction
- Professor Jack Harrison, Law Instruction
- Professor David Singleton, Law Instruction
- Professor Jennifer Kinsley, Law Instruction

### **Military Friendly Campus**

I am proud to report that Northern Kentucky University has been awarded the designation of Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. As a 2017 Military Friendly School, NKU is ranked in the top 15 percent of colleges and universities that are working to support military service members, veterans, and dependents as students and ensure their success on campus. This is the seventh consecutive year NKU has received this designation.

My thanks go out to Peg Adams, Director of the Veteran's Resource Station, and all of her staff for establishing an environment where our military students and their family members can find the support that is essential to their successful transition to and success at NKU. Veterans and their families are an integral part of the NKU community, and we will continue to ensure that they have the support and resources they need to be successful

### **Men's Basketball**

Our men's basketball team made history last week in more ways than one. They defeated University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to earn a berth in the NCAA Tournament in our very first

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year of tournament eligibility. We are only the second team since 1970 to achieve this remarkable feat.

Prior to the Horizon League Tournament, the team set a new school record by winning 21 games this season. This success is due in large part to Horizon League Coach of the Year John Brannen and all of his staff – they’ve done a remarkable job with our student-athletes. Congratulations also to Athletic Director Ken Bothof and his staff for their leadership of the program. But the lion’s share of the credit goes to our outstanding players – our student-athletes. They represent us well on the court and in the classroom.

We learned on Sunday, surrounded by over 500 enthusiastic Norse fans, that the team will travel to Indianapolis on Friday to play the University of Kentucky Wildcats in the first round of the NCAA tournament. The game will start at approximately 9:40pm that evening.

I am very proud of the team and all of their accomplishments this season. They have shown the country what we already know – that there is something special happening here at Northern Kentucky University.

I will conclude with a short video that will put everyone in the proper mood for the game. [VIDEO] Thank you to Jim Nilsson and his staff for putting this video together on such short notice.

Mr. Boehne, that concludes my remarks.

## **B. Presidential Reports:**

### **1. Facilities Management Report (Senior Vice President Sue Hodges Moore)**

- a. Health Innovation Center/Founders Hall Renovation
- b. Replace Campus Light Poles
- c. University Center Ballroom Roof Replacement
- d. Lucas Administrative Center Roof Replacement
- e. Herrmann Science Center HVAC Recommissioning
- f. Greenhouse
- g. Commonwealth Hall Water Heater Replacement
- h. Baseball Field Synthetic Turf
- i. Sustainability
- j. US 27 Development
- k. Student Housing
- l. North Connector Road

### **2. Research, Grants, and Contracts Report (November 1, 2016 – December 30, 2016)** (Provost and Executive Vice President Sue Ott Rowlands).

During the November 1, 2016 through December 30, 2016 time period, 6 grants were awarded. The total amount of money awarded was \$274,287. From January 1, 2016 through December 30, 2016, the cumulative total number of grants awarded is 47 totaling \$4,060,901.

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**3. Fundraising Report (July 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017)** (Vice President Eric Gentry)

The Fundraising Report summarized fundraising resources committed from July 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017 totaling \$3,095,958 in support of the university.

**4. Quarterly Financial Report (July 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016)** (Senior Vice President Sue Hodges Moore)

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

**5. Organizational Changes Report:**

The organizational changes report reflected the following:

**Academic Affairs – Adult Learner Programs and Services**

The **Adult Learner Programs and Services (ALPS)** office has been created to deliver unique services to NKU's adult population. The ALPS will provide support to non-traditional students in several ways, including assistance throughout the recruitment, admission, and enrollment process; referral services tailored to the needs of adult students; academic coaching and specialized academic advising; advocacy with university processes; and targeted communication with students.

**C. Presidential Recommendations:**

**Consent Agenda Items:** A motion was made by Regent Terry Mann and seconded by Regent John William Weber to approve the following Presidential Recommendations as listed; C-1 through C-13. **(Motion carried)**

**1. Academic Affairs Personnel Actions:**

**a. Administrative Appointments:**

Dr. Diana McGill, from interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, to dean of the College of Arts and Sciences effective July 1, 2017; Dr. Patrick Schultheis, from professor and interim chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, to professor and chair of the Department of Biological Sciences, effective January 1, 2017.

**b. Faculty Appointments:**

Mr. David Dunevant, from associate professor in the Music Program in the School of the Arts to associate professor and interim program head of the Music Program in the School of the Arts, effective January 1, 2017; Dr. Andrew Long, from full-time tenure-track associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics to part-time tenure-track associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, effective fall semester, 2017.

**c. Transitions:**

Dr. Shamima Ahmed, from professor and chair in the Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership to professor in the Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership, effective July 1, 2017; Dr. Janaina Siegler Marques Batista, from visiting assistant professor (non-tenure-track) to assistant professor (tenure-track) in the Department of Management, effective January 9, 2017; Dr. Emily Detmer-Goebel, from professor and chair in the Department of English to professor in the Department of English, effective July 1, 2017; Dr. Maureen Doyle, from associate professor and interim chair in the Department of Computer Science to associate professor and chair in the Department of Computer Science, effective January 1, 2017; Dr. Sharyn Jones, from professor and chair in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy to professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy, effective July 1, 2017; Dr. Jason Vest, from assistant professor and program head of the Music Program in the School of the Arts to Assistant Provost for Special Projects, effective January 1, 2017; Dr. Roger Zarnowski, from professor and chair in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics to professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, effective July 1, 2017.

**d. Departures:**

Nancy Kersell, non-tenure track renewable Senior Lecturer in the Department of English, effective May 31, 2017.

**e. Retirements:**

Dr. Linda Marquis, professor of accounting in the Department of Accounting and Business Law, effective December 31, 2016; Jill Niemeyer, Lecturer II in the Department of Teacher Education, effective June 30, 2017; Mr. John Valauri, professor of Law in the Chase College of Law, effective spring, 2017. *This recommendation is a correction from the January 2017 Board submission in which Mr. Valauri was incorrectly listed as transitioning from a full time professor to a part-time professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Arts and Sciences.*

**f. Phased Retirements:**

Professor Carol Furnish, professor in the Chase College of Law, beginning July 1, 2017 and terminating on June 30, 2019; Dr. Mary Kirk, professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Health, beginning spring 2018 and terminating at the end of fall semester 2019; Dr. J. Robert Lilly, professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy, beginning fall 2017 and terminating at the end of fall semester 2019; Dr. Kimberly McErlane, associate professor in the Department of Advanced Nursing Studies, College of Health Professions, beginning January 1, 2018 and terminating December 31, 2019; Professor P. Andrew Miller, professor in the Department of English, beginning fall semester 2017 and terminating at the end of spring semester

2018; Dr. John Rankin, professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, beginning fall semester 2017 and terminating at the end of the spring semester 2019. Dr. J. Gaut Ragsdale, professor in the Department of Communication, College of Informatics, beginning fall semester 2017 and terminating at the end of the spring semester 2019; Professor Sandra L. Turkelson, associate professor in the Department of Nursing, College of Health Professions, beginning spring semester 2018 and terminating at the end of the fall semester 2019.

**g. Temporary Faculty Appointments:**

Ms. Lynissa Hillman, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Sociology, Anthropology effective spring 2017; Mr. Johnny Maynard, College of Informatics, Department of Computer Science effective spring 2017; Dr. Jongsoo Park, College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science, Criminal Justice and Organizational Leadership effective spring semester 2017; Dr. Kayla Steltenkamp, College of Education and Human Services, Department of Teacher Education effective spring 2017.

**2. Academic Affairs Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure:**

The Board of Regents approved recommendations on reappointment, promotion and tenure.

**3. Non-Academic Personnel Actions:**

The following categories of non-academic personnel actions which occurred between November 29, 2016 and February 13, 2017 received approval by the Board of Regents: Activations/Rehires; Reassignments, Reclassifications, Title/Status Changes, Promotions; Transfers; Contract/Temporary to Regular & Regular to Contract; Departures; Retirees; Administrative/Executive

**4. Major Gifts Acceptance:**

The Board of Regents accepted contributions totaling \$942,861.94 received by the NKU Foundation Inc. for the benefit of Northern Kentucky University during the period October 31, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

**5. Naming Recommendations (Murgatroyd, Young, Caddell, Steinman):**

(1) The naming of a scholarship in support of scholarships and Pi Kappa Alpha national conference registration support for members in good standing in the Rho Eta Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity “The Rho Eta Chapter/Pi Kappa Alpha – Richard L. Murgatroyd Endowed Scholarship”.

(2) The naming of a scholarship in support of an incoming student with a declared major in the College of Informatics. “Katy Young Memorial Scholarship”.

(3) The naming of an endowed scholarship in support of students pursuing a degree in Finance or Economics. “Heritage Bank Endowed Scholarship honoring Arnold E. Caddell, Founder”.

(4) The naming of an endowment to support a scholarship for an incoming student from the Boys and Girls Club of greater Cincinnati. “The Steinman Family Endowed Scholarship”.

**6. Faculty Emeritus Status Appointments (Curtin, Moynahan, Neely, Snyder):**

The Board of Regents approved the Emeritus status for the following individuals.

**Dr. Dan Curtin**, professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, effective May 17, 2017; **Dr. Patrick Moynahan**, associate professor in the Department of Communication, effective February 17, 2017; **Dr. Charlotte Neely**, professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Philosophy, effective May 17, 2017; **Dr. Robert Snyder**, professor in the Department of Management, effective May 17, 2017.

**7. Honorary Degree:**

The Board of Regents approved that Virginia Fox receive an Honorary Doctorate of Education.

**8. Honors College:**

The Board of Regents approved changing the status of the honors program to an Honors College.

**9. Faculty Senate Constitution:**

The Board of Regents approved the revised Faculty Senate constitution.

**10. Dissolution of NorseCo:**

The Board of Regents approved NorseCo will be dissolved and removed from the Office of Graduate Education, Research, and Outreach.

**11. Organizational Chart:**

The Board of Regents approved the organizational chart which reflects all NKU Administrative updates through March 15, 2017.

**12. WNKE:**

The Board of Regents authorized the President to execute a contract for the sale of WNKEFM and its assets with Educational Media Foundation (EMF). EMF will purchase WNKE-FM’s license, tower and equipment by paying NKU \$700,000.00 plus seventy-five percent (75%) of the net sales proceeds of EMF’s anticipated sale of WEKV-FM.



**13. WNKU:**

The Board of Regents authorized the President to execute a contract for the sale of WNKUFM and its assets with Bible Broadcasting Corp. Bible Broadcasting Corp. will pay NKU \$1,900,000.00 to purchase WNKU-FM and its license and equipment at the transmitter site and also pay to lease the tower and transmitter room.

**D. Executive Session:**

Regent Richard Boyce seconded Regent Richard Boehne's motion to enter into executive session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1)(c) and (f). (**Motion carried**)

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

**E. Board Recommendation:**

The Board recommended that Mr. Gerry St. Amand be appointed as interim President for Northern Kentucky University.

Regent John William Weber seconded Regent Terry Mann's motion to appoint Gerry St. Amand the interim President for Northern Kentucky University.

At 3:20 p.m., Regent Gregory Shumate seconded Regent John William Weber's motion to adjourn. (**Motion carried**)

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

Signature on File  
**Benjamin Jager**  
**Executive Assistant to the President/**  
**Secretary to the Board of Regents**

I, Rich Boehne, Chairman 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 March 15, 2017, and that such matters are still in force and effect.

Signature on File  
**Richard Boehne**  
**Chairman of the Board of Regents**