

**Lake Superior State University
Board of Trustees
Minutes of Meeting
Walker Cisler Student and Conference Center
Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan
January 27, 2017**

The Board of Trustees of Lake Superior State University met in regular session beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, January 27, 2017, in the West Superior Room, 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 January 27, 2017. 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 one member of the press.

I. Roll Call

First Vice Chair Ann Parker, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. She asked Ms. Kaye M. Batho, Secretary, to call the roll. The following members responded “present”:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey
Mr. Douglas R. Bovin
Dr. Mark W. Mercer
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson
Ms. Ann Parker
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma
Dr. Thomas C. Pleger, President and ex-officio

Six Trustees were recorded as present with Trustees James P. Curran and Randy Pingatore as absent. Present for the University were Ms. Colleen Barr, President of LSSU ESP union; Mr. Thomas Coates, Director of Foundation; Ms. Kris Dunbar, Director of Athletics; Mr. Philip Espinosa, Associate Vice President for Human Resources; Dr. David Finley, Interim Provost and Academic Vice President; Ms. Jaimee Gerrie, President of LSSU Faculty Association (via teleconference); Mr. Steve Gregory, Director of Physical Plant; Mr. RJ Homan, President of Student Government; 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 January 27, 2017

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of the agenda for January 27, 2017 as presented; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

III. Approval of the Minutes for November 8, 2016

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the minutes for November 8, 2016 as presented; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

IV. Addresses to the Board

There were no addresses to the Board.

V. Chair's Remarks

Ms. Parker welcomed all to the Board meeting. She informed the Board that she had attended the Student Government meeting on January 26, 2017 and she was very impressed with the professionalism of this meeting.

VI. President's Remarks

Dr. Pleger welcomed all to the Board meeting and the spring semester. He informed the Board of recent updates including a planned power outage, infrastructure upgrades, Shared Governance, course and program fee recommendation, Considine Hall opening, CFRE project, program review, and the HLC timeline.

Dr. Pleger informed the Board that he will appoint Mr. Maurice Walworth to the position of Vice President for Finance and Operations effective immediately. He stated he will also proceed with a national search for the Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs position. He thanked Mr. Walworth and Dr. Finley for their diligent work in these positions.

Dr. Pleger informed the Board that the 2017 Commencement speaker will be Mr. Sandy Baruah, President and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber.

VII. Honorary Doctorate Recommendation

Dr. Pleger informed the Board that the University is vetting names and recommendations to potentially be approved at a future date.

VIII. Report of the Finance Committee

Mr. Walworth thanked Dr. Pleger and the Board for his appointment as the Vice President for Finance and Operations. He gave an overview of informational items including budget review process, expenditures, meetings with budget managers, improved S & P Bond rating, MPSERS, program and course fees, investments and a contract for data analysis to bolster enrollment/retention to name a few.

Mr. Walworth explained the LSSU Endowment and its relationship to the endowment held at the LSSU Foundation. Mr. Nelson stated that the Board supports the investment strategy and rebalancing of the LSSU Endowment portfolio.

Mr. Nelson moved for Board approval of the revised structure rate for tuition as presented for global and audit rates as presented (Appendix A) at \$10,491 a semester for tuition/room/board and 50% of tuition for audit courses; supported by Dr. Mercer. The Chair requested a roll call vote. The results of the roll call vote were:

Mr. Thomas C. Bailey	“Yes”
Mr. Douglas R. Bovin	“Yes”
Dr. Mark W. Mercer	“Yes”
Mr. Rodney M. Nelson	“Yes”
Ms. Ann Parker	“Yes”
Ms. Sandi Frost Steensma	“Yes”

The motion passed with majority roll call vote.

Mr. Duane Reyhl of Andrew, Hooper, Palvik, PLC, informed the Board of a clean audit for LSSU, and he added that Mr. Walworth has successfully performed his duties regarding the finances and the budgetary details of the University. He also commended the Business Office staff for their hard work during the annual audit process. Mr. Nelson requested clarification on the course and program fee issue that the Board previously agreed to review. He added that the Board of Trustees received the report of the investigation by the Academic and Finance Committees on January 26, 2017, and they will distribute the findings in the near future. Mr. Reyhl stated that he believes the course and program fee concern is unfounded.

Mr. Nelson moved for Board approval of the draft annual financial report recommendation as presented and to be distributed and posted on the LSSU website upon approval; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

IX. Report of the Human Resources Committee

Ms. Barr informed the Board that at this time there was no report from the ESP union.

Ms. Jennifer Constantino, Deputy Title IX Coordinator gave the Board an overview of Title IX information including investigations, assessments, interviews, appeals and campus safety. She informed the Board of an upcoming event called UP Stander, which encourages individuals to stand up and speak up if an inappropriate behavior is observed.

X. Report of Academic Affairs Committee

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of Marta Hutchins for tenure status effective fall 2017; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of Barbara Light for tenure status effective fall 2017; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of R. Adam Mosey for tenure status effective fall 2017; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of Lori Oliver for tenure status effective fall 2017; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of Christopher Smith for tenure status effective fall 2017; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of Kelli Verdecchia for tenure status effective fall 2017; supported by Ms. Frost Steensma. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bovin moved for Board approval of Robert Boston for tenure status effective fall 2017; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

First Vice Chair Parker acknowledged Professor Mary Been's request to address the Board with a concern regarding the Advisory Committee on tenure and promotions. She stated that she believed the committee's recommendations were not followed and requested the committee be dissolved.

President Pleger responded that the committee has an advisory role. He added that the recommendations were taken seriously and he will work with the Faculty Association on this issue should the Faculty Association request a change to the status and/or structure of the committee. Trustee Bailey stated that communications should come to the Trustees via the President.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of the R. Adam Mosey status change from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor effective fall 2017; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of Alexi V. Iretski to sabbatical status effective fall 2017 and spring 2018 and for James Schaeffer to sabbatical status for spring 2018; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of MCOLES Certification as presented; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Frost Steensma moved for Board approval of the recommendation to delete the following:

- B.S. Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement with NRT*
- B.S. Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Certification*
- B.S. Criminal Justice-Homeland Security*
- B.S. Criminal Justice-Generalist*
- B.S. Criminal Justice/Criminalistics*
- B.S. Criminal Justice/Corrections*
- B.A. Sport and Recreation Management

The motion was supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote. *The B.S. Criminal Justice program is being consolidated into a single degree with concentrations.

Dr. Finley informed the Board of academic informational items including CAFÉ Shared Governance committees, assessment, course qualifications, space reallocation plan, commencement plans, customer service training, degree audit software, BE inspired upcoming speakers, and faculty development.

Trustee Frost Steensma departed the meeting.

Ms. Gerrie congratulated the faculty members on their tenure, promotion and sabbatical status changes. She also asked for clarification on the Board's preferred interactions with the Faculty Association. Ms. Parker responded that the Board has agreed to open forums with the Faculty Association but does not recommend any individual interactions.

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

Gary Buddenborg to Charlton Heston Academy for a term expiring June 30, 2020;
Robert Olschefski to Charlton Heston Academy for a term expiring June 30, 2020;
Robert Brown to Concord Academy-Petoskey for a term expiring June 30, 2019;
Kathleen Jacobsen to Concord Academy-Petoskey for a term expiring June 30, 2019.

Mr. Bailey supported the motion. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Mercer moved for Board approval of the recommendation to amend the charter contract for Bay City Academy to remove the site at 400 Madison Avenue, Bay City, Michigan; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Mercer moved for Board approval of the recommendation to reauthorize Advanced Technology Academy charter contract through June 30, 2022; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Bailey moved for Board approval of the recommendation to reauthorize Concord Academy-Boyne charter contract through June 30, 2022; supported by Dr. Mercer. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Mercer moved for Board approval of the recommendation to reauthorize Innocademy charter contract through June 30, 2022; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Dr. Mercer moved for Board approval of the recommendation to reauthorize WSC Academy charter contract through June 30, 2022; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

XI. Report of the Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Homan informed the Board of informational updates regarding Student Government including recent Inter-Greek Council events, Laker radio to transition to on-line, the food pantry project, and the annual ski trip. He also informed the Board of an issue with the campus newspaper, The Compass regarding ceasing of operations and frustrations following. Mr. Walworth responded that he will be contacting The Compass student newspaper and the Student Government office the week of January 30, 2017 to discuss progress and options.

Mr. Jurvelin informed the Board of the enrollment data including the current official count is at 1,943 students for spring semester 2017. He stated that applications are down slightly and currently there is a review of the applicants, yield from application to admit and financial aid disbursement.

Ms. Frost rejoined the meeting via teleconference call at 10:45 a.m.

Ms. Dunbar informed the Board of informational updates regarding athletics including Pink in the Rink fundraiser collection of \$20,000 and our student athletes' community service involvement.

Mr. Gregory informed the Board of the recent electrical issues on campus. He stated that the outages were unfortunate; however, these incidents show the dedication, performance level, and teamwork among employees and the community.

XII. Report of the Development Committee

Mr. Coates expressed his appreciation to Richard and Theresa Barch for their recent generous donation to the CFRE project. He added that the CFRE project campaign will be forthcoming to the Board for proper vetting and approval.

Mr. Coates informed the Board that the Considine Hall dedication will be on April 21, 2017 and the Lake State Golf Classic will be held on July 28-29, 2017.

XIII. Other Business

There was none.

XIV. Adjournment

Mr. Nelson moved for adjournment at 10:55 a.m.; supported by Mr. Bailey. The motion carried with unanimous voice vote.

Ann Parker
First Vice Chair

Thomas C. Pleger
President

Minutes prepared by Ms. Kaye M. Batho, Secretary.
A draft of these minutes was completed on February 10, 2017.