CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Board Chair Jacqueline Woods called the meeting to order at 10:29 a.m. in the Board Room of the Kent State University College of Podiatric Medicine. Trustee Dennis Eckart called the roll, and a quorum was present.

PROOF OF NOTICE

Chair Woods stated that public notification was given pursuant to state law and university policy.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with Chapter 121.22, section G of the Ohio Revised Code, Chair Woods announced the Board had a need to meet in Executive Session for the purpose of (iv) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment [121.22 (G)(4)]. Trustee Eckart moved, seconded by Trustee Colecchi, that the Board retire into Executive Session. By virtue of a unanimous roll call vote, the Board adjourned into Executive Session. The session concluded at 10:52 a.m. and Chair Woods reconvened the meeting.
APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Woods noted that this was a special meeting called for the sole purpose of considering ratification of a collective bargaining agreement between Kent State University and the full-time, tenure track faculty unit of the American Association of University Professors, Kent State Chapter. She then asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, the agenda was approved by general consent.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

RATIFICATION OF THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT: KENT STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE TENURE TRACK FACULTY UNIT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS, KENT STATE CHAPTER

Chair Woods remarked that the Board was pleased to meet to ratify a collective bargaining agreement that was approved with very strong support of the faculty. The Board, the administration and the faculty share many common goals and a commitment to students, she said. She continued stating that across Kent State’s campuses, all parties want to create the best possible environment for learning and scholarship. She noted that while the meeting itself will be brief, the Board has been engaged in the negotiation process since May 2011, and is thoroughly briefed on the contents of the proposed agreement. She then asked President Lefton to present the resolution.

President Lefton thanked all who were involved in the negotiation process, noting that negotiations take time and patience, and the parties acted in good faith to improve the lives of students and faculty alike. He stated that the contract is in the best interests of both the university and the faculty. President Lefton continued saying that all at the bargaining table felt it was a good contract that moves the university forward, and he encouraged approval of the resolution.

Chair Woods asked Provost Diacon if he had anything to add. Provost Diacon agreed with President Lefton’s comments and remarked that he has enjoyed working with all involved towards a fair and positive contract, which recognizes the faculty and the great work they do, he said. Chair Woods concluded her comments by saying that she appreciated everyone’s hard work, observing that in these economic times this reaching contract is a real accomplishment.
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WHEREAS, under the provisions of Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code, Kent State University has maintained a collective bargaining relationship with its full-time tenure-track faculty since September 16, 1978; and

WHEREAS, the most recent three-year Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tenure-Track Faculty Bargaining Unit, was ratified by the Board of Trustees on August 27, 2008; and

WHEREAS, negotiations for a new Collective Bargaining Agreement began on or about May 2, 2011, produced a settlement in principle on or about May 10, 2012, and concluded with the reaching of a tentative agreement on or about June 25, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the eligible voting membership of the AAUP-KSU ratified the tentative agreement by a vote of 414-31 on July 19, 2012: now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Kent State University does hereby approve of and ratify the appended Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Tenure-Track Faculty Unit of the American Association of University Professors, Kent State Chapter. This Agreement shall become effective from August 23, 2012 and shall expire at 12:01 a.m., August 23, 2015.

ACTION: Trustee Marsh moved, seconded by Trustee Colecchi, that the resolution be approved. There were no objections. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Woods announced that the next regular business meeting of the Board of Trustees would occur September 12, 2012, at Kent State’s new Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, Ohio. On motion duly made and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.