



## **WSU Board of Trustees**

### *Board Meeting*

Friday, September 22, 2017, 8:00 am  
164 Room, Experiential Engineering Building

In attendance were board members Sheryl Wohlford, Steve Packebush, Laurie Labarca, Tom Winters, Joe Norton, Pierre Harter, Cindy Schwan, and Vernell Jackson. Also present were John Bardo, Mert Buckley, Susan Johnson, Andy Schlapp, Troy Bruun, Werner Golling, Lou Heldman and Michael Gerber from BKD.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Wohlford started meeting at 8:02 am. Schwan made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 13, 2017 meeting. Winters seconded and the motion passed.

#### **Finance and Audit Report**

Bruun introduced the auditor, Michael Gerber, from BKD. Gerber reviewed the draft 2017 Audit and management letter with the board, stating they will issue a clean opinion. Norton stated the Finance and Audit Committee had reviewed the draft audit and made a motion the board accept the financial statements, subject to finalization, and authorize the chair and treasurer to approve the audit, Schwan seconded and the motion passed.

Wohlford made a motion to approve the Finance and Audit minutes from September 11, 2017, Norton seconded and the motion passed.

Bruun reviewed the Finance and Audit reports and said there was a good return on investments, no major upcoming expenditures for the Woodman building.

#### **Campus Development Report**

Buckley presented a one-year renewal of the lease agreement between the BOT and the Foundation which expired on May 31, 2017. The renewal will be for one year, same terms, effective June 1, 2017. Schlapp said there will be discussion on fair rental price per square foot for the future leases. Labarca made a motion to approve the one-year renewal of the lease and authorize Sheryl Wohlford to sign it on behalf of the Board, Packebush seconded and the motion passed. Bruun reviewed the 10 year campus development financial plan.

#### **Nominating Committee report**

Schwan put forth a motion to approve the minutes from September 19, 2017, Norton seconded and the motion passed. Schwan read the criteria for the Board of Trustees Award and said the committee reviewed several nominations and selected Bill Moore. She reviewed his background and qualifications with the group. Schwan made a motion that Bill Moore receive the 2018 Board of Trustees Award, Winters seconded and the motion passed.

**University Update**

Bardo talked about the increase in enrollment and the largest freshman class so far, growth is coming from adult education, distance learning and I-35 corridor students. He said additional student housing is planned. The badge program has been very successful, especially with the military and adult learners. The Higher Learning Commission is in the last steps of approving the WATC affiliation. January 1, 2018 WATC will be the WSU College of Science and Applied Technology. The American Athletic Conference celebration starts September 25. The Regents have approved the Master's Degree in Global Supply Management program. The Partnership II building has been started, also the retail/restaurant area and the hotel are to start construction. A crash test facility will also be built on the Innovation Campus. The WSU South Campus is moving to the Harry Street Mall, the West Campus is being reviewed and the Old Town Campus has been very successful. Heldman explained the new Relationship Marketing position within Strategic Communications, to recruit and retain students, analyzing the customer's journey and the decision points they make, finding the vulnerable stops. Bardo talked about turning the Fairmount Towers area into parking.

Schlapp thanked the Board of Trustees for all their efforts and decision making to improve the campus with the use of the golf course for the Innovation Campus, also their investments in the Student Success Center, the Health and Wellness center, and the Infrastructure of the Innovation Campus. These were all major changes for Wichita State University.

Wohlford also thanked the trustees for the extra time and effort to attend all the meetings this year.

Harter made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Schwan seconded and the motion passed.

Wohlford adjourned the meeting at 9:05 am. A suggestion was made to hold the next meeting at WSU Old Town.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson  
Assistant Secretary