



SUMMARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING –
November 10, 2009

Major Actions Taken:

1. Amended Section 3.1.10 of the Board of Trustees Bylaws, upon the recommendation of the Board Officers, regarding the appointments of University senior administrative and academic officers, stating that the President shall “Consult with and bring to the Board Officers for ratification the appointment of the Provost, and report to the Board of Trustees the appointment of all deans and vice presidents.” Sections of the Bylaws were also amended pertaining to standing and special committees, as well as the removal of Board involvement in the appointment process for Visiting Committee membership.
2. Amended the Visiting Committees Bylaws Article III, Sections 2, 3, 4, 5 and Article IV, Section 4 removing the involvement of the Board of Trustees from the appointment process of Visiting Committee membership and placing the college deans and division or department directors in the position of making the appointments and providing the Board of Trustees with a current membership roster/directory for each Visiting Committee on or before September 1 of each year.
3. Accepted, with thanks, Gifts totaling \$957,469 and Sponsored Program funds totaling \$10,683,719 received by the Cleveland State University Foundation and the University during the period July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009, and directed the President to use those Gifts and Sponsored Programs funds subject to their terms and conditions.
4. Authorized the amendment and restatement of the Alternative Retirement Plan document to conform with the Economic Growth and Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2001, and other applicable laws, regulations, and administrative authority.
5. Approved amendments to the CSU Department of Intercollegiate Athletics’ Alcohol and Other Drugs Education and Testing Policy, clarifying the testing procedures, categorizing the groups of banned substances to be in line with the NCAA Testing Policy language, making the sanctions for positive tests consistent across categories, and a more realistic abstinence timeframe.
6. Approved the CSU Chemical Procurement Policy and Program as promulgated by the CSU Department of Environmental Health and Safety, governing the purchases or uses of chemical/hazardous materials on Cleveland State University property and notifying College and/or Department administrators of any violations, non-compliance or irregularities of the policy.

7. Authorized the Administration to execute and implement the extension of the current collective bargaining agreement between the University and the Communications Workers of America, Local 4309 for a one-year period from November 1, 2009 through and including October 31, 2010 with no increase in classified staff compensation, including across-the-board, step and longevity increases for the duration of the extended agreement.
8. Amended Board Resolution 2005-75, pertaining to the administration of bond-financed projects, to increase the maximum amount for construction and related expenses for the Parker Hannifin Administrative Center and Hall from \$15,800,000 to \$17,300,000.
9. Approved the Bachelor of Arts in Black Studies degree program in the College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences as approved by the Faculty Senate at its May 6, 2009 meeting and recommended by the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees on October 20, 2009.
10. Approved the recommendation of the Recognition Committee of the Board of Trustees, with the concurrence of the Graduation, Convocation and Assembly Committee of the Faculty Senate to offer and award honorary degrees to Dr. Glenn R. Brown at the CSU December 13, 2009 commencement ceremony and to Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. at the May 15, 2010 commencement. Long-term Project 60 student Jean Elsner will be awarded the Presidential Medal at the December Commencement in recognition of her dedication and commitment to lifelong learning.
11. Approved a 3.5% tuition fee increase for undergraduate, graduate and law, effective Spring 2010 that will provide revenues for athletics and student activities from the General Fee that has not increased or kept up with inflation since Fall 2006.
12. Approved a 5% increase in 2009-2010 Viking Hall Residency Fee Rates, effective fall term 2010. Current residents qualify for a lower renewal rate if their contracts are renewed on or before February 28, 2010. Additional days of occupancy and a distinct residency option are provided for law students consistent with rates for other students.
13. Approved a \$200 increase in Residential Meal Plan Rates, effective beginning of fall term 2010 and additional options.
14. Approved increases in fines, effective January 1, 2010, for Parking Rule citations, particularly for parking without a placard in spaces designated for handicapped, to maintain safe and efficient parking facilities and to bring the University's parking citation fines in line with those issued by the City of Cleveland for most violations.
15. Authorized the Administration to execute and implement the extension of the current collective bargaining agreement between the University and the Service Employees International Union District 1199 for a fifteen-month period from July 1, 2009 through and including September 30, 2010 with no increase in professional staff compensation, including across-the-board salary increases, equity adjustments, and pay supplements for employees accepting summer and intercession teaching assignments.

16. Authorized the Administration to implement salary increases for non-bargaining unit librarians who received rank promotions during 2009 and to be paid effective with the pay period that includes July 1, 2009.
17. Approved and accepted the FY 2009 external Audit performed by Plante & Moran.
18. Authorized the Board Officers to amend the President's contract pertaining to disability.