

**MINUTES  
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS  
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

**July 22, 2016**

• **CALL TO ORDER**

Required statutory notice having been given, the third quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held in the *Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room* at Mass Media and Technology Hall on the Western Kentucky University campus. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, at approximately 8:30 a.m., (CDT).

• **ROLL CALL**

The following Regents were present, representing a quorum of the Board:

Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Chair	Mr. Gillard B. Johnson III
Dr. Melissa B. Dennison, Vice Chair	Mr. J. David Porter
Dr. Phillip W. Bale	Mr. Jay Todd Richey, Student Regent
Dr. Barbara G. Burch, Faculty Regent	Mr. John W. Ridley
Ms. Cynthia Harris, Secretary	Dr. Tamela W. Smith, Staff Regent

Regents absent from the meeting:

Mr. Laurence J. Zielke

Others in attendance included the following:

Dr. Gary A. Ransdell, President  
Dr. David D. Lee, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. Marc Archambault, Vice President for Development and Alumni Relations  
Mr. Gordon Johnson, Vice President and Chief Information Technology Officer  
Mr. Brian Kuster, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Ms. Ann Mead, Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration  
Dr. Brian Meredith, Chief Enrollment and Graduation Officer  
Mr. Bryan Russell, Chief Facilities Officer  
Mr. Todd Stewart, Director of Athletics  
Ms. Robbin Taylor, Vice President for Public Affairs  
Ms. Deborah T. Wilkins, General Counsel  
Dr. Randy Capps, Parliamentarian  
Ms. Julia J. McDonald, Assistant to the President for Board and Executive Relations

In keeping with the policy of the Board, the agenda for the meeting and information and materials pertinent to items thereon had been mailed in advance of the meeting to members of the Board.

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CONSENT AGENDA STATEMENT:

Chair Higdon announced that the Committees of the Board met on June 20 and June 24, 2016, and discussed each item on their respective agendas and approved submitting the agenda items to the full Board for consent action.

Page numbers reflect where the detailed action items are located in the meeting agenda book and can be accessed online [https://www.wku.edu/regents/meeting\\_archives.php](https://www.wku.edu/regents/meeting_archives.php).

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**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – ACTION ITEMS**

- AA-1 Approval of a Graduate Certificate in Global Health Administration [pp 1-4]
- AA-2 Approval of University Distinguished Professor Appointments [p 5]
- AA-3 Approval of Emeriti Appointments [p 6]

MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-1 and AA-3 was made by Regent Barbara Burch and seconded by Regent Richey.

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEM**

- Dr. Brian Meredith provided an Enrollment update.
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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ACTION ITEM**

- EX-1 Approval of Naming Designated Rooms / Areas [pp 7-9]

MOTION

Motion to approve item EX-1 was made by Regent Gil Johnson and seconded by Regent Tamela Smith.

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION

Motion was made by Regent Gil Johnson and seconded by Regent Phillip Bale to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61.810(1) for the following discussions:

- Discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the University; and,

- Deliberation on the future acquisition or sale of real property by the University.

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

The Board went into closed session at approximately 9:15 a.m. (CDT).

At approximately 11:30 a.m. (CDT), the Board returned to open session, Chair Higdon stated:

“The Board has now returned to open session. The discussions and deliberations during the closed session were restricted to those stated in the motion, and no formal action was taken by the Board in closed session.”

**FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE – ACTION ITEMS**

- FB-1 Approve: 2016-17 Audit Plan [pp 10-13]
- FB-2 Approve: Personnel Actions [p 14 and attached reports]
  - Faculty Reports [pp F1-F13]
  - Staff Reports [pp S1-S16]
- FB-3 Approve: General Receipts Bonds [pp 15-16 and attached Resolution]
- FB-4 Accept: 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Statement of Revenue and Expenditures [pp 17-18]

**MOTION**

Motion to approve items FB-1 through FB-4 was made by Regent Barbara Burch and seconded by Regent Tamela Smith.

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ACTION ITEM**

- NC-1 Recommendation for the Election and Approval of the 2016-17 Slate of Officers

The following Regents served on the Nominating Committee for the 2016-17 Board Slate of Officers recommendation:

Mr. J. David Porter, Chair  
 Ms. Cynthia Harris  
 Mr. Laurence J. Zielke

The Nominating Committee recommends the following Regents be elected officers for 2016-17, as follows:

Mr. Frederick A. Higdon - Chair  
 Dr. Melissa B. Dennison – Vice Chair  
 Ms. Cynthia Harris – Secretary

For the purpose of fulfilling the requirements of KRS 164.330 and the Board Bylaws, the Nominating Committee recommends Ms. Ann Mead be appointed Treasurer for 2016-17. This appointment does not alter or add to the responsibilities of Ms. Mead's position or employment at the University, does not include compensation, and may be withdrawn by the Board at any time, with or without cause.

MOTION

Motion to approve the 2016-17 Slate of Officers was made by Regent David Porter and seconded by Regent John Ridley.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved    Not Approved    Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**PRESIDENT'S REPORT – INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Mr. Todd Stewart provided an Athletics Year-End Report.
  - Mr. Marc Archambault provided an Alumni and Development Year-End Report.
  - Ms. Robbin Taylor provided a Media Year-End Report.
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**OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair Higdon distributed the 2016-17 Board Committee Appointments and the 2017 Board Meeting schedule. Chair Higdon requested Regents to make note of the calendar dates listed below:

- August 19 ~ Opening Convocation
  - September 23 ~ Committee Meetings
  - October 22 ~ HOMECOMING
  - October 28 ~ Fourth Quarterly Board Meeting
  - December 9 ~ Committee Meetings
  - December 10 ~ Commencement
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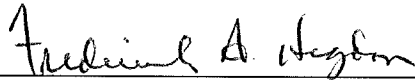
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Higdon adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:20 p.m. (CDT).

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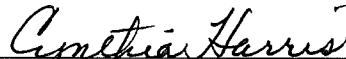
## CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of votes and actions taken by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in the third quarterly meeting held July 22, 2016, in the *Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room* at Mass Media and Technology Hall on the Western Kentucky University campus, and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).



Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Chair  
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on October 28, 2016



Ms. Cynthia Harris, Secretary  
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on October 28, 2016