

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
Montclair, New Jersey

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Executive Committee
June 16, 2020

Present: Dr. Susan Cole, Dr. Francis Cuss, Mr. George J. Hiltzik, Mr. Lawrence Inserra, Jr., Mr. Douglas Kennedy, Mr. Ralph LaRossa, and Mr. Kent Sluyter

Absent: Ms. Rose Cali

Present by invitation: Ms. Candace Fleming, Mr. Mark Fleming, Mr. David Vernonn and Mr. Keith Barrack

Dr. Cuss called the meeting to order in Room 140, School of Business, at 8:15 am.

Statement regarding manner of public notice of meeting

Dr. Cuss read the following statement regarding the public notice of the meeting: “In compliance with the requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this public meeting — June 16, 2020 — has been provided by distributing notices as required, properly posting 48-hour notice, and forwarding notices to designated newspapers and to persons requesting such notification.”

Roll call — As reported above.

Matters Presented by the Chair

Dr. Cuss reported that the Executive Committee met in closed session prior to this meeting to discuss contract awards and personnel matters. Dr. Cuss made the following statement:

In light of the events of the past few weeks, I’d like to say a few words before we conduct our business.

The death of George Floyd has highlighted the magnitude of the systemic racism and injustice felt by the Black community and sparked a worldwide movement. One cannot have viewed the tragic video and the passionate demonstrations without being deeply moved. Like many members of the MSU community, - students, faculty, staff and alumni-, I support efforts to bring social justice issues to the forefront, not just for the sake of discussion, but to have a truly lasting impact.

These are unprecedented times. Our students have lost loved ones, are experiencing financial insecurity, and are questioning what their future will look like in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic. The African American community has experienced this to an even greater extent due to health and economic inequalities, which coinciding with blatant displays of abuse of power and violence, have greatly increased their levels of anxiety and frustration.

For all of these reasons, the University and the Board of Trustees acknowledge MSU’s critical role in educating and preparing citizens of the 21st Century by promoting social justice, civic engagement, multicultural literacy, and recognition and celebration of diversity.

Mindful of Montclair State University’s longstanding role as a University of opportunity that prides itself on providing access to higher education for all members of the local community in New Jersey, the Board strongly endorses the ongoing efforts of the President, the Faculty, Staff and Student leaders as they plan and prepare to bring students back to the University in the fall and help move our society from systemic racism to an enlightened and just future.

Contract Awards

Dr. Cuss moved that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve contract awards to various vendors, including but not limited to: Tele-measurements, Video Corporation of America, AVI-SPL and Commercial Technology Contractors Inc, Trittech, and Kinly to upgrade classroom technology to support multi-modal teaching necessitated by the Covid-19 Pandemic in a total amount not to exceed \$1,950,000. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3279

Personnel Actions

Dr. Cuss moved that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees Executive Committee approve the following personal actions: 4 professional staff reappointments and 251 managerial reappointments. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

No. 3280

Motion to enter closed session: Dr. Cuss made the following motion, which was seconded and approved unanimously:

Be it hereby further moved pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-13 that the Montclair State University Board of Trustees shall enter into Closed Session prior to the next scheduled Public Session to discuss the following pursuant to N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b: 1) pending litigation filed against the University; 2) personnel matters; and 3) other matters which may arise consistent with N.J.S.A. 10:4-12.b.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Keith Barrack

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