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Call to Order

The Board of Trustees of Delaware State University (“BoT”) held a virtual meeting on Friday, October 30, 2020, via WebEx. Dr. Devona Williams, Chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Roll Call by Ms. Tamara Stoner, University Secretary

<u>ATTENDEES</u>	
BOARD MEMBERS	DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
Dr. Devona Williams, Chair	Tony Allen, Ph.D., President
Mr. John Ridgeway, Vice Chair	Dr. Saundra Delauder, Provost
Mr. John J. Allen, Vice Chair	Mr. Cleon Cauley, COO
Dr. Debbie Harrington	Dr. Irene Hawkins, CAO and VP of Human Resources
Mr. Leroy Tice, Esq.	Dr. Stacy Downing, VP of Student Affairs
Ms. Jocelyn Stewart	Dr. Vita Pickrum, VP of Institutional Advancement
Ms. Bernadette Dorsey Whatley	Mr. Antonio Boyle, VP of Strategic Management
Ms. Esthelda Parker Selby	Ms. LaKresha Moultrie, General Counsel
Mr. Harold Stafford	Ms. Jane Towers, Controller
Ms. Lois Hobbs	
Ms. Margie Lopez Waite	
Dr. Wilma Mishoe	
Mr. Norman Griffiths, Esq.	
Gov. Jack Markell	

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Audit & ERM Committee (AC) – Mr. Leroy Tice

- i. *Audit Update.* Mr. Cauley reported that the audit is progressing with over 90% of all 99 deliverables made to date. The target deadline is November 15, 2020. There are no foreseeable delays with meeting the deadline.

[Motion to approve AC Report by Mr. Tice; 2nd by Mr. Griffiths; Motion carried]

B. Operations Committee (OC) – Mr. Ridgeway

Mr. Ridgeway reported that the OC met on October 29 to discuss the business contact relative to the strategic transition business plan involving the Wesley acquisition. The original contract totaled \$960,000. The consultant agreed to \$361,000 in pro bono work, reducing the cost of the contract to \$599,000. The consultant has also assisted DSU in obtaining a grant in the amount of \$350,000. Therefore, the remaining cost for DSU will total \$249,000 which will be paid through capital funds. The OC agreed to recommend that the BoT approve the contract and grant.

i. Action Item #1: Business Contract Approval

- Business Contract Approval (\$599,000): The date of service for the contract is 10/19/20 – 11/27/20.
[Motion to approve the business contract as presented by Dr. Mishoe; 2nd by Mr. Tice; Motion carried]
- Private Grant Approval (\$350,000): The grant funding will be provided by a non-profit called Education Finance Institute (EFI).
[Motion to accept the EFI grant award in the amount of \$350,000 by Dr. Mishoe; 2nd by Mrs. Whatley; Motion carried]

ii. Action Item #2: COBRE Year 4 of UDs Sub Award Agreement (\$4,481,580.00)

- Mr. Ridgeway described COBRE as a unique collaboration with the University of Delaware (UD) to do biomedical research. The agreement approved year 4 of a 5-year contract. Dr. DeLauder added that DSU is currently a Research Level II institution. Research Level I is the highest level. UD is the sub and DSU is the primary in the COBRE agreement.
[Motion to approve the COBRE Year 4 of UDs Sub Award Agreement by Dr. Mishoe; 2nd by Mr. Allen; Motion carried]

[Motion to approve OC Report by Dr. Mishoe; 2nd by Ms. Hobbs; Motion carried]

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Virtual Halloween Homecoming, October 31, 2020 and
- DSU’s 130th Anniversary, May 15, 2021
- Board of Trustees Retreat, December 3-4, 2020

[Motion to enter Executive Session by Mr. Ridgeway; 2nd by Mr. Griffiths; Motion carried]

EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES (Pursuant to FOIA)

*******EXECUTIVE SESSION*******

[Motion to exit Executive Session by Mr. Allen; 2nd by Dr. Mishoe; Motion carried]

*******EXECUTIVE SESSION*******

[Motion to accept the recommendation that was made in Executive Session by Mr. Allen; 2nd by Dr. Mishoe; Motion carried]

[Motion to Adjourn by Ms. Hobbs; 2nd by Mr. Griffiths; Motion carried]

ADJOURNMENT 1:44 p.m.