

**ROWAN UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES RETREAT**

Thursday, October 26, 2017

AGENDA

SCHEDULE

9:00 A.M.

CLOSED AND PUBLIC SESSIONS

Alumni Engagement Center
Shpeen Hall

CALL TO ORDER

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT STATEMENT

PUBLIC SESSION

Items for discussion include updates on enrollment, facilities, academic affairs, and advancement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Amend the Approval of the Total Project Budget for the Design and Construction of the Learning Commons in the Library Located in the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (CMSRU)

Summary Statement: This resolution corrects Resolution #2017.09.21 which misstated the location of the Learning Commons in CMSRU and authorizes a total project budget in the amount of \$500,000 to renovate the Learning Commons to meet the medical students' needs for additional and reconfigured study spaces.

First Reading of Bylaws Amended to Reflect Changes

Summary Statement: This resolution provides for the first public reading of the revised Bylaws in accordance with the process for amendment of the Bylaws.

Approval of Amended University Academic Calendar and Guidelines Fall 2017 – Spring 2022

Summary Statement: This resolution approves the AMENDED University Academic Calendar and Guidelines for Fall 2017 – Spring 2022.

CLOSED SESSION

Discussion items to include matters of real estate and personnel.

PUBLIC SESSION

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION #2017.10.01

**AMEND THE APPROVAL OF THE TOTAL PROJECT BUDGET FOR THE DESIGN
AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE LEARNING COMMONS IN THE LIBRARY
LOCATED IN THE COOPER MEDICAL SCHOOL OF ROWAN UNIVERSITY
(CMSRU)**

WHEREAS, Resolution #2017.09.21, adopted by the Board of Trustees at its September 2017 meeting misstated the location of the Learning Commons, the following language is being adopted to correct the error, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act (“Restructuring Act”), the Board of Trustees of Rowan University has been empowered to direct and control expenditures and supervise the construction and demolition of buildings and projects, N.J.S.A 18A:64M-9(f) and (r), and

WHEREAS, Rowan University has determined that the physical space for the library located in CMSRU known as the Learning Commons is inadequate for the planned class size expansion, and

WHEREAS, students have also expressed a desire for additional study space that allows for different learning styles and configurations, and

WHEREAS, Rowan University has determined that existing space may be renovated to meet the above-referenced needs through a project involving the construction of a dedicated entrance, the reconfiguration of the Librarians’ office/conference space and the quiet study room, the addition of computer work stations in the reference desk and main library areas, the installation of new furniture and window treatments, necessary infrastructure support and addition of acoustic fabric panels, and

WHEREAS, the above-referenced project is not anticipated to exceed \$500,000, and

WHEREAS, the Senior Vice President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer has certified that there are sufficient funds available to pay the expenses associated with the design and construction for the project through Capital Funding

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that the total project budget for the Learning Commons renovations in the library located at CMSRU is established in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.

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RESOLUTION #2017.10.01 (continued)

SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE

This resolution corrects Resolution #2017.09.21 which misstated the location of the Learning Commons in CMSRU and authorizes a total project budget in the amount of \$500,000 to renovate the Learning Commons to meet the medical students' needs for additional and reconfigured study spaces.

RESOLUTION #2017.10.02

FIRST READING OF BYLAWS AMENDED TO REFLECT CHANGES

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act (“Restructuring Act”), by operation of law, effective July 1, 2013, Rowan University was designated as a Public Research University, N.J.S.A. 18A:64M-3(a), and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Restructuring Act, the Board of Trustees was empowered with various rights and Rowan University was given certain rights attributable to a Public Research University, and

WHEREAS, those rights include the power to adopt bylaws necessary and proper for the administration and operation of Rowan University, N.J.S.A. 18A:64M-9(a) and (m), and

WHEREAS, Rowan University has previously, through official Board of Trustees action taken on December 11, 2013, approved the Bylaws of Rowan University, and

WHEREAS, Rowan University has recognized that such Bylaws require regular review at least every five (5) years in order to ensure that such Bylaws are consistent with Rowan University’s operating principles and reflect its current needs, and

WHEREAS, Rowan University has recently undertaken a revision process for its Mission Statement and its Bylaws should include the current Mission Statement, and

WHEREAS, such Bylaws may be amended through an affirmative 2/3 roll call vote of the Board of Trustees members present at two consecutive public meetings of the Board,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees acknowledges the required first reading of the proposed changes to the Bylaws which include a review and revision (if necessary) of the Bylaws at least every five years and the inclusion of the current Mission Statement, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rowan University Bylaws be considered for public vote in accordance with the process outlined in the Bylaws for their amendment by the Board of Trustees of Rowan University.

SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE

This resolution provides for the first public reading of the revised Bylaws in accordance with the process for amendment of the Bylaws.

RESOLUTION #2017.10.03

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC CALENDAR
AND GUIDELINES
FALL 2017 – SPRING 2022**

WHEREAS, as part of its normal academic planning, Rowan University develops a University Academic Calendar for future years, and

WHEREAS, the University Academic Calendar specifies the dates of Commencement Week, and

WHEREAS, University Events has determined that Commencement Week must be expanded in order to accommodate additional ceremonies, and

WHEREAS, adding a University-Wide Main Ceremony and Celebration at the beginning of all the separate College ceremonies on Sunday, May 6, 2018, will allow the Rowan community to honor all participants in one University-Wide celebration

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees accepts and approves the AMENDED University Academic Calendar and Guidelines for Fall 2017 through Spring 2022, by adding a University-Wide Ceremony and Celebration on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

SUMMARY STATEMENT

This resolution approves the AMENDED University Academic Calendar and Guidelines for Fall 2017 – Spring 2022.