

**ROWAN UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

**December 13, 2017**

**BOARD MEMBERS IN  
ATTENDANCE**

Isabelita Marcelo Abele  
Brenda Bacon  
Chad Bruner (Chair)  
Michael Carbone  
Barbara Chamberlain  
Jean Edelman  
Thomas Gallia  
Frank Giordano (via teleconference)  
Fred Graziano (via teleconference)  
George Loesch  
Martin McKernan  
Robert Poznek (Vice Chair)  
Linda Rohrer  
Larry Salva (Secretary)  
Riley Shea (Non-Voting Student Trustee)  
Rbrey Singleton (Voting Student Trustee)  
Virginia Smith  
Ali Houshmand (ex officio)

**UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES  
PRESENT**

Kenneth Blank, Sr. V.P. for Health Sciences  
Joe Cardona, V.P. for University Relations  
Joanne Connor, President's Chief of Staff/Board Liaison  
Mira Lalovic-Hand, Sr. V.P. for Information Resource & Technology  
Shreekanth Mandayam, V.P. for Research  
Donald Moore, Sr. V.P. for Facilities Planning & Operations  
James Newell, Provost & Sr. V.P. for Academic Affairs  
Joseph Scully, Sr. V.P. for Finance & CFO  
Steve Weinstein, Exec. V.P. for Policy & External  
Relationships/Partnerships  
Melissa Wheatcroft, General Counsel  
John Zabinski, Sr. V.P. for Advancement  
Robert Zazzali, Sr. V.P. for Community & Economic Development  
Joanne Showers, Recording Secretary for the Board of Trustees

**OTHERS**

Members of the Rowan faculty, staff, students, members of the Press, and members of the general public.

**CALL TO ORDER**

A meeting of the Rowan University Board of Trustees was held on December 13, 2017, in the Eynon Ballroom of the Chamberlain Student Center on the Glassboro Campus. Chair Bruner welcomed everyone to the meeting, called the Public Session of the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., and requested that all cell phones be turned off.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Bruner asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and then asked Dr. Connor to read the Open Public Meetings Act Statement.

**MEETING AND OCTOBER 26, 2017  
RETREAT**

26, 2017 Board of Trustees Retreat. A vote was taken 16-0 in favor to approve the minutes.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Houshmand welcomed everyone to the meeting, with a special welcome to the former Board of Trustees members and the University Senate members attending today. Dr. Houshmand introduced Dr. Beena Sukumaran, in her new role as the President's Fellow, new employees Dr. Joseph Campbell, Interim Special Assistant to the President for Real Estate, and Terri Drye, the new V.P. for Human Resources. He then congratulated Ms. Eileen Scott on her retirement. Dr. Houshmand stated that two important resolutions are on today's agenda: 1.) *2017.12.17, Acknowledgement of Commitment to Enhancement of Research Program at the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University* and 2.) *2017.12.19, Authorization to Execute a Term Sheet and to Negotiate and Execute a Letter of Intent with West Campus Fields, Inc.* The first resolution relates to our commitment to further defining what it means to be a research institution and the second resolution seeks the approval of a term sheet with West Campus Fields. Dr. Houshmand reported that for spring 2018, transfer acceptances are up 32% over spring, 2017. Fall 2018 freshman applications are up 4% over fall, 2017; and, to date, we show 2,719 freshman acceptances. The A4 building under construction will provide 600 additional student beds and is slated to open in fall, 2018. The North Halls are being assessed for replacement, improvement or decommissioning. An architect has been hired to begin design on Bunce Hall and Savitz Hall renovation projects. Dr. Benjamin Dworkin has been hired to found the Rowan University Public Policy Institute housed in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. We had our first successful defense of a Ph.D. dissertation on the Glassboro Campus in Mechanical Engineering. Dr. Monika Shealey, Dean of the College of Education, was named one of *South Jersey Biz* magazine's Executives of the Year. Professor Gustavo Moura-Letts of the Chemistry/Biochemistry Department was awarded a prestigious NSF CAREER Award. He is the third Rowan faculty member to receive this award. The Give Something Back Organization awarded \$1,000,000 to Rowan University and \$500,000 to Rowan College at Gloucester County to fund scholarships for Pell Grant-eligible students who face economic hardships. The Affordability Task Force is launching a new initiative to support faculty to develop affordable course materials to replace expensive textbooks.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING  
AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Bruner noted that no one signed up to address the Board regarding resolutions being considered for approval today. He moved to the Consent Agenda items.

**ACTION ITEMS ON THE CONSENT  
AGENDA**

Chair Bruner noted that Resolutions #2017.12.01 through #2017.12.08 are on the Consent Agenda. He stated that these items have been through the committee process, including discussion and recommendation to the full Board. Chair Bruner noted that all items on the Consent Agenda must pass unanimously and without discussion. He asked if any Board members needed to recuse themselves from a particular resolution, and if so they do, please do so for the record now. There were none.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Highest Degree</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Effective Dates</u>
<b><u>NEW APPOINTMENTS</u></b>				
Alfano, Judith	M.S.	Counselor	Counseling Center	11/13/17-06/30/18
Bakalenko, Yekaterina	B.A.	Design & System Administrator	Global Learning & Partnerships	11/11/17-06/30/18
DeLithea, Davis	M.S.	Senior Academic Advisor	University Advising Center	10/14/17-06/30/18
Drye, Theresa	MBA	Vice President, Human Resources	Human Resources	11/27/17-08/31/18
Dworkin, Ben	Ph.D.	Director, Institute for Public Policy	Provost Office	01/01/18-08/31/20
Fedor, Lauren	B.S.	Program Manager	SOM-Clinical Trials	11/27/17-08/31/18
Fox, Courtney	M.S.	Assistant Academic Advisor	University Advising Services	09/18/17-06/30/18
Freni, Carlita	M.A.	Mental Health Counselor	Counseling Center	11/06/17-06/30/18
Grayson, Julius	M.E.	Counselor	Camden Campus	11/27/17-06/30/18
Huntsinge, Jaclyn	B.A.	Business Manager	SOM Finance	10/16/17-08/31/18
Jahan, Kauser	Ph.D.	Department Head	Civil Engineering	09/01/17-08/31/18
Kriegsmann, Timothy	B.A.	Technology Services Support Specialist	Technology Services	10/02/17-06/30/18
Kusmiesz, Amy	M.S.	Assessment Coordinator	CMSRU-Academic Affairs	12/04/17-06/30/18
Lightfoot, Robert	M.A.	Assistant Director of Alumni Engagement	Alumni Engagement	09/18/17-06/30/18
Mocini, Susan	MBA	Project Manager	Information Resources & Technology	11/13/17-08/31/18
O'Connor, Brittney	M.S.	Employer Relations Associate	College of Business	10/03/17-06/30/18
Omar, Ayishat	Ph.D.	Assistant Professor	Accounting & Finance	09/01/17-06/30/19
Ostberg, Donald	M.S.	Project Manager	Information Resources & Technology	12/11/17-08/31/18
Reboli, Annette	M.D.	Dean	CMSRU	09/01/17-08/31/22
Shirvani, Khosro	Ph.D.	Instructor	Mechanical Engineering	10/01/17-06/30/18
Stewart, Katherine	M.A.	Instructional Technologist	CMSRU-IT	11/27/17-06/30/18
Tabron, Judith	Ph.D.	Vice President	Information, Resources & Technology	10/02/17-08/31/18
Taffe, Anne	M.S.	Project Manager	Information Resources & Technology	11/13/17-08/31/18
Zacniewski, Edward	B.S.	Manager, Animal Care Facility	CMSRU-Research	12/11/17-08/31/18
<b><u>PART TIME</u></b>				
<b><u>TEMPORARY</u></b>				
+Janofsky, Jennifer	Ph.D.	Megan Giordano Fellow	History	09/05/17-06/30/18

**¾ TIME TEMPORARY**

Lakeland, Jonathan	M.A.	Adjunct	Music	10/03/17-12/21/17
Levecchia, Naomi	M.M.	Adjunct	Geography, Planning & Sustainability	09/01/17-06/30/18
Levin, Colin	M.M.	Adjunct	Music	09/01/17-06/30/18
Luko, Timothy	M.S.	Adjunct	Sociology/Anthropology	01/16/18-06/30/18
McLeester, Charles	MBA	Adjunct	Public Relations and Advertising	01/16/18-06/30/18
Mitchell, Tovah	M.L.	Adjunct	Sociology & Anthropology	01/16/18-06/30/18
Monsu, Nicholas	M.S.	Adjunct	Civil & Environmental Engineering	01/16/18-06/30/18
Owen, James	M.A.	Adjunct	Philosophy & Religion	10/20/17-12/21/17
Payton, Tyrone	B.S.	Adjunct	Entrepreneurship & Innovation	01/16/18-06/30/18
Petrelli, Vincent	D.C.	Adjunct	Biological Sciences	01/16/18-06/30/18
Prickett, Matthew	M.A.	Adjunct	American Studies	01/16/18-06/30/18
Rasool, Ghulam	Ph.D.	Adjunct	Electrical & Computer Engineering	01/16/18-06/30/18
Reynolds, Thomas	M.M.	Adjunct	Music	01/16/18-06/30/18
Riggio, Jennifer	M.A.	Adjunct	Journalism	01/16/18-06/30/18
Salamone, James	B.A.	Adjunct	Music	09/01/17-06/30/18
Schlussel, Kent	Ph.D.	Adjunct	Civil/Environmental-Construction Management	01/01/18-05/07/18
Schuck, Tod	Ph.D.	Adjunct	Electrical & Computer Engineering	01/16/18-06/30/18
Seidey, Edward	MFA	Adjunct	Theatre & Dance	09/01/17-06/30/18
Shapiro, Deborah	M.S.	Adjunct	Theatre & Dance	01/16/17-06/30/18
Slevenski, Matthew	MBA	Adjunct	Accounting & Finance	01/16/18-06/30/18
Srinivasiah, Bhavani	M.S.	Adjunct	Electrical & Computer Engineering	01/16/18-06/30/18
Suslak, Joshua	B.M.	Adjunct	Music	09/01/17-06/30/18
Swoboda, Marek	Ph.D.	Adjunct	Electrical & Computer Engineering	01/16/18-06/30/18
Tartarowicz, John	M.A.	Adjunct	Physics & Astronomy	06/16/18-06/30/18
Taylor, Danielle	Psy.D.	Adjunct	Psychology	01/16/18-06/30/18
Trafford, Russell	M.S.	Adjunct	Electrical & Computer Engineering	01/16/16-06/30/18
Tuckman, Melissa	Ph.D.	Adjunct	English	01/16/18-06/30/18
Umer, Muhammad	M.S.	Adjunct	Electrical & Computer Engineering	01/16/18-06/30/18
Wong, Benjamin	B.S.	Adjunct	Radio/Television/Film	01/16/18-06/30/18

### COACHES

Beaman, Todd	J.D.	Assistant Men's Basketball Coach	Athletics	09/01/17-06/30/18
Catherina, Maggie	B.S.	Assistant Volleyball Coach	Athletics	09/01/17-06/30/18
Dailey, Ann	M.S.	Assistant Softball Coach	Athletics	09/25/17-06/30/18
Eakins, Justin	H.S.	Assistant Swimming & Diving Coach	Athletics	09/25/17-06/30/18
Emerson, Rachel	**	Assistant Lacrosse Coach	Athletics	09/01/17-06/30/18
Fisher, Patrick	B.A.	Assistant Baseball Coach	Athletics	09/01/17-06/30/18
Gyurics, Jean	B.S.	Assistant Women's Basketball Coach	Athletics	09/01/17-06/30/18
Kulik, Ryan	B.S.	Assistant Baseball Coach	Athletics	09/01/17-06/30/18
Malanina, Aleksandra	M.S.	Assistant Swimming & Diving Coach	Athletics	10/02/17-06/30/18
Maronski, Krysti	B.A.	Assistant Softball Coach	Athletics	09/01/17-06/30/18

+McCaffrey, Michael	B.S.	Graduate Research Assistant	Electrical & Computer Engineering	09/02/17-06/30/18
Michel, Taissa	B.S.	Graduate Research Fellow	Mechanical Engineering	09/02/17-01/31/18
Nabavinia, Mahmoudbeh	B.S.	Graduate Research Fellow	Chemical Engineering	09/01/17-06/30/18
Qu, Yang	B.S.	Graduate Research Fellow	Electrical & Computer Engineering	09/01/17-06/30/18
Risher, Courtney	B.A.	Graduate Assistant	College of Education	09/01/17-06/30/18
Rizzo, Anthony	M.A.	Graduate Assistant	College of Education	09/01/17-06/30/18
Saraceno, Desiree	B.A.	Graduate Assistant	College of Education	09/01/17-06/30/18
+Sun, Shengtao	B.S.	Graduate Research Fellow	Civil Engineering	09/01/17-06/30/18
+Taylor, Greg	B.S.	Graduate Research Fellow	College of Science & Mathematics	09/01/17-06/30/18
+Wagner, Seth	B.S.	Graduate Research Fellow	Civil Engineering	09/02/17-06/30/18
Zeppilli, Danilo	B.S.	Graduate Research Fellow	Civil Engineering	09/02/07-06/30/18
Zolinas, Mallory	B.A.	Graduate Assistant	College of Education	09/01/17-06/30/18

**CMSRU Appointment/(Cooper Employee)**

Elman, Igor	M.D.	Chair & Chief of Psychiatry	Department of Psychiatry	03/01/18-03/01/23
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**Faculty Appointments**

Ajufo, Ekene	M.D.	Volunteers/Adjuncts	Clinical Instructor of Pediatrics (CR)	01/01/18
Audu, Paul	M.D.	Anesthesiology	Associate Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology	01/01/18
Antonello, Zeus Andrea	Ph.D.	Surgery	Assistant Professor of Surgery	01/01/18
Bhimani, Chandni	D.O.	Volunteers/Adjuncts	Clinical Instructor of Radiology (CR)	01/01/18
Cancell, Steven	DPM	Orthopaedic Surgery	Instructor of Orthopaedic Surgery	01/01/18
Currie, Kevin	Ph.D.	Biomedical Sciences	Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences	01/01/18
Dodson, Gregory	D.O.	Anesthesiology	Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology	01/01/18
Doktor, Katherine	M.D.	Medicine	Assistant Professor of Medicine	01/01/18
Field, Charles	M.D.	Surgery	Instructor of Surgery	01/01/18
Fisicaro, Marc	M.D.	Anesthesiology	Associate Professor of Anesthesiology	01/01/18
Ganguly, Kingsuk	M.D.	Anesthesiology	Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology	01/01/18
Goldenberg-Sandau, Anna	D.O.	Surgery	Assistant Professor of Surgery	01/01/18
Holaksa, James	Ph.D.	Biomedical Sciences	Associate Professor of Biomedical Sciences	01/01/18
Jerrido, Joan	DPM	Orthopaedic Surgery	Instructor of Orthopaedic Surgery	01/01/18
Katz, Douglas	M.D.	Volunteers/Adjuncts	Adjunct Assistant Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics	01/01/18
Li, Yue	M.D.	Anesthesiology	Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology	01/01/18
Masi, Zachary	M.D.	Volunteers/Adjuncts	Clinical Instructor of Radiology (CR)	01/01/18
Mele, Michele	M.D.	Anesthesiology	Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology	01/01/18
Narula, Rajiv	M.D.	Neurology	Instructor of Neurology	01/01/18
Ostrovsky, Olga	Ph.D.	Surgery	Instructor of Surgery	01/01/18
Porto, Maura	D.O.	Medicine	Assistant Professor of Medicine	01/01/18
Yong, Jinghong	M.D.	Anesthesiology	Assistant Professor of Clinical Anesthesiology	01/01/18

**Change in Rank**

**July 1, 2018**

Name	Department
Behling, Kathryn	CMSRU
Ferraro, Thomas	CMSRU
Goldman, Evan	CMSRU
Melovitz-Vasan, Cheryl	CMSRU
O'Leary, Michael	CMSRU

**September 1, 2018**

Name	Department
Accardo, Amy	Interdisciplinary & Inclusive Education
Benavidez, Harriet	Communication Studies
Bendjilali, Nasrine	Mathematics
Bullard, Joanne	Health & Exercise Science
Casper, William	Management & Entrepreneurship
Ceriani, Davide	Music
Edwards, Nicole	Interdisciplinary & Inclusive Education
Falck, Claire	English
Gougou, Danielle	Political Science & Economics
Gummo, Bethany	Mathematics
Hague, Stephen	History
Hill, Jane	Sociology & Anthropology
Hostetter, Anthony	Theatre & Dance
Howell, Jordan	Geography, Planning & Sustainability
Johnson, Kristen	Public Relations & Advertising
Kolek, Adam	Music
Lee, Ik Jae	Mathematics
Lewandowski, Carla	Law & Justice Studies
Luet, Kathryn	Language, Literacy & Sociocultural Education
Mallouk, Kaitlin	Mechanical Engineering
Mas Serna, Maria Esther	Foreign Languages & Literatures
McGlynn, Charles	Geography, Planning, & sustainability
Morettini, Brianne	Interdisciplinary & Inclusive Education
Moura-Letts, Gustavo	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Nia-Schoenstein, Asadeh	Public Relations & Advertising
Quinesso, John	Interdisciplinary & Inclusive Education
Samsel, Tiffany	Law & Justice Studies
Scarpa, Robert	Accounting & Finance
Stanzione, Joseph	Chemical Engineering
Wu, Chun	Chemistry & Biochemistry
Yang, Yang	Management & Entrepreneurship

**SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE**

This resolution seeks approval for the reappointment of faculty to sixth year contracts carrying tenure.

LaPorta, Phillip  
Nazari, Rouzbeh  
Nucci, Nathaniel  
Slater, Katherine  
Smith, Trevor  
Sun, Anna  
Tole, Jennifer  
Xue, Wei  
Uygur, Mehmet

Physics & Astronomy  
Civil & Environmental Engineering  
Physics & Astronomy  
English  
Physics & Astronomy  
Educational Services & Leadership  
Writing Arts  
Mechanical Engineering  
Health & Exercise Science

**PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

**Fourth Year Candidates**

**(2018-2019)**

Name	Department
Dolbow, Heather	University Advising Center
Holland, Erika	Office of Research
Ortiz, Geraldo	Dean, Professional & Continuing Education
Rahin, Nadia	University Advising Center

**Fifth Year Candidate**

**(2018-2019)**

Name	Department
Holland, Shaun	Dean, Professional & Continuing Education

**SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE**

This resolution seeks approval for the reappointment of faculty and professional staff to fourth, fifth and sixth year contracts.

Chair Bruner entertained a motion that was seconded to approve Resolution #2017.12.11. Chair Bruner opened the floor to questions and recusals from the Board. Mr. Singleton recused himself. A vote was taken, noting the recusal, 15-0 in favor, and Resolution #2017.12.11 was approved.

**RESOLUTION #2017.12.12**

**REAPPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF BEYOND THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD**

Dr. Houshmand stated that this resolution seeks approval for the reappointment of professional staff beyond the probationary period.

**WHEREAS,** the performance of the following named professional staff members have been carefully evaluated, 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 granted the power to fix and determine student tuition and fee rates, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution #2010.04.21 (#7), the Board established new fees for services provided by the Office of the University Registrar, including the printing of certificates for University Scholars honors (President’s Scholar and Deans’ Lists) for a \$15 fee, and

**WHEREAS**, Rowan University is committed to reducing the cost of higher education for students through all feasible means, and

**WHEREAS**, elimination of these fees results in a nominal decrease in revenues and will not compromise operations, and

**WHEREAS**, students will be better served by having notations of earned honors appear on their transcripts

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rowan University Board of Trustees approves the elimination of printed certificates and associated fees for University Scholars honors and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that notations for University Scholars honors will now appear on student transcripts.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE**

Effective July 1, 2018, this resolution approves elimination of printed certificates for University Scholars honors and the associated fees. University Scholars honors will be noted on student transcripts.

Chair Bruner entertained a motion that was seconded to approve Resolution #2017.12.13. Chair Bruner opened the floor to questions and recusals from the Board. Mr. Singleton recused himself, a vote was taken noting the recusal, 15-0 in favor, and Resolution #2017.12.13 was approved.

**RESOLUTION #2017.12.14**

**APPROVAL OF AMENDED BYLAWS**

Dr. Houshmand stated that this resolution approves the revised Bylaws in accordance with the process for amendment of the Bylaws.

**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



Mr. Singleton: yes  
Ms. Smith: yes

The roll call vote was 16-0 in favor, and Resolution #2017.12.14 was approved.

**RESOLUTION #2017.12.15**

**APPROVAL OF TUITION AND FEE RATES 2018-2019**

Dr. Houshmand stated that this provides for the approval of a tuition increase for undergraduate students of 2.05% and a fee increase for undergraduate of 2.02%. Matriculated undergraduate students will be assessed additional tuition per credit hour for all credits over 17.

**WHEREAS**, the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act, N.J.S.A.18A:64M-1 et seq. ("Restructuring Act"), permits Rowan University, a public research university, to set tuition and fees for students, N.J.S.A. 18A:64M-9(o), and

**WHEREAS**, the University's strategic pillars include affordability and accessibility, and as such, in setting its tuition and fee rates, Rowan University is focused on maintaining affordable rates for its students to ensure continued access to education programs, and

**WHEREAS**, the FY19 budget recommended by the University administration includes revenues from student charges, and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey Administrative Code requires a hearing with the Board of Trustees for all tuition rate changes, and

**WHEREAS**, such a hearing was held on December 13, 2017

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rowan University Board of Trustees approves the following tuition and fee rates effective Fall Semester 2018:

<u>Student Level</u>	<u>Current Tuition Rate</u> <u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Current Fee Rate</u> <u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Tuition Rate</u> <u>Academic Year</u>	<u>Proposed</u> <u>Fee Rate</u> <u>Academic Year</u>
Undergraduate – Full-time				
In-State – Full-time	\$9,660.00	\$3,762.00	\$9,858.00	\$3,839.00
Out-of-State – Full-time	\$18,128.00	\$3,762.00	\$18,500.00	\$3,839.00
Undergraduate – Part-time				
In-State – Part-time	\$371.00	\$160.75	\$378.50	\$164.00
Out-of-State – Part-time	\$698.00	\$160.75	\$712.25	\$164.00

## SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE

This resolution approves increases for housing for all residential students. The new rates represent an average increase of 3% over the current rates. Rates for Holly Pointe Commons have been established per agreement with Provident Group – Rowan Properties, LLC and University Student Living Management, LLC.

Chair Bruner entertained a motion that was seconded to approve Resolution #2017.12.16. Chair Bruner opened the floor to questions and recusals from the Board. A vote was taken, Mr. Singleton voted opposed; 15-1 in favor, and Resolution #2017.12.16 was approved.

### **RESOLUTION #2017.12.17**

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COMMITMENT TO ENHANCEMENT OF RESEARCH PROGRAM AT THE COOPER MEDICAL SCHOOL OF ROWAN UNIVERSITY**

Dr. Houshmand stated that this resolution acknowledges Rowan’s commitment to the enhancement of the research initiatives at CMSRU and to working in collaboration with Rowan’s Colleges and Schools and in partnership with Cooper/MD Anderson, Coriell, and other life sciences partners to enhance research collaborations designed to benefit CMSRU students, the City of Camden, and the southern region of New Jersey.

**WHEREAS,** Rowan University’s (“Rowan”) evolution from its roots as Glassboro State College, a regional teaching college, into Rowan University, a Carnegie classified public research institution, has progressed at a rapid pace since the transformative gift of Hank and Betty Rowan, and

**WHEREAS,** during this rapid transformation, Rowan has endeavored to remain committed to its focus on teaching, including excellence in teaching and appropriate class sizes, while developing a robust research program in areas which support its mission and vision, and

**WHEREAS,** as Rowan continues to define itself as a Carnegie classified research institution, Rowan has determined that research growth and development is most important in the areas that have practical impact and can be achieved in collaboration with the Life Sciences, in partnerships with the Colleges of Science and Mathematics, Business, Engineering, the Cooper Medical School of Rowan University (“CMSRU”), and the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (“RowanSOM”), and

**WHEREAS,** the State of New Jersey has made substantial investments in Rowan, specifically in its Colleges of Business and Engineering and CMSRU and in its designation as a state public research institution pursuant to the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:64M-3, and

**WHEREAS,** Rowan has developed a thriving research enterprise and has developed research collaborations with private industries, private providers, and other entities and has worked with these partners to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of intellectual property ownership rights to encourage the sharing of knowledge while ensuring appropriate return on investment, and

University and Cooper Health System and designating the resources necessary for the operation and management of the CMSRU, and

**WHEREAS,** the aforementioned Affiliation Agreement provided for the sum of \$20M to be placed in a separate account to be used as necessary for the ongoing operational expenses of the Medical School, and

**WHEREAS,** through prudent operations of CMSRU, as well as savings associated with the construction of the medical school, the amount available in this account now totals \$25 Million, and

**WHEREAS,** the Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President of Finance has certified that sufficient funds are available from funds earmarked for CMSRU to invest in the above-described research activities

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Rowan acknowledges its commitment to enhancing the research enterprise at CMSRU, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Rowan will continue to cooperate with Cooper to develop a program of medical research at CMSRU, in collaboration with the Colleges and Schools of Rowan and in partnership with Cooper/MD Anderson, Coriell, and other Life Sciences partners, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Rowan will invest \$5 million annually for ten (10) years for a total amount not to exceed \$50 million to establish a robust research presence in the City of Camden, which will include but not be limited to a program of medical research at CMSRU in collaboration with other Rowan Colleges and Schools, partnerships with Cooper/MD Anderson, Coriell, and other Life Sciences partners, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these funds will be available for investment into academic and research infrastructure, including but not limited to, activities necessary to attract and develop medical research programs and top research talent, such as seed money for research and start-up costs for researchers, and for other research purposes as specifically approved in each case by Rowan and consistent with all state laws governing hiring and procurement if done within Rowan itself, or consistent with appropriate guidelines pertinent to any separate joint venture hereafter established between the parties, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that should a research endeavor require investment of an amount in excess of \$5 million, Rowan, through its Senior Leadership team, may elect to fund the additional amount and deduct that extra funding from its planned future investment if the Senior Vice President for Finance or equivalent attests to the availability of funding

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Rowan shall work with the aforementioned private partners in the development of an appropriate agreement governing the parties' rights relating to intellectual property prior to the disbursement of any funds to foster the goals of sharing knowledge and fairness in distribution of said rights.

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE**

This resolution acknowledges Rowan's commitment to the enhancement of the research initiatives at CMSRU and to working in collaboration with Rowan's Colleges and Schools and in partnership with Cooper/MD

**WHEREAS,** Harrison Township has acknowledged that Inspira's plan to build a private pump station and Rowan's intention to access that private sewer station is an acceptable approach to meeting Inspira's and Rowan's sewer access needs, and

**WHEREAS,** Inspira has now requested an access easement which would allow Inspira to traverse Rowan owned parcels to access Rowan's sewer connector, and

**WHEREAS,** Inspira has indicated a willingness to construct and maintain the sewer pump station at its cost, apart from connection fees and ordinary costs imposed by the utilities authorities, that would provide a mutual benefit for Inspira and Rowan provided Rowan authorizes an access easement to be negotiated on terms that are mutually beneficial to the parties, and

**WHEREAS,** water service for the relevant tract may only be accessed through the water tower located on lands of Rowan University at Lot 10, Block 261, and

**WHEREAS,** New Jersey American Water ("NJAW") has now requested from Rowan an access easement to allow NJAW to extend its water service infrastructure at NJAW's cost to serve the Inspira parcels, and

**WHEREAS,** Rowan has reviewed the request of NJAW and has determined that the granting of the access easement requested will not hinder Rowan's development plans and Rowan's need to access water and meets the needs of the health care system and community at large,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees that the Executive Leadership Team is authorized to negotiate the terms of an access easement for the development of a sewer pump station by Inspira that is adequately sized to meet the needs of Inspira and Rowan, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer are authorized to execute the above-referenced Access Easement Agreement and to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the recordation of same and to support same through any necessary local or state approval processes, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the President and Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer are also authorized to execute the requested Access Easement Agreement with NJAW for access to the water tower through Lots 4&5 in Block 1 in the Township of Harrison and Lot 1 in Block 261 in the Township of Mantua and to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the recordation of same and to support same through any necessary local or state approval processes.

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE**

This resolution authorizes the execution of a series of access easements with Inspira Health Network and New Jersey American Water relating to the construction and development of Inspira's hospital adjacent to Rowan University's West Campus for access to water and sewer. While these easements will directly benefit Inspira, access to sewer is essential to any planned development activities by Rowan.

- a commitment toward collaboration on the development of employment, internship, and other opportunities for students of Rowan connected to the project;
- a ground lease between Rowan University as lessor and WCF as lessee with a steady stream of rental revenue to Rowan University;
- the development of Division III Intercollegiate Level Athletic Facilities at the sole cost of WCF, and

**WHEREAS,** WCF intends to present the confidential term sheet to potential financing sources to obtain project financing, and

**WHEREAS,** upon obtaining guaranties of financial backing adequate to assure the executive leadership of Rowan University that this project can be successfully undertaken, Rowan University will enter into binding agreements relating to the ground lease and the complex development, and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees wishes to ensure that the project may expeditiously move forward upon demonstration of financial backing, and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Trustees recognizes that in the design of this project and during efforts to advance the project, WCF has expended its resources and modified its original design due to the sale of a portion of the original parcel, resulting in \$120,000 of design costs by WCF,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees that Rowan, through its President and/or the Chief Financial Officer, is authorized to execute the confidential Term Sheet, and

**BE FURTHER IT RESOLVED** that Rowan, through its Executive Leadership Team, is authorized to negotiate and, through its President and/or Chief Financial Officer, to execute a nonbinding Letter of Intent, and

**BE FURTHER IT RESOLVED** that Rowan, through its Executive Leadership Team, is authorized to negotiate the terms of the ground lease, project development agreement, and other Agreements necessary for the undertaking of this project, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the above-referenced project documents will be presented to the Board of Trustees for review prior to finalization and execution, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that final approval of the project shall be subject to WCF's demonstration of adequate financing to support the design, construction, and operations of the complex and sufficient guaranties to assure the successful completion of this project.

#### **SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE**

This resolution provides the President and/or the Chief Financial Officer with the authority to execute a confidential Term Sheet with West Campus Fields, Inc. ("WCF") for the development of athletic facilities to be located on Rowan's West Campus on parcels to be identified by Rowan University. This resolution also authorizes Rowan University, through its Executive Leadership Team, to negotiate a Letter of Intent and through

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Executive Management shall report to the Board of Trustees at its next scheduled Facilities and Budget and Finance meetings relating to the timing and details of the acceptance of the real property.

**SUMMARY STATEMENT/RATIONALE**

This resolution authorizes the acceptance of a gift of real property, located in the County of Salem to be used for university purposes and consistent with Rowan's mission.

Chair Bruner entertained a motion that was seconded to approve Resolution #2017.12.20. Chair Bruner opened the floor to questions and recusals from the Board. Mr. Singleton recused himself. Ms. Smith asked if this real estate is separate from the real estate discussed at the Executive Committee. Chair Bruner confirmed that it is. A vote was taken, 15-0 in favor, and Resolution #2017.12.20 was approved.

**REPORT FROM THE SCHOOL  
OF EARTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Dr. Kenneth Lacovara reported that the School of Earth and Environment now has 116 students, studying Geography, GIS, Community & Environmental Planning, Geology, and Environmental Studies. The School is working towards State approval for MS degrees geared toward the working professional. They will be offered through Rowan Global. The School's first doctoral program, a Ph.D. in Geology is under consideration in the University Senate. The School's faculty have been successful in obtaining external grants. In FY17, eight research faculty were awarded almost \$1,000,000 and, since July, 2017, ten faculty have been awarded \$822,000. The School's faculty have been featured in high profile publications and broadcasts such as *Wired*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *National Geographic Magazine*, NPR's Science Friday and CNN. The STEM Center is up and running. Rowan University is the New Jersey Headquarters for the Philadelphia Science Festival and we will be running events on campus, including events at the Edelman Planetarium and the Edelman Fossil Park. The School of Earth and Environment is teaming with the Computer Science department to offer a new program, the Rowan Academy of Mobile Programming, teaching middle school and high school children to write apps. For the second year, Rowan University hosted the Governor's STEM Scholars, hosting high school students for a day of learning. The STEAM Academy hosted over 100 students this past summer. Forty schools visited the Edelman Fossil Park this past year and over 450 schools remain on a waiting list. The Edelman Fossil Park had over 10,000 visitors this past year. The 2,000 spots in the sixth annual Community Dig Day this year sold out in 20 minutes. A consulting firm has been contracted to perform a feasibility and marketing study for the fossil park. A PBS Nova documentary

30, 2017 is \$88.2M, which was a gain of \$393,000 for the quarter.

**REPORT FROM THE STUDENT TRUSTEE**

Mr. Rbrey Singleton thanked Dr. Houshmand for his public pledge to keep tuition increases tied to the rate of inflation. The Prof's statue is almost complete. The Student Government Association and the History Department are planning to work together on a research project to identify and label the statues across campus in order to share their histories. On December 15, the Student Government Association will award \$10,000 in scholarships to non-traditional students. Riley Shea and the Affordability Taskforce are looking at Open Source, a way to enhance affordability at Rowan University by offering students general education textbooks for free or at a greatly reduced cost. Mr. Singleton and Mr. Shea will be visiting the Camden Campus to hold mobile office hours for outreach purposes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

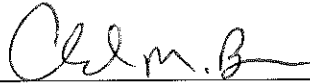
**COMMENTS BY TRUSTEES**

Chair Bruner asked if there were additional comments from Trustees. There were none.

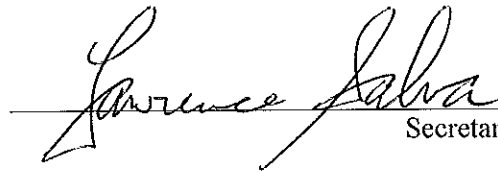
**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Bruner entertained a motion that was seconded to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous in favor, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Joanne Showers, Recording Secretary  
for the Board of Trustees



Chair, Board of Trustees



Secretary, Board of Trustees