

Minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees  
University of Kentucky  
Tuesday, December 12, 2017

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Kentucky met on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, in the Board Room on the 18<sup>th</sup> floor of Patterson Office Tower.

A. Meeting Opened

Dr. E. Britt Brockman, chair of the Executive Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m. Chair Brockman asked Trustee Kelly Holland, Secretary of the Board, to call the roll.

B. Roll Call

The following members of the Executive Committee answered the call of roll: E. Britt Brockman (chair), Mark Bryant (vice chair), Skip Berry, Robert Vance, and Barbara Young were present. Secretary Holland stated that a quorum was present.

Trustees Jennifer Y. Barber, Lee X. Blonder, Benjamin Childress, Michael A. Christian, Angela L. Edwards, Cammie DeShields Grant, Robert Grossman, Elizabeth McCoy, David Melanson, and Derrick K. Ramsey were also present.

C. Approval of Minutes

Chair Brockman stated that the minutes of the October 19, 2017, Executive Committee meeting had been distributed. Trustee Young moved approval of the minutes and Trustee Vance seconded the motion. It carried without dissent.

D. Introduction

Chair Brockman thanked everyone for their participation in the evaluation process and outlined the components and process for the President's sixth-year evaluation, concluding with the feedback gathered from the Board of Trustee's survey distributed in November.

E. Board of Trustee Survey Results Presentation

Chair Brockman presented a summary of the Board of Trustees survey results. Overall, respondents praised the President's numerous accomplishments over the last year; specifically \$2.3 billion in campus capital improvements, record philanthropy and fundraising success, including the Lewis Honors College, and the successful hire and transition of Dr. Mark F. Newman as Executive Vice President for Health Affairs. Respondents identified major strengths including his visionary leadership; his strong connection to students, donors, and external constituents; and his ability to champion the University as an asset for the state. Some opportunities for improvement included the continuing challenge of ensuring the President hears from diverse voices, diversity among senior administrators, and strengthening diversity across campus.

Generally, the Board recognizes and is pleased with the Strategic Plan progress. Regarding engagement, the Board felt the President takes a thoughtful and considered approach when engaging with the Board, illustrating his desire to listen and gain feedback from Trustees. Generally, all respondents had high confidence in the President's understanding and strategic thinking as the University faces an unpredictable future.

The final question provided Trustees with the opportunity to include considerations for the President. Specifically they praised President Capilouto's outstanding job, while recognizing more work remains; and Mary Lynn Capilouto's leadership and service to the University and community. Some concerns were access to and affordability of a quality higher education for the students we serve and competitive recruiting strategies that support retention and graduation rates. The full report may be found at:

[http://www.uky.edu/Trustees/agenda/executive/2017/dec/Presidents\\_Qual\\_Eval\\_Report\\_12-12-17\(final\).pdf](http://www.uky.edu/Trustees/agenda/executive/2017/dec/Presidents_Qual_Eval_Report_12-12-17(final).pdf)

Chair Brockman opened the floor for any comments or questions. Vice Chair Bryant echoed his support for President Capilouto. With no further discussion, Chair Brockman proposed that the Executive Committee recommend to the full Board a resolution (ECR1) "...commending President Eli Capilouto on his strong leadership over the last six and half years and the progress we are making as a University and community. We are proud of the work we have done together and are deeply committed to our partnership with the President as we address future challenges and the opportunities for improvement we have identified in this evaluation."

Chair Brockman opened the floor for any comments or questions. Trustee Young offered her support of the Board Resolution and motioned the approval of ECR 1. Trustee Berry seconded the motion. Trustee Vance asked the date of the President's contract expiration. Chief Counsel Thro stated June 30, 2021. With no further discussion, Chair Brockman called the vote. It passed without dissent.

F. Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Sullivan Holland, Secretary