



MINUTES
FOR REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY

The second meeting in 2017 of the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University was held on the 1st Floor, L. William Seidman Center, on the Robert C. Pew Grand Rapids campus of Grand Valley State University on Friday, April 28, 2017.

The following members of the Board were present:

Victor M. Cardenas
Randall S. Damstra
David S. Hooker
John C. Kennedy, Chair
Mary L. Kramer, Vice Chair
John G. Russell
Thomas J. Haas, President, Ex Officio

The following members of the Board were absent:

Megan S. Sall
Kate Pew Wolters

The following Board officers and Executive officers were present:

Jesse M. Bernal, Vice President for Inclusion and Equity
Lynn M. Blue, Vice President for Enrollment Development
Thomas A. Butcher, Vice President and General Counsel
Brian Copeland, Treasurer, Board of Trustees
Gayle R. Davis, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs
Teri L. Losey, Executive Associate to the President and Secretary, Board of Trustees
Karen M. Loth, Vice President for University Development
Matthew E. McLogan, Vice President for University Relations
Scott Richardson, Acting Vice President for Finance and Administration

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT

17-2-1 (1) Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

On motion by Trustee Russell and second by Trustee Kramer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the meeting, held February 10, 2017, are approved as distributed.

17-2-2 (2) Motion to Adopt Agenda

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Hooker, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees agenda for the April 28, 2017, meeting is approved as distributed.

17-2-3 (3) Committee to Nominate Board Officers

The Board Chair has identified the following trustees to serve on the Nominating Committee.

David S. Hooker
Kate Pew Wolters

The Board of Trustees will receive a report from the Nominating Committee and will elect officers at its July 14, 2017 meeting.

17-2-4 (4) Commencement Reminders

Commencement will be held on Friday, April 28, and Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Van Andel Arena in downtown Grand Rapids. The Friday night ceremony will begin at 7 p.m., the first ceremony on Saturday will begin at 10 a.m. and the second at 3 p.m. Additional information regarding robing location, parking arrangements, and logistics for the ceremonies has been mailed to members of the Board of Trustees.

Additionally, the Traverse City Commencement ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, at the The Hagerty Conference Center, situated on Northwestern Michigan College's Great Lakes Campus in Traverse City, Michigan beginning at 6 p.m.

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT, cont'd.

17-2-5 (5) Personnel Actions

On motion by Trustee Kramer and second by Trustee Hooker, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the personnel actions as reported at this meeting.

II. GENERAL REPORTS

17-2-6 (6) Development Division Report

On motion by Trustee Russell and second by Trustee Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees gratefully accepts the gifts and pledge payments of \$4,273,508.53 to the University presented at this meeting for January 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017.

17-2-7 (7) 2017-2018 Auxiliary Operating Budgets

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Russell, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2017-2018 Auxiliary Operating Budgets as presented at this meeting.

17-2-8 (8) 2017-2018 Endowment Fund Spending Rates

On motion by Trustee Cardenas and second by Trustee Russell, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2017-2018 Endowment Fund Spending Rates as presented at this meeting.

17-2-9 (9) University Quality Initiative Report for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC): Assessment of Student Learning in the General Education Program

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Kramer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees approves the University Quality Initiative Report for the Higher Learning Commission (HLC): Assessment of Student Learning in the General Education Program as presented at this meeting.

II. GENERAL REPORTS, cont'd.

- 17-2-10 (10) Strategic Plan 2016-2021: 2016 Progress Report
- 17-2-11 (11) Economic Impact Study for Fiscal Year 2015-2016
- 17-2-12 (12) Charter Schools Report

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Global Heights Academy (formerly Neighborhood Academy), Dearborn Heights (2 years)

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Kramer, the following resolution was adopted by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustee Cardenas
Trustee Damstra
Trustee Hooker
Trustee Kennedy
Trustee Kramer
Trustee Russell

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on October 16, 2009, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Global Heights Academy (the “Academy”); and

WHEREAS, the University’s Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President’s designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a two (2) year term beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a two (2) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

II. GENERAL REPORTS, cont'd.

Reauthorization of 6a Charter Contract – Legacy Charter Academy, Detroit
(2 years)

On motion by Trustee Russell and second by Trustee Kramer, the following resolution was adopted by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustee Cardenas
Trustee Damstra
Trustee Kennedy
Trustee Kramer
Trustee Russell

Abstain: Trustee Hooker

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on October 16, 2009, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Legacy Charter Academy (the “Academy”),

WHEREAS, the University’s Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President’s designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a two (2) year term beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a two (2) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Reauthorization of 6e Cyber Contract – Michigan Virtual Charter Academy,
Statewide Cyber (2 years)

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Kramer, the following resolution was adopted by a roll call vote:

II. GENERAL REPORTS, cont'd.

Yeas: Trustee Cardenas
Trustee Damstra
Trustee Hooker
Trustee Kennedy
Trustee Kramer
Trustee Russell

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University at its meeting on April 30, 2010, initially authorized the issuance of a contract to charter Michigan Virtual Charter Academy (the "Academy"); and

WHEREAS, the University's Charter Schools Office has completed its evaluation and assessment of the operation and performance of the Academy; and

WHEREAS, the present Board of Directors of the Academy has requested the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the University President's designee has recommended the reissuance of a contract to charter as a public school academy to the Academy for a two (2) year term beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the University Board of Trustees approves and reauthorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and authorizes the University President or designee to execute the contract to charter a public school academy and related documents to the Academy for a two (2) year term, provided that, before the execution of the contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the contract and applicable law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the contract as Schedule 1.

Authorization of Flint Cultural Center STEAM Academy 6a Contract

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Kramer, the following resolution was adopted by a roll call vote:

Yeas: Trustee Cardenas
Trustee Damstra
Trustee Hooker
Trustee Kennedy
Trustee Kramer
Trustee Russell

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WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has provided for the establishment of public school academies as part of the Michigan public school system by enacting Act No. 362 of the Public Acts of 1993; and

WHEREAS, according to this legislation, the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees (the "Board of Trustees"), as the governing body of a state public university, is an authorizing body empowered to issue contracts to organize and operate public school academies; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has mandated that public school academy contracts be issued on a competitive basis taking into consideration the resources available for the proposed public school academy, the population to be served by the proposed public school academy, and the educational goals to be achieved by the proposed public school academy; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees, having requested applications for organizing public school academies and having reviewed the applications according to the provisions set forth by the Michigan Legislature;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the application for Flint Cultural Center STEAM Academy ("Academy"), located at 1310 E. Kearsley, Flint, MI 48503, submitted under Section 502 of the Revised School Code, meets the Board of Trustees' requirements and the requirements of applicable law, is therefore approved;
2. That the Board of Trustees establishes the method of selection, length of term and number of members of the Academy's Board of Directors as follows:

Method of Selection and Appointment of Academy Board Members:

- a. Initial Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments: As part of the public school academy application, the public school academy applicant shall propose to the Director of the University Charter Schools Office ("Director"), the names of proposed individuals to serve on the initial board of directors of the proposed public school academy. When the Director recommends an initial contract for approval to the Board of Trustees, he/she shall include recommendations for initial Academy Board members. These recommendations may, but are not required to, include individuals proposed by the public school academy applicant. To be considered for appointment, the nominees must have completed the required

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board member candidate application materials, including at least (i) the Academy Board Member Questionnaire prescribed by the University Charter Schools Office; and (ii) the Criminal Background Check Report prescribed by the University Charter Schools Office.

b. Subsequent Academy Board Member Nominations and Appointments: Except as provided in paragraph (2) below, the Academy Board may nominate individuals for subsequent Academy Board of Director positions. As part of the appointment process, the Academy Board may submit to the Director: (i) the name of the nominee; (ii) the board member candidate application materials identified in paragraph (a) above; and (iii) a copy of the Academy Board nominating resolution. The Director may or may not recommend the proposed nominee submitted by the Academy Board. If the Director does not recommend a nominee submitted by the Academy Board, the Director shall select a nominee and forward that recommendation to the Board of Trustees for appointment. The Board of Trustees shall have the sole and exclusive right to appoint members to the Academy Board.

c. Exigent Appointments: When the Director determines an “exigent condition” exists which requires him/her to make an appointment to a public school academy’s board of directors, the Director, with University President approval, may immediately appoint a person to serve as a public school academy board member for the time specified, but not longer than the next meeting held by the Board of Trustees when a regular appointment may be made by the Board of Trustees. The Director shall make the appointment in writing and notify the public school academy’s board of directors of the appointment. Exigent conditions include, but are not limited to when an Academy Board seat is vacant, when a Academy Board cannot reach a quorum, when the Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member’s service is no longer required, when an Academy Board member is removed, when an Academy Board fails to fill a vacancy, or other reasons which would prohibit the Academy Board from taking action without such an appointment.

3. Qualifications of Academy Board Members: To be qualified to serve on the Academy Board, a person shall: (a) be a citizen of the United States; (b) reside in the State of Michigan; (c) submit all materials requested by the GVSU Charter Schools Office including, but not limited to, a GVSU Academy Board Member Questionnaire and a

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release for criminal history background check; (d) not be an employee of the Academy; (e) not be a director, officer, or employee of a company or other entity that contracts with the Academy; and (f) not be an employee or representative of GVSU or be a member of the Board of Trustees.

4. Oath /Acceptance of Office / Voting Rights: Following appointment by the Board of Trustees, Academy Board Appointees may begin their legal duties, including the right to vote, after they have signed an Acceptance of Public Office form and taken the Oath or Affirmation of Public Office administered by a member of the Academy Board, other public official or notary public.
5. Length of Term; Removal: An appointed Academy Board member is an “at will” board member who shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees for a term of office not to exceed three (3) years. Regardless of the length of term, terms shall end on June 30 of the final year of service, unless shorter due to other provisions of this resolution. A person appointed to serve as an Academy Board member may be reappointed to serve additional terms. When an Academy Board member is appointed to complete the term of service of another Academy Board member, their service ends at the end of the previous Academy Board member’s term.

If the Board of Trustees determines that an Academy Board member’s service in office is no longer required, then the Board of Trustees may remove an Academy board member with or without cause and shall specify the date when the Academy Board member’s service ends. An Academy Board member may be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Academy’s Board for cause.

6. Resignations: A member of the Academy Board may resign from office by submitting a written resignation or by notifying the Director. The resignation is effective upon receipt by the Director, unless a later date is specified in the resignation. A written notice of resignation is not required. If no such written notification is provided, then the Director shall confirm a resignation in writing. The resignation shall be effective upon the date the Director sends confirmation to the resigning Academy Board member.
7. Vacancy: An Academy Board position shall be considered vacant when an Academy Board member:
 - a. Resigns
 - b. Dies

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- c. Is removed from Office
- d. Is convicted of a felony
- e. Ceases to be qualified
- f. Is incapacitated

8. Filling a Vacancy: The Academy Board may nominate and the Director shall recommend or temporarily appoint persons to fill a vacancy as outlined in the “Subsequent Appointments” and “Exigent Appointments” procedures in this resolution.

9. Number of Academy Board Member Positions: The number of member positions of the Academy Board of Directors shall be five (5), seven (7) or nine (9), as determined from time to time by the Academy Board.

10. Quorum: In order to legally transact business the Academy Board shall have a quorum physically present at a duly called meeting of the Academy Board. A “quorum” shall be defined as follows:

| # of Academy Board positions | # required for Quorum |
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| Five (5) | Three (3) |
| Seven (7) | Four (4) |
| Nine (9) | Five (5) |

11. Manner of Acting: The Academy Board shall be considered to have “acted,” when a duly called meeting of the Academy Board has a quorum present and the number of board members voting in favor of an action is as follows:

| # of Academy Board positions | # for Quorum | # required to act |
|------------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Five (5) | Three (3) | Three (3) |
| Seven (7) | Four (4) | Four (4) |
| Nine (9) | Five (5) | Five (5) |

12. Initial Members of the Board of Directors: The Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees appoints the following persons to serve as the initial members of the Academy’s Board of Directors for the designated term of office set forth below:

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| Jarret Haynes | 2 year term expiring June 30, 2019 |
| John B. Henry | 2 year term expiring June 30, 2019 |
| Rodney Lontine | 3 year term expiring June 30, 2020 |
| Kathryn Schwartz | 3 year term expiring June 30, 2020 |
| Todd Slisher | 3 year term expiring June 30, 2020 |

13. The Board of Trustees approves and authorizes the execution of a contract to charter a public school academy to the Academy and

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authorizes the University President or designee to issue a contract to charter a public school academy and related documents (“Contract”) to the Academy, provided that, before execution of the Contract, the University President or designee affirms that all terms of the contract have been agreed upon and the Academy is able to comply with all terms and conditions of the Contract and Applicable Law. This resolution shall be incorporated in and made part of the Contract.

14. Within ten days after the Board of Trustees issues the Contract, the Director will submit the Contract to the Michigan Department of Education. Pursuant to the State School Aid Act of 1979, the Michigan Department of Education shall, within thirty days after the Contract is submitted to the Michigan Department of Education, issue a district code number to each public school academy that is authorized under the Revised School Code and is eligible to receive funding under the State School Aid Act. By approving and issuing the Contract, the Board of Trustees is not responsible for the Michigan Department of Education’s issuance or non-issuance of a district code number. As a condition precedent to the Board of Trustees’ issuance of the Contract, the Applicant, the Academy and the Academy’s Board of Directors shall acknowledge and agree that the Board of Trustees, Grand Valley State University, its officers, employees and agents are not responsible for any action taken by the Academy in reliance upon the Michigan Department of Education’s issuance of a district code number to the Academy, or for any Michigan Department of Education’s decision resulting in the non-issuance of a district code number to the Academy.

Resolution Authorizing Site Addition for Michigan Mathematics and Science Academy

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Kramer, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Michigan Legislature has provided for the establishment of public school academies as part of the Michigan public school system by enacting Act No. 362 of Public Acts of 1993; and

WHEREAS, according to this law, the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University (“Board of Trustees”), as the governing body of a state public university, is an authorizing body empowered to issue contracts to organize and operate public school academies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees issued a contract to Michigan Mathematics and Science Academy (“Academy”) and has authorized the Academy to operate at 8155 Ritter Avenue, Center Line, MI 48015 (Grades K-12); and

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WHEREAS, the Academy desires a separate location to operate its current grades K-5; and

WHEREAS, the Academy, requests the Board of Trustees to approve a site addition for Michigan Mathematics and Science Academy beginning the 2017-2018 academic year to accommodate grades K-5;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

In accordance with Section 6.11 of the Terms and Conditions of the Academy's contract, dated July 1, 2016, the Board of Trustees hereby approves an amendment to the Academy's contract to include the following site addition for the Academy:

28501 Lorraine Avenue
Warren, MI 48093

Resolution Approving the Merger and its Implementation Between Detroit Achievement Academy and Detroit Prep Resulting in the Termination of the Detroit Prep Contract

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, under the Revised School Code, public school academies are organized as nonprofit corporations in the state of Michigan, subject to the Michigan Non-Profit Corporations Act, MCL 450.2101 et seq. ("Act"); and

WHEREAS, the Act contains provisions which allow two or more non-profit corporations to merge together; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Prep board of directors, a public school academy authorized by the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University ("University Board"), at its March 14, 2017, meeting, adopted a resolution approving a plan of merger and merger proposal in accordance with the Act that would, among other things, merge Detroit Prep into Detroit Achievement Academy ("Academy") and transfer Detroit Prep's enrolled pupils and property to the Academy, a public school academy authorized by the University Board; and

WHEREAS, the Academy, at its March 14, 2017, meeting, adopted a resolution approving a plan of merger which, upon the effective date of the merger, will result in Detroit Prep and the Academy merging, with the Academy being the surviving corporation upon completion of the merger, as well as Detroit Prep's enrolled pupils and property being transferred to the Academy; and

II. GENERAL REPORTS, cont'd.

WHEREAS, the University Board, as the authorizing body for both Detroit Prep and the Academy, has reviewed the proposed plan of merger and hereby agrees to permit (i) Detroit Prep to merge into the Academy with the Academy being the surviving corporation upon completion of the merger; and (ii) Detroit Prep's enrolled pupils and property to be transferred to the Academy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. To the extent required by the Code, the University Board hereby approves:
 - (a) the merger between Detroit Prep and the Academy;
 - (b) the transfer of Detroit Prep's property to the Academy;
 - (c) the transfer of Detroit Prep's enrolled pupils to the Academy;
 - (d) termination of Detroit Prep's contract and the effective date of termination shall be the same date that Academy students commence classes for the 2017-18 school year; and,
 - (e) in accordance with Section 504(1), MCL 380.504(1) of the Code, the University Board hereby approves an amendment of the Academy's contract to include Detroit Prep's existing school site: 2411 Iroquois Avenue, Detroit, MI 48214.
2. Detroit Prep and the Academy shall provide the University Charter Schools Office with a copy of the executed plan of merger and all executed agreements and documents in connection with the merger.

Approval of New 6a, 6e, and 6c Charter Contracts

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

WHEREAS, the Grand Valley State University Charter School Office recommends to the Grand Valley State University Board of Trustees ("Board of Trustees") that it replace the 6a, 6e, and 6c Contracts to Charter a Public School Academy previously approved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees approves the 6a, 6e, and 6c Contracts to Charter a Public School Academy as presented at this meeting.

II. GENERAL REPORTS, cont'd.

Appointment of Charter School Board of Directors

On motion by Trustee Hooker and second by Trustee Cardenas, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees appoints the Charter School Board of Directors as presented at this meeting.

- 17-2-13 (13) Student Senate Report
- 17-2-14 (14) University Academic Senate Report
- 17-2-15 (15) President's Report

III. CHAIR – PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- 17-2-16 (16) Recognition of Gayle R. Davis

By acclamation of the Board of Trustees, the following resolution was adopted unanimously:

Gayle R. Davis

WHEREAS, Gayle R. Davis, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs of Grand Valley State University, will retire on June 30, 2017, bringing to conclusion her 15-year tenure as the university's chief academic officer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis joined Grand Valley in 2002, appointed by then-President Mark Murray, who said at the time, "Her skills, scholarship, and experience in university leadership are impressive. I have every confidence that this is the right choice for our university;" and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees enthusiastically concurs with that prediction, having observed the successful way in which Dr. Davis reorganized the Academic and Student Affairs Division, earning the admiration and support of all who benefited; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis was unrelenting in her drive for student success as the number of students graduating from Grand Valley doubled on her watch; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis understood that superior faculty, supported in an atmosphere of shared governance, are the key to academic quality; and

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WHEREAS, Grand Valley is now ranked as the best public comprehensive university in Michigan, and among the best in the Midwest; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Davis, a person of uncommon vision, grace and generosity, has been described by President Thomas Haas as “the best provost in the United States,”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Grand Valley State University hereby recognizes Dr. Gayle Davis for her extraordinary leadership; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon her retirement, Dr. Davis receive the title of Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Emerita; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be presented to Dr. Davis as evidence of our unending respect for the legacy she has bestowed upon this university.

17-2-17 (17) Motion to Adjourn

RESOLVED, on motion by Trustee Kramer and second by Trustee Cardenas, the meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

John C. Kennedy, Chair
Board of Trustees

Teri L. Losey, Secretary
Board of Trustees