



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **Meeting by Videoconference**

#### **By Zoom Meeting:**

*(July 2, 2020)*

#### **Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Executive Committee Members (via video conference): Chair Joseph Morone, Vice Chair Jamie Burnett, Jackie Eastwood, Chris Pope, Morgan Rutman, and Wally Stevens. Other Trustees: Amy Begg, Don Birx, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Mike Pilot, Mark Rubinstein, Marjorie Smith, Melinda Treadwell, and David Westover. Also participating (via video conference): Cathy Provencher, Lisa Thorne, Tia Miller, and Ron Rodgers.

**Call to Order:** At 4:00 pm, Chair Morone called the meeting to order, called the roll, and noted the presence of a quorum sufficient for the conduct of business.

**Conduct of a Telephonic Meeting:** Chair Morone made the following announcement regarding the conduct of a telephonic meeting and counting all members toward the quorum requirement whether or not physically present in the meeting location:

This meeting is being held by electronic means in conformance with the Governor's emergency declaration of March 13, 2020, and subsequent emergency orders, as well as the applicable provisions of the New Hampshire Right-to-Know Law, RSA 91-A. If during the conduct of this meeting, anyone has difficulty connecting or staying connected to the video or audio feed please contact Tia Miller at [tia.miller@usnh.edu](mailto:tia.miller@usnh.edu).

**Black Lives Matter Protests:** President Dean described the student interest in the Black Lives Matter movement on the Durham campus, including a protest march with a number of student and other speakers, and the listening and learning the administration has been doing. He also outlined a number of activities the administration has planned for the fall. Finally, President Dean described the positive and negative comments delivered by social media and how the administration is responding to the opportunities for interaction with the commentators. The other residential campus presidents reported similar experiences at their institutions.

**Planning for Fall Semester – Contact Tracing:** KSC President Melinda Treadwell provided an update on the work of the COVID Coordinating Council with special focus on the plans for collaborating with the NH DHHS on contact tracing during the fall semester.

**Online Pricing Strategy:** Chancellor Leach described the development of an expanded and improved capacity to offer high-quality online courses. Faculty who volunteer to participate in the course development summer program, will be paid half a stipend set by their home institution for developing an online course and another half when the course is certified by an external assessment and certification organization called Quality Matters.

**Financial Contingency Plan:** Vice Chancellor Provencher described the contingency planning efforts for the coming half-semester, semester, and full year. The Executive Committee discussed the possible need to tap into reserves and the advisability of diverting as much as possible of the capital expenditures budget for FY2021, for operating purposes.

**KSC Turf Field Project:** President Treadwell presented a capital improvement project that would replace the KSC turf field. After considerable discussion by the Executive Committee, the following motion was moved by Trustee Rutman, seconded by Trustees Eastwood and Stevens, and approved by a vote of four in favor and two opposed:

*VOTED, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees authorizes the KSC President, in the exercise of her good judgment, considering all relevant factors, proceed as appropriate in the best interest of KSC with the project to replace of an artificial turf surface at Keene State College with a project budget of \$1.1 million, as described in the materials presented with the agenda for this meeting, AND FURTHER, that the source of funds for the project be KSC unrestricted funds.*

**Adjourn:** At 6:20 pm the meeting was adjourned.