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MINUTES OF THE FORMAL SPECIAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY held pursuant to due call Ballroom B of the Memorial Union Building on the campus of Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, Michigan and the Superior Conference Room of the Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI) in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan at twelve o'clock on the afternoon of June 30, 2017.

The Board of Trustees of Michigan Technological University met in formal special session at the University's campus at Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, State of Michigan, and at the Michigan Tech Research Institute in the City of Ann Arbor, State of Michigan at 12:00 p.m., on the 30th day of June. The place, hour, and date duly established and duly published for the holding of such a meeting.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, T. Woychowski, and a quorum was declared present.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present:

T. J. Woychowski, Chair (via video conference at MTRI)
J. A. Fream (via video conference at MTRI)
R. J. Jacquart (via video conference in Ironwood, MI)
B. L. Johnson (via video conference at MTRI)
L.D. Kennedy (via audio conference in Connecticut)
B. R. Ryan (via video conference in MTRI)
D. D. Sanders (via video conference in MTRI)
S. M. Tomaszewski (via video conference in MTRI)

The following member was absent:

G.D. Mroz, ex officio

Also present during part or all of the session were Roberta Dessellier, Secretary of the Board; Julie Seppala, Treasurer; Les Cook, Vice President for Student Affairs and Advancement; Ellen Horsch, Vice President for Administration; and various members of the faculty, administrative staff, student body, press and public.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Where item numbers are used, they refer to corresponding item numbers in the agenda, in the hands of the Board members.

I. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by J. Fream, supported by R. Jacquart, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the agenda of the formal special session of June 30, 2017, as distributed to the Board, be approved.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by R. Jacquart, supported by J. Fream, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the minutes of the formal special session of June 2, 2017, as distributed to the Board, be approved.

III. OPENING REMARKS

Chair's Comments

As mentioned in the June 2nd Board meeting, the Board of Trustees will retain a presidential search firm to assist with the process of finding a new president. A request for proposal (RFP) was sent out to search firms on May 5th, and we received five (5) responses by the due date of May 26th. The Presidential Search Committee (PSC) was charged with identifying and recommending to the Board two search firms. After a thorough review and comprehensive interviews by the PSC, their recommendation and ranking of three search firms was provided to the Board. These firms were evaluated and compared using criteria such as; (1) the number of presidential searches conducted in the last five years and how many searches were conducted in the State of Michigan; (2) what major universities did the firm do searches for; (3) how does the firm involve the university community in the search process; (4) how is an effective profile of the presidency created; and (5) cost of the search. The Board has also subsequently interviewed the search firms and has made a selection, which brings me to our only action item of this meeting.

IV. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

IV-A. Presidential Search Firm Selection

The Presidential Search Committee and the Board of Trustees have reviewed proposals from companies who are interested in assisting the University in conducting a presidential search. They ranked each of the search firms and has brought forward their recommendation.

It was moved by B. Johnson, supported by B. Ryan, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves Storbeck/Pimentel as the search firm to assist with the presidential search, and authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees to proceed

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with contract negotiations, including the signing of a contract acceptable to the Chair of Trustees. If negotiations prove to be unsuccessful, the Board of Trustees authorizes the Chair of the Board of Trustees to negotiate with the second ranked search firm, including the signing of a contract acceptable to the Chair of Trustees.

B. Johnson, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, gave an overview of the process used by the Committee to select the search firm and explained that each firm interviewed went through a thorough review.

The Board Chair thanked the Presidential Search Committee and fellow Board members for their collaboration and transparency in the search firm process; and appreciates everyone's efforts and time committed to this important task.

The next step for the Presidential Search Committee is a meeting tentatively set for July 20, assuming that the contractual negotiations are finalized. The Board will provide a presidential search update to everyone at the August 3 Board meeting.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by B. Johnson, supported by J. Fream, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the meeting be adjourned.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees

Chair, Board of Trustees