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Official Proceedings of the

Three Hundred and Forty – Fifth Meeting of the Board of Trustees

(A Special Meeting)

August 24, 2016

The Three Hundred and Forty – Fifth Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati was opened at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, in the Russell C. Myers Alumni Center of the University of Cincinnati. Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. The proceedings of the Board, when not otherwise provided for by its bylaws, are governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Robert E. Richardson Jr., Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Mr. Richardson asked that roll be called.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas D. Cassady, William C. Portman, III, Ronald D. Brown, Robert E. Richardson Jr., Margaret K. Valentine, Geraldine B. Warner, Kim Heiman, Phil Collins, Tom Mischell

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Beverly Davenport, Interim President;
Robert F. Ambach, Senior Vice President for
Administration and Finance;
Peter Landgren, Interim Provost & Senior Vice
President Academic Affairs;
Karen Kovach, Interim General Counsel
Ryan Hays, Executive Vice President;
Jennifer Bard, Dean for College of Law;
Ryan Makinson, Graduate Student Trustee;
Mitchell Phelps, Student Body President;
Kamree Maull, Undergraduate Student Trustee;
Rebecca Leugers, Faculty Representative;
Greg Loving, Faculty Representative;

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Nicole Blount, Executive Assistant to the Board of
Trustees;
and the public

Mr. Richardson:

Good evening everybody. I would like to thank everybody for coming out today on such short notice. The meeting will now come to order.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Three Hundred and Forty-Fifth Session of the Board of Trustees convened at 5:00 pm. As noted on the first page of these minutes, roll call was taken.

Announcements

Mr. Richardson:

Before we get into some general business, we have some announcements:

Committee Assignments—Committee assignments for our new trustee Tom Mischell includes adding him to the Audit and Risk Management, Health Affairs, as well as Governance and Internal Affairs Committees.

Presidential Search Committee—Some quick updates for the audience to know is that we have several Presidential Search Forums that will be public:

- Monday, August 29, 2016, 6:00PM, Myers Alumni Center (Community and Alumni)
- Wednesday, August 31, 2016, 5:00PM – 6:00PM, 450 Lindner Center (Students)
- Thursday, September 1, 2016, 10:00AM - 12:00PM, Great Hall, TUC (Faculty)
- Thursday, September 1, 2016, 12:00PM - 1:30PM, 400 ABC TUC (Students)
- Thursday, September 1, 2016, 3:00 – 4:30PM, Kresge Auditorium (Academic Health Center)

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- Thursday, September 8, 2016, 12:30 - 2:00PM, Clermont (Faculty)
- Thursday, September 15, 2016, 12:30 - 2:00PM, Walters Hall, Blue Ash

We hope to have everybody out to those sessions. As we said from the beginning, we want to get as much feedback as we can. Picking the next President is the most consequential decision that this board can do and we understand how big of a role it is and we want to hear from as many constituents as possible. We will make sure that's factored into selecting and interviewing the permanent president.

Mrs. Warner:

Excuse me, Chairman Richardson. You went through that very quickly. Is this going to be captured somewhere else or printed somewhere?

Mr. Richardson:

Yes. All of this will be on a website for the public to see. We have a presidential website so all the listening sessions will be listed. We will also send out an email to all the UC community and alumni. We are also sending out emails to students for the student sessions. We are going to make sure that we over communicate this because it's important that everyone knows when these sessions are and we would like to hear from as many voices as possible. Thank you for that.

Mr. Loving:

The email we got this morning indicated that the Clermont one would be 10:30 am – 12:00 noon; just clarifying the time.

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Mr. Richardson:

Well, I have 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm but we will get that clarified.

Mr. Loving:

We received an email that it was 10:30 am – 12:00 noon, but the AAUP Chapter meeting is 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm on that date.

Mr. Richardson:

Hopefully it is 10:30 am. We will make sure we clarify that. Thank you.

I will now call for an Executive Session. The members of the Board will return to conduct further business after Executive Session is concluded. Our next Regular Board Meeting will be held here at the Myers Alumni Center, on Tuesday, October 18, 2016.

Executive Session

Mr. Richardson:

May I have a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of considering real estate and the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee; to consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes; and conferring with counsel concerning disputes involving the University?

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Upon motion of Mrs. Valentine, and second by Mr. Collins, the Board voted to enter Executive Session by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Robert E. Richardson Jr.; Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman, Ronald D. Brown; Geraldine Warner; Margaret K. Valentine; Kim Heiman; Phil Collins; and Tom Mischell.

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Richardson:

Members at the table can stay but others will need to leave. Thank you. We will now proceed to Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjournment

With no further business for the Executive Session, Mr. Richardson called for a motion to adjourn at 7:30 pm. Upon a motion from Mrs. Valentine, seconded by Mr. Brown, roll call vote was taken.

AYE: Robert E. Richardson Jr.; Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman, Ronald D. Brown; Geraldine Warner; Margaret K. Valentine; Kim Heiman; Phil Collins; and Tom Mischell.

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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Reconvening of the Special Meeting

Mr. Richardson:

We will now reconvene with an action item from the Finance and Administration Committee.

Upon a motion from Mr. Cassady, and seconded by Mr. Brown, roll call vote was taken.

AYE: Robert E. Richardson Jr.; Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman, Ronald D. Brown; Geraldine Warner; Margaret K. Valentine; Kim Heiman; Phil Collins; and Tom Mischell.

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Approval of the Items Recommended by the Board Committees

Listed below are the items recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval by the Finance and Administration Committee.

Finance and Administration Committee Recommendations

16.08.24.01	Approval of College of Law – New Building
Synopsis:	It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$1 Million to fund a concept design, final programming document and relocation study for a new College of Law on the Uptown Campus in the location of the existing building.

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Consideration of Action Items

Mr. Cassady:

Mr. Chairman, as the Chairman of the Finance and Administration Committee, I'd like to move that it be recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$1 million dollars to fund a programming document concept location study and probable cost of construction for a new College of Law building on the Uptown Campus. The project consists of a new building for the College of Law situated on Uptown Campus. The existing building was constructed in the 1920's with additions and wraps in the 1960's and 1980's respectively, is a difficult candidate for renovation or adaptive re-use given the differing floor heights, construction types, and layouts. A facility audit determined all major systems are at the end of their useful life, and a facility fit analysis determined the numbers, types and arrangements of spaces are not suitable for today's learning environment in law. The building is not easily updated or renovated.

Over the past several years, many studies have been conducted regarding the location of the College of Law. After a deep investigation of the downtown area of the banks, the Board has determined that the College of Law should remain on campus.

It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$1.0 Million to fund Architect and Engineering Services for a programming document, concept, location study and probable cost of construction.

Mr. Richardson:

Do I hear a second to the motion?

A second was called by Mrs. Valentine.

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Mr. Richardson:

All those in favor say “aye.” Sorry. We need a roll call vote.

The following roll call vote was taken:

AYE: Robert E. Richardson Jr.; Thomas Cassady; Tom Mischell; Margaret K. Valentine; and Phil Collins.

NAY: Ronald D. Brown; William C. Portman, Geraldine Warner; Kim Heiman

ABSENT: None

Mr. Richardson:

Motion carries.

Before I adjourn the meeting, this has been a very passionate discussion. It’s gotten passion on both sides of the issue; myself included. All who have great love for this city and this university should be respected for their positions that they’ve taken. Our hope is that we can move forward together now that we made a decision and we hope to work with you to grow this university and again, everybody has great passion for our city and our university. We want to thank everybody for what they have done and for what they will do.

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Adjournment of the Meeting

Mr. Richardson:

May I have a motion to adjourn?

A motion was called by Mr. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. Collins.

Thank you. Meeting is adjourned.



ROBERT RICHARDSON JR.
CHAIRPERSON



WILLIAM C. PORTMAN III
SECRETARY