A meeting of the Committee on Finance, Business & Capital Planning was held in Senate Suites II and II of the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel in State College, Pennsylvania, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Clifford Benson (via phone), Robert Fenza, Daniel Mead, William Oldsey, and Mary Lee Schneider (via phone).

Emeriti Trustee Alvin Clemens, Student Representative Terry Ford, and the following administration members were also present: Madeline Cantu, Joseph Doncsecz, Jennifer Eck, David Gray, Nicholas Jones, Kurt Kissinger, Donna Newburg, Rachel Smith, Ford Stryker, and Eric Strucko.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Daniel Mead. Chairman Mead advised the Committee that actions and recommendations by the Committee would be reported to the full Board of Trustees for their consideration at the November 4, 2016 meeting.

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the September 15, 2016 meeting of the Committee.

The Committee reviewed the following consent agenda items and unanimously approved the two action items: Summary of Revised Funds and Summary and Acknowledgment of New Funds and Major Commitments.

Information Items –

a) Reber Building Student Knowledge Commons, University Park  
b) Energy Savings Project at Various Buildings, University Park  
c) Nursing Sciences Building Faculty/Staff Clinic and Main Entrance Renovation, University Park  
d) East Addition Office Construction, The Milton S. Hershey Medical Center  
e) Change the Name of the Information Sciences and Technology Building to “Westgate Building,” University Park  
f) Naming of Rooms, Portions of Buildings, and Plazas  
g) Sale of Gifted Property at 2 East High Street, Lebanon, Pennsylvania  
h) Status of Major Construction Programs and Borrowing  
i) Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Action Items –

j) Summary of Revised Funds
The Committee unanimously approved the following resolution for the Appointment of an Architect for the Parking Garage Expansion at Penn State Behrend:

RESOLVED, That the Officers of the University are authorized to employ the firm of Weber Murphy Fox of Erie, Pennsylvania, to design the proposed expansion of the parking garage at Penn State Behrend.

The Committee unanimously approved the following resolution for the Naming of the High-Pressure Gas Laboratory (HPGL) the Dr. Kenneth Kuo High-Pressure Gas Laboratory at University Park:

RESOLVED, That the High-Pressure Laboratory at University Park is named the “Dr. Kenneth Kuo High-Pressure Gas Laboratory.”

The Committee unanimously approved the following resolution for the Approval of Graduate Apartment Rates:

RESOLVED, that the monthly lease rates for graduate apartments at University Park 2017-18 be increased as shown in Appendix V attached hereto and which are part of this resolution.

The Committee unanimously approved the following resolution for New Endowment Levels:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees approves the establishment of new endowment and activation levels, effective immediately, as specified.

- University-Named Associate or Assistant Dean’s/Chancellor’s Chair: $4,000,000
- University-Named Faculty Fellowship: $750,000

The Committee unanimously approved the following resolution for Amended Named Annually-Funded Accounts:

RESOLVED, That University policies establishing or accepting funds for endowed or named annually funded accounts be amended, effective immediately, as specified.

- Faculty Chair at $100,000 per year for 5 years
- Professorships at $50,000 per year for 5 years
- Faculty Fellowship at $37,500 per year for 5 years
- Early Career Professorship at $25,000 per year for 5 years (no University match)
- Graduate Fellowship at $30,000 per year for either 3 or 5 years

The proposed Final Plan Approval and Authorization to Expend Funds for Trippe Hall at Penn State Behrend was presented by Ford Stryker. The Committee unanimously approved the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the final plans for Trippe Hall at Penn State Behrend, as designed by Turner Construction of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, are approved.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That authorization to expend funds and award contracts to accomplish the project be approved at a cost of $28,400,000.

An informational report on Operational Risk for Financial Funding Risks from External Sources was presented by Neil Sharkey and Zack Moore.

The Committee on Finance, Business & Capital Planning meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

The Committee then went into executive session to discuss privileged matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna J. Newburg
Assistant Secretary
Board of Trustees