CAMDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
September 9, 2014

A meeting of the Camden Board of Directors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey was held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 9 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room of the Camden Campus Center, Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Robert Mortensen, Chair Pro Tempore presided.

Present and constituting a quorum were Cruz-Perez, DePetris, Fong, Mortensen, Redd, Rears and Rivers.

Attending for the university administration were Fehrenbach, Haddon, Motiwala, Pastva and Roesener.

ANNOUNCEMENT PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 231, PUBLIC LAW 1975
(OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT)

Mr. Mortensen called on Secretary Fehrenbach, who announced that pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), public notice of this meeting was filed on May 29, 2014 with the Office of the Secretary of State of New Jersey and four newspapers, the Cherry Hill Courier-Post, the New Brunswick Home News Tribune, the Newark Star-Ledger, and the Philadelphia Inquirer (Cherry Hill). Public notice of the meeting was posted in the following University libraries: the Alexander Library, New Brunswick; the Dana Library, Newark; and the Robeson Library, Camden. In addition, notice of this meeting was posted on the Camden Board of Directors website.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Secretary Fehrenbach asked the board members if they had read the meeting agenda and supporting documents and if anyone had a possible conflict of interest to disclose. No conflicts were reported.

INDUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Mr. Mortensen introduced Mr. Robert Roesener, Senior Associate General Counsel and member of the Bar of the State of New Jersey, to administer the Oath of Allegiance and Office to induct a new member. Mr. Roesener called on Ms. Lora Fong to approach the standing microphone. Ms. Fong was inducted and joined the Rutgers Camden Board of Directors as a member representative of the Rutgers Board of Governors.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Mr. Mortensen asked Mr. Rears to assume the chair for the Election of Chair and left the room. Mr. Rears presented Mr. Mortensen as a candidate for the position of Chair for the term September 2014 to September 2015. Mr. Rears then called for a motion which was seconded, asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, asked for a vote which was unanimously in favor for the selection of Mr. Mortensen as Chair. Mr. Mortensen rejoined the meeting and asked Mr. DePetris to leave the room. The Chair presented Mr. DePetris as a candidate for the position of Vice Chair for the term September 2014 to September 2015. Mr. Mortensen then called for a motion which was seconded, asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, asked for a vote which was unanimously in favor for the selection of Mr. DePetris as Vice Chair. Upon Mr. DePetris returning back to the meeting room, Mr. Mortensen presented Mrs. Leslie A. Fehrenbach and Mr. J. Michael Gower as candidates respectively for the positions of Secretary and Treasurer for the term September 2014 to September 2015. Mr. Mortensen then called for a motion which was seconded, asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, called for a vote which was unanimously in favor.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JUNE 4, 2014 MEETING

Mr. Mortensen called attention to the minutes of the June 4, 2014 meeting that were posted on the portal, asked if there are any additions or corrections to the minutes. Receiving no objections, Mr. Mortensen called for a motion which was seconded, asked if there was any discussion and hearing none, the minutes were approved unanimously.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHAIR

POLICY STATEMENT ON CONFIDENTIALITY

Mr. Mortensen called on Secretary Fehrenbach who reminded everyone about the need to review, sign and return to the Office of the Secretary the policy statement on confidentiality of proceedings of the Camden Board of Directors’ meetings.

UPDATE ON THE WORK OF ROWAN-RUTGERS BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr. Mortensen began his report by noting that he and Mayor Redd are the two representatives of the Rutgers Camden Board of Directors to the Joint Rowan-Rutgers Board of Governors, and both serve as members of the executive committee. Additionally, Mayor Redd is a member of the Capital Committee and he is a member of the Finance Committee. Mr. Mortensen noted that both the board and its committees are meeting on a monthly basis and have succeeded in making substantial progress since that board’s inaugural meeting in April 2014. Mr. Mortensen then proceeded to review the highlights that included the following: leasing of space at the waterfront technology center, hiring of key administrative positions, selection of a law firm, and planning for the future health sciences building. Mr. Mortensen advised that the funding for the proposed building will come from a combination of a $50 million bond as well as state money allocated to county colleges. Mr. Mortensen said that both Rutgers and Rowan have pledged $2.5 million per year to support the activities of the Rowan-Rutgers Board of Governors. Mr. Mortensen then invited Mayor Redd to give her report who, in her role as a member of the Capital Committee, mentioned the intersection of Broadway and Nipple Boulevard as a potential site presently under consideration for the proposed 106,000 square feet health sciences building. Mayor Redd said that as the plans get further refined, she will share the progress being made with the Camden Board of Directors. Mr. Mortensen asked if there were any questions and hearing none invited Chancellor Haddon to give her remarks.

MATTERS PRESENTED BY THE CHANCELLOR-CAMDEN

Chancellor Haddon opened her remarks by saying that she spent the last two months as a Chancellor listening to faculty, staff and students speak on their views about potential challenges and opportunities for Rutgers University - Camden. This was accomplished by meeting in small groups with members of the faculty, departments and student leaders. Chancellor Haddon said that the information gathered through these conversations will be reflected in further refinement of the draft strategic plan, which is under development and will be provided to the board members at a later date. She said one of the key findings of her fact-finding process is that the Rutgers-Camden is a very collaborative and close community, comprised of community of scholars who are active in civic engagement and poised for the future. The chancellor underscored the value of using the right language in the vision statement included in the strategic plan to capture the unique nature of the Rutgers-Camden community and described Rutgers University Camden’s collaborative spirit, its personalized approach of faculty in their undertakings with students and its emphasis on research. Chancellor Haddon then moved on to describe some of the highlights of the fall including: welcoming 28 new faculty members, beginning renovations for two buildings, completion of renovation of the library, and refurbishment of several other existing facilities. Chancellor Haddon noted the recent citing of Rutgers-Camden by Washington Monthly as “best value for your buck” institution. She closed her remarks by inviting any questions or comments from the group. Hearing none, she turned the meeting over to the chair.
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mortensen asked if there was any old business or new business that needed attending and hearing none, called for a motion, a second, asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Anu Motiwalla
Office of the Secretary of the University