CAMDEN BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
October 31, 2014

A meeting of the Camden Board of Directors of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey was held on Friday, October 31, 2014 at 3:00 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Rutgers–Camden Campus Center, Camden, New Jersey. Mr. Robert Mortensen, Chair, presided.

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

Attending for the university administration were Haddon and Minott.

Absent was Redd.

Also present was Shankman, faculty representative to the Board of Directors.

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

Mr. Mortensen called on Mary Falls, Senior Executive Associate, Rutgers–Camden Chancellor’s Office, who announced that pursuant to Public Law 1975, Chapter 231 (Open Public Meetings Act), public notice of this meeting was filed on October 24, 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

Mary Falls 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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 MEETING

Mr. Mortensen called attention to the minutes of the September 9, 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

APPOINTMENT OF NON-VOTING FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Mortensen introduced Dr. Andrew Shankman who was recently elected by his peers among the faculty at Rutgers–Camden to be a non-voting representative to the Rutgers–Camden Board of Directors. Dr. Shankman thanked the board for having him join them and looks forward to welcoming a student representative to the board.
UPDATE ON THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY-CAMDEN STRATEGIC PLAN

Mr. Mortensen introduced Chancellor Phoebe Haddon who had just completed her first 100 days. She had been reviewing and updating the strategic plan for Rutgers University-Camden that began under the direction of former Chancellor Wendell Pritchett. Chancellor Haddon explained that this plan ought to reflect the vision that was initiated by Wendell Pritchett, then articulated by the campus strategic planning committee and then refined over the summer through consultation with many stakeholders. Chancellor Haddon proceeded with a Power Point presentation on The Next 100 Days that covered strategic directions and vision. Chancellor Haddon advised that an Implementation Committee will be appointed to explore and advance the longer-range goals set forth in the strategic plan.

Chancellor Haddon advised that the Schools of Law in Camden and Newark have been talking about merger. We are moving toward taking concrete steps to integrate their programs and are about to submit documentation to the ABA requesting that next step.

Chancellor Haddon provided information on the open search for a new associate chancellor for enrollment management and reported that it has moved to interviews in November. She also reported on a search for an assistant chancellor for civic engagement and indicated that the next step in the near future will be to identify someone to coordinate experiential learning. Chancellor Haddon then answered questions from the board.

PRESENTATION BY KRIS KOLLURI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE ROWAN UNIVERSITY/RUTGERS-CAMDEN BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Mr. Mortensen next asked Kris Kolluri, Chief Executive Officer of the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors to present to the board. Mr. Kolluri began by speaking of the initiatives being worked on by the board. Work is advancing on a health sciences building in downtown Camden for a collaborative building with Rowan University, Rutgers University and Camden County College to house computational biology and other research programs. The Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors recently appointed an architect to lead the effort. Mr. Kolluri advised that a property appraisal process has begun to look at sites. These two steps are the precursor to going to the state for funds.

Mr. Kolluri next spoke of a program that the Rowan University/Rutgers-Camden Board of Governors has approved an initiative to hire and train high school students in an apprentice program at a health care institution six months before they graduate high school. At the end of their training they will be enrolled in a Camden County College program to be a medical assistant. The apprenticeship process is paid for by the healthcare institutions and the medical certificate program is paid for by the federal government through a labor training program. At the end of their training, they will receive a certificate and are guaranteed employment at one of the Camden healthcare institutes.

Mr. Kolluri closed his remarks by inviting any questions or comments from the group. He then responded to questions by several board members and a member of the public.
ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mortensen asked if there was any old business or new business that needed attending. Anthony DePetris followed up on Dr. Shankman’s request that a student representative he named to the board. He would like this process to be expedited and made a priority by the end of the year. Dr. Shankman and Mr. Mortensen agreed. Mr. Mortensen asked if there was any other new business and hearing none, called for a motion, a second and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 pm.

Minutes prepared and submitted by,

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