



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 18, 2015**

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

The Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware held a Special Meeting on November 18, 2015, beginning at 1 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Rooms of Trabant Student Center.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider and approve the appointment of an individual to serve as President of the University of Delaware in accordance with Section 3.3.2.1 of the Bylaws.

TRUSTEES PRESENT:

John R. Cochran, Chair; Tony Allen; I.G. Burton III; Allison B. Castellanos; Joan F. Coker; Howard E. Cosgrove; William DiMondi; Chai Gadde; Stuart M. Grant; Terri Kelly; Carey McDaniel; Terry Murphy; Claudia Peña Porretti; Donald J. Puglisi; Nathaniel Rosal; Christopher H. Schell; A.Gilchrist Sparks III; P. Coleman Townsend Jr.; Mary Jane Willis

TRUSTEES EXCUSED:

Carol Ammon; James C. Borel; Tom Burns; Mariah Calagione; William B. Chandler III; Michael Geltzeiler; Teri Quinn Gray; Michael Lynch; Jack Markell; Sherman Townsend; Kenneth C. Whitney

RESOLUTION FOR APPROVAL:

The following resolution was approved *unanimously* by the Board of Trustees:

**APPOINTMENT OF DENNIS ASSANIS AS THE NEXT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE**

WHEREAS, Section 3.3.2.1 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware provides that the President of the University is appointed by the Board and serves at the pleasure of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the Office of the President was created when Dr. Patrick T. Harker resigned effective June 30, 2015; and subsequently Dr. Nancy M. Targett was named Acting President; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Search Committee, under the leadership of Co-Chairs Terri L. Kelly and Donald J. Puglisi, has completed its work and fulfilled its charge to identify and recommend a candidate of choice for the position of President; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Search Committee has unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Dennis Assanis and recommended Dennis Assanis to the Executive Committee for approval; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Assanis has been unanimously approved by the Executive Committee and recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOW IN OFFICE, that Dennis Assanis is hereby appointed as the next President of the University of Delaware, with the understanding that Dr. Assanis will take office at such time as will subsequently be mutually agreed to by the Chair of the Board and Dr. Assanis, but not later than July 1, 2016;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board expresses its gratitude and appreciation to all the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their diligent work over the last six months and to all members of the University community and citizens of the State of Delaware who participated in the selection process.

OPENING:

Chairman Cochran convened the meeting at 1 p.m. and welcomed all those in attendance. He reviewed the purpose of this special meeting, as provided by the Bylaws.

He requested a moment of silence in remembrance of those who had been killed or injured in the recent terrorist attacks in Beirut and Paris.

Mr. Cochran then called on Mrs. Willis for the attendance report. She reported that 20 trustees were in attendance, a majority of the voting members of the Board and constituted a quorum for the meeting. Those members who are unable to attend had all asked to be excused.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Dr. Donald J. Puglisi and Ms. Terri L. Kelly, Co-Chairs of the Presidential Search Committee, presented an abbreviated report of the Committee's

work and asked that the full report be entered into the record of the meeting as well as be provided to the public via UD's Presidential Search webpage.

Ms. Kelly and Dr. Puglisi provided an overview of the full process undertaken by the Committee to identify the individual who would be the next President of the University of Delaware. They noted that the Committee's report had been provided earlier to the Board's Executive Committee with the unanimous recommendation of Dr. Dennis Assanis as UD's next President.

Dr. Puglisi and Ms. Kelly expressed appreciation to the members of the Presidential Search Committee, and those members of the Search Committee in attendance stood to be recognized and were greeted with applause by those assembled. Dr. Puglisi and Ms. Kelly also expressed appreciation to the trustees and all members of the UD community who had taken part in this important endeavor.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Cochran reported that the Executive Committee had met earlier to receive the report of the Presidential Search Committee and had unanimously accepted the recommendation of Dr. Dennis Assanis as the next President of the University of Delaware. Mr. Cochran added that the Executive Committee in turn recommends Dr. Dennis Assanis to the full Board of Trustees to serve in this capacity.

APPOINTMENT OF THE NEXT PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE:

Mr. Cochran read into the record the formal resolution appointing Dr. Dennis Assanis as President:

WHEREAS, Section 3.3.2.1 of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of the University of Delaware provides that the President of the University is appointed by the Board and serves at the pleasure of the Board; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the Office of the President was created when Dr. Patrick T. Harker resigned effective June 30, 2015; and subsequently Dr. Nancy M. Targett was named Acting President; and

WHEREAS, the Presidential Search Committee, under the leadership of Co-Chairs Terri L. Kelly and Donald J. Puglisi, has

completed its work and fulfilled its charge to identify and recommend a candidate of choice for the position of President; and

WHEREAS, *the Presidential Search Committee has unanimously endorsed the candidacy of Dennis Assanis and recommended Dennis Assanis to the Executive Committee for approval; and*

WHEREAS, *Dennis Assanis has been unanimously approved by the Executive Committee and recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval;*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY A MAJORITY OF THE VOTING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOW IN OFFICE, *that Dennis Assanis is hereby appointed as the next President of the University of Delaware, with the understanding that Dr. Assanis will take office at such time as will subsequently be mutually agreed to by the Chair of the Board and Dr. Assanis, but not later than July 1, 2016;*

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *that the Board expresses its gratitude and appreciation to all the members of the Presidential Search Committee for their diligent work over the last six months and to all members of the University community and citizens of the State of Delaware who participated in the selection process.*

On a motion made by Mr. Grant and seconded by Dr. Puglisi, the Board of Trustees voted *unanimously* to approve the resolution to appoint Dr. Dennis Assanis as the next President of the University of Delaware.

Following the vote, Dr. Assanis joined the meeting, and was greeted by enthusiastic applause and a standing ovation of those assembled. Dr. Assanis expressed his appreciation to the Board, the members of the Presidential Search Committee, and to all members of the UD community for this opportunity to serve as President. He introduced his family and stated that they join him in being excited for the future as members of the UD community.

Dr. Nancy Targett presented Dr. Assanis with a special gift to commemorate his appointment as President. Dr. Assanis expressed appreciation to Dr. Targett for her efforts thus far as Acting President and for her continued work until he joins the UD community. Dr. Targett also received enthusiastic applause and a standing ovation from those assembled.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cochran thanked everyone for their attendance for this historic occasion. He added that several receptions were planned for faculty, staff, and students to welcome Dr. Assanis and his family to the UD community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey W. Garland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping tail.

Jeffrey W. Garland
Vice President and University Secretary