GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF VISITORS

Special Committee on Distance Education

September 26, 2016 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.1201 Merten Hall, Fairfax Campus

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rector Tom Davis, Vice Rector Jon Peterson, Special Committee Chair John Jacquemin and Vice Chair Dave Petersen; Faculty Senate Chair Keith Renshaw; Student Representative Nathan Pittman; President Angel Cabrera; and Secretary pro tem Hannush.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Provost S. David Wu, Senior Vice President Jennifer Wagner Davis, and Vice Provost Michelle Marks; and Senior Associate University Counsel Brian Walther.

I. The meeting was called to order by Special Committee Chair John Jacquemin at 2:47 p.m.

Visitor Jacquemin called for a motion to go into Closed Session. Vice Rector Peterson **MOVED** that Board go into Closed Session under the provision of Section 2.2-3711.A.29 to discuss a Public Contract. The motion was **SECONDED** by Visitor Petersen.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

Visitor Jacquemin MOVED that the Board go back into public session and further moved that by ROLL CALL VOTE affirm that only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements under the Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting, and that only such business matters that were identified in the motion to go into a Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Rector Davis

Roll call was taken with all present members responding in the affirmative.

II. **Approval of Wiley Contract (Action Item)**

As a result of the Closed Session, the following Action Item was brought to the Open Meeting:

Visitor Jacquemin MOVED to adopt the Resolution of Special Committee of the Board of Visitors of George Mason University Regarding Approval of Contract for Distance Education reviewed in the Closed Session:

WHEREAS, the University has engaged in a public procurement for services to assist the University with developing and implementing distance education programs; and

WHEREAS, on or about May 5, 2016, the Board of Visitors appointed a special committee (the "Committee") of two members for the purpose of taking action on behalf of the Board to approve such a contract, while the Board is in Recess; and

WHEREAS, the University desires to enter into a certain contract with Wiley edu, LLC, for distance educations services (the "Contract"), and the value of such contract may, during the term of the contract, exceed \$5,000,000 on a one-time or annual basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Committee, in the recess of the Board, hereby approves the Contract, and the President or Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance are hereby authorized to take all such further actions and to execute all such further documents as shall be necessary to procure such distance education services for the University.
- 2. This resolutions shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The motion was **SECONDED** by Rector Davis. Rector Davis opened the floor to discussion. There was none.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE

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President Cabrera, on behalf of the Provost and Vice Provost, expressed appreciation to Special Committee members John Jacquemin and Dave Peterson for their time and attention to this important matter.

III. Adjournment

Special Committee Chair Jacquemin called for a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting; Rector Davis **MOVED**; and Visitor Petersen **SECONDED**. The meeting adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Amber J. Hannush Secretary pro tem

Attachment: Resolution regarding Special Committee approval of contract for Distance Education.

RESOLUTION OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY REGARDING APROVAL OF CONTRACT FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION

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Adopted: September 26, 2016

John Jacquemin

Committee Member and Visitor

On behalf of the Board of Visitors of George Mason University

David Petersen

Committee Member and Visitor

On behalf of the Board of Visitors of George Mason University