WHEREAS, In a meeting of the Board of Trustees of The University of Akron (the “Board”) on December 6, 2017, through Resolution 12-17-17, the Board established the positions of Executive Vice President/Chief Academic Officer and Executive Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer, and appointed Dr. Rex Ramsier as Executive Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer; and

WHEREAS, Since December 6, 2017 Dr. Ramsier has served as Executive Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer and also as Senior Vice President and Provost; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board extends the contract of Dr. Ramsier, Executive Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer, by one year to June 30, 2021, with no increase in compensation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board discontinues the title of Senior Vice President and Provost; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board appoints Dr. Chand Midha, as Interim Executive Vice President/Chief Academic Officer, effective immediately. Dr. Midha will continue to serve as Executive Dean of the Graduate School, with no increase in compensation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board will engage a search firm to conduct a national search for the position of Executive Vice President/Chief Academic Officer in coordination with the presidential search; that neither Dr. Midha nor Dr. Ramsier will be candidates for the position; and that the search will be conducted in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement between the University and Akron-AAUP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Vice President/Chief Academic Officer has responsibility to lead the academic mission of the University, will be an ex officio member of each faculty and department or school, and is responsible for and has authority to:

1. Coordinate the academic offerings of the various colleges, departments and schools, including academic assessment activities and academic program review;

2. Assist in the selection and appointment of deans, chairs/directors, faculty and staff; recommend promotion, tenure, salary, and dismissal of faculty members and other academic personnel;

3. Manage the Office of Institutional Research, and the collecting and reporting of student and academic-program data;
4. Oversee the Office of Research Administration and supervise research activities, institutes and centers;

5. Supervise the academic portion of action planning, budget development and implementation;

6. Be the primary liaison to Faculty Senate and University Council as well as represent the academic program at college and University events, with the media and external community; and

7. Other duties that the President may assign.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Vice President/Chief Administrative Officer has responsibility to manage key administrative areas, and is responsible for and has authority to:

1. Oversee enrollment management and student services, including the registrar, student support activities, and externally funded programs such as ROTC and Choose Ohio First;

2. Supervise human resources and labor relations, including negotiation, implementation, and compliance of contracts between the Board of Trustees and campus bargaining units;

3. Ensure accreditation compliance and reporting, including liaison with the Higher Learning Commission;

4. Manage the administrative portion of action planning, budget development and implementation;

5. Review, investigate and respond as appropriate to various complaints, grievances, appeals, etc. from within or outside the University;

6. Ensure compliance with University rules and policies including the authority and responsibility to execute contracts on behalf of the University, such as partnership agreements and contracts involving the expenditure of money within the limits set by the Board; and

7. Other duties that the President may assign.

M. Celeste Cook, Secretary
Board of Trustees