Members of the University Community

I am pleased, Dear Colleagues . . .

. . . to forward for your information a summary of actions approved by The University of Akron’s Board of Trustees at its special meeting on November 20, 2009.

Facilities Planning and Oversight Committee

1. Multiplex Student Housing FF&E

Contracts totaling $1,156,476.60 for furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) were awarded to the following low bidders: Environments 4 Business, $439,957 for furniture and accessories; Dubois Wood Products, $604,212.66 for furniture; University Sleep Products Inc., $61,998.94 for mattresses; MAS Inc., $8,160 for appliances; APG Office Furnishings, $18,338 for interior signage; and Art Window Coverings Inc., $23,810 for window coverings.

2. Multiplex Stadium Academic Development FF&E

Contracts totaling $229,568.80 were awarded to the following low bidders: My Office Products, $195,242 for furniture and appliances; APG Office Furnishings, $5,437.80 for interior signage; Global Furnishings Inc., $19,377 for wall and floor mats; and E M Associates, $9,512 for window coverings.

3. South Campus Parking Deck Glazing

A $840,108 contract for glazing was awarded to low bidder United Glass & Panel Systems, Inc.
Finance, Fiscal Policy, and Investment Committee

1. 2010 Health Insurance Coverage

Following negotiations by Human Resources with health insurance providers presently under contract with the University, with the assistance of Watson-Wyatt consulting—the University has reached agreement with all of its existing health insurance carriers on a renewal of contracts for the 2010 calendar year. For the 2010 calendar year, the cost of health insurance will increase by approximately $2,553,000 or 8.65 percent. The University will continue to pay approximately 85 percent of the premium costs with employees continuing to pay the remaining approximately 15 percent. In 2010, for the first time, the University will be asking the dependents of retirees who were hired prior to 1992 also to pay for approximately 15 percent of their health insurance coverage. Previously only that specific subset of retiree dependents did not contribute toward the premium costs of their University-provided health insurance.

New Business

1. Ratification of Memorandum of Understanding with Akron-AAUP

Board members ratified a Memorandum of Understanding between the University and Akron-AAUP extending the current health insurance benefits of the members of that bargaining unit through the 2010 calendar year.

Notes

1. Next Regular Meeting

As previously announced, the Board’s next regularly scheduled meeting will occur on Wednesday, December 16, 2009, in the Board office on the third floor of the Student Union, with an executive session to begin at 7:30 a.m. and the public session to begin no earlier than 10 a.m.

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