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Special Oversight Committee
August 16, 2017

A special meeting of the Special Oversight Committee of the Board of Regents was held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. in the East Committee Room, 600 McNamara Alumni Center.

Regents present: Thomas Anderson, presiding; Michael H. Peggy, Lucas David McMillan, Abdul Omar, and Seven Svigginn.

Staff present: General Counsel Douglas P. Executive Director Brian Steves and Auditor Gail Klat.

Regent Anderson invited General Counsel Peter and Chief Auditor Klat to comment jointly on the report and recommendations on Title IX and athletic discipline practices by Dorsey and Whitney of the Office of Interdisciplinary and the Office of the General Counsel, as detailed in the docket.

Peter discussed the importance of ongoing work to address student safety and ensure a fair process. He indicated that the ongoing opinion on how incidents of sexual misconduct should be adjudicated and what the role of a higher education institution should be. He offered his appreciation to Dorsey and Whitney for their work and John Mart and Jillian Kor for their coaching history in a judicious manner.

Klat stated that her role in the external review (review) was to ensure the integrity of the character of the review and was completed in a timely manner. She commented that in her view, the work performed by Mart and Kor was thorough and complete in addressing the character of the review.

Anderson invited Mart and Kor to review the report.

Mart noted that her report highlighted their specific findings and recommendations, joint findings and recommendations and a summary of the University's response to the report. She addressed the disagreement with Klat that the review had full autonomy and access to information, and that the findings were not influenced by the Board or any University staff members.

Mart explained that the staff and employee present a challenge in preparing the report. He stated that given federal law, significant portions of the report can be shared in a public format and Kor noted the findings and recommendations included in the report.

In response to a question from Regent Svigginn, Klat explained that her report included

Finnegan described the initiative and its objectives. He noted the need for engagement across the entire University community and a focus on changing culture through a long, sustained effort. He stated the goal of the committee is to provide the president with a plan by October 2, 2017 to enhance education and engagement to create a sustainable public health awareness campaign, develop training for all faculty and staff, and develop metrics for evaluating the impact of the initiative. He conveyed that bringing the insight and experience of the many University faculty members is