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**WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY EIGHTH MEETING**

**February 5 and 6, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Wright State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Robert Nevin, chair, on Thursday, February 5, 2009, 4:00 p.m., in the Wright Brothers Room. Dr. Robert J. Sweeney, secretary to the Board of Trustees, called the roll:

**Present**

James F. Cannon  
Don R. Graber  
Larry R. Klaben  
John Kunesh  
Bonnie G. Langdon  
Robert C. Nevin  
Vishal Soin  
J. Thomas Young

**Absent**

Jamie King

**II. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING**

Mr. Nevin reported that this meeting was called by written notification and a quorum was present.

**III. DISPOSITION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr. Nevin moved to approve the November 20 and 21, 2008, minutes as submitted. Dr. Kunesh seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

In accordance with the Ohio Open Meetings Law, the Board, after a majority of a quorum, determined to hold an Executive Session by offering the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION 09-20**

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold Executive Session on Thursday, February 5, 2009; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G), the following issues may be discussed in Executive Session:

- Legal Report
- Potential dismissal, demotion, or discipline of a tenured faculty member, and pertinent personnel matters
- Purchase of real property by WSU Foundation, Inc., and pertinent real estate matters

Mr. Nevin moved for approval. Mr. Soin seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#### **V. RECESS**

Following the Executive Session, the Wright State Trustees, the Student Trustees and members of the Cabinet joined Dr. and Mrs. Hopkins for the Miami Valley Communities Night reception and the WSU vs. Valparaiso basketball game.

#### **VI. RECONVENE - ROLL CALL**

The Wright State University Board of Trustees reconvened on Friday, February 6, 2009, 8:30 a.m., in Room E156 of the Student Union. Dr. Sweeney called the roll:

##### **Present**

James R. Cannon  
 Don R. Graber  
 Larry R. Klaben  
 John C. Kunesh  
 Bonnie G. Langdon  
 Robert C. Nevin  
 Vishal Soin  
 J. Thomas Young  
 Jessica L. Hoying  
 Katie L. Bullinger

##### **Absent**

Jamie King

Mr. Nevin stated that the Wright State University Board of Trustees is a public body subject to the Ohio Open Meetings Act. It operates on a fixed agenda available to those attending the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Board in its Public Session should submit a written request to the Board of Trustees' office 72 hours in advance of the meeting in order to be placed on the agenda. However, all persons address the Board at the invitation of the Board and are subject to time limitations and other guidelines established to maintain the good order of the meeting.

## VII. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

### A. Introduction of Trustee Scholars

This scholarship recognizes exceptional academic achievement, leadership, and extra-curricular activities. It is awarded to 2 freshman students and covers tuition, room and board, and books for 4 years. This year's Trustee Scholars are:

#### 1. Brendan L. Eck

Brendan Eck is a graduate of Eaton High School. He is majoring in Physics with a hopeful dual major in mathematics and a minor in Japanese (if one comes into existence). He is involved in several areas on and off campus, including founding the WSU Go Club, (a group focused on playing the ancient oriental board game), participating in the WSU Anime Club, and starting a part time assistant research position in the Audiology Research Branch at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base. Future endeavors include founding a WSU Dance Dance Club.

Brendan chose Wright State simply because it was the best choice he could make. It has started him on the path to his dream job; a research physicist.

#### 2. Amber C. Crowley-Gall

Amber Crowley-Gall graduated from Colerain High School in Cincinnati. She is pursuing a dual degree in biology and chemistry hoping to do graduate studies in genetic research. She is a member of the biology club, student honors association, and alpha lambda delta honor society. Amber's hobbies are reading and photography. One of Amber's favorite quotes is "It's not the years in your life that count, it's the life in your years" by Abraham Lincoln. She believes that everyone should focus on getting the most that they can out of every day and every moment.

## VIII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

### A. University Update

Dr. Hopkins provided an update on some university achievements:

1. Enrollment for winter quarter is up again in terms of head count and student credit hours. We are 4.9% up in students compared to last winter quarter. This is a record for winter quarter for enrollment. This indicates that we are continuing to offer a high quality, affordable education. In the

- times that we are living in \_\_\_\_\_ makes it very important that we continue the tradition of high quality, affordable college education.
2. The Presidential Lecture Series hosted two outstanding speakers this winter. The Honors Institute continues its great tradition with inviting Nicholas Christoff, the New York Times writer to campus. Danny Glover was at Wright State as part of the lecture series and the Bolinga Black Cultural Center celebrating Dr. Martin Luther King Day. This year's theme is about free speech and academic freedom.
  3. The Governor's budget was released Monday and we all know that this next two years is going to be quite difficult for the state of Ohio. The budget does reflect what has been the governor's commitment to education. The Governor along with Chancellor Fingerhut has done all they can to protect students and families in terms of reaching their goals of a college education. The proposal from the Governor asked that tuition be frozen again at all public universities and colleges in the state of Ohio for the next year. Wright State's administration supports that proposal because it is a very important value at this institution. We will be communicating with the campus in more detail after the next two weeks, as we analyze the Governor's proposal.

## **B. Confirmation of Academic and Administrative Appointments and Changes**

### ***Faculty New Hires***

Beverly Carol Bias, M.S., has been appointed Clinical Instructor, College of Nursing and Health, effective January 1, 2009.

Katherine Excoffon, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor, Biological Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, effective January 26, 2009.

Michele Mari Lukens, M.S.N., has been appointed Clinical Instructor, College of Nursing and Health, effective January 1, 2009.

Pramodha Muniyappa, M.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective December 1, 2008.

Max B. Rubin, M.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor, Dermatology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective December 1, 2008.

Kevin J. Watt, M.D., has been appointed Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion, Student Affairs, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Amy M. Wissman, M.S., has been appointed Instructor, Biological Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, effective January 5, 2009.

### ***Faculty Promotions***

Todd C. Dewett, Ph.D., has been appointed Associate Professor and Assistant Dean, Business and Administration, Raj Soin College of Business, effective November 1, 2008.

Emily S. Dudley, D.V.M., has been appointed Clinical Veterinarian, Research Affairs, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective September 1, 2008.

Cristina Redko Mier, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor, Community Health, Center for Global Health Systems, Management and Policy, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

### ***Faculty Separations***

Gokce Durmusoglu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Professional Psychology, Ellis Institute, effective December 31, 2008.

Mariann C. Lovell, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Health, effective November 30, 2008.

Barbara L. Schuster, M.D., M.A.C.P., Professor, Internal Medicine, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective October 31, 2008.

Richard Schuster, M.D., Professor, Community Health and Internal Medicine; Chair and Director, Center for Global Health Systems, Management and Policy, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 15, 2009.

Michael E. Steffan, M.D., Assistant Professor of Pediatrics; Director, Sleep Disorders Center, Children's Medical Center, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective December 24, 2008.

### ***Unclassified New Hires***

Deborah L. Arms, Ph.D., has been appointed Director of Strategic Initiatives, College of Nursing and Health, effective December 1, 2008.

Mitzi J. Bartee, R.N., B.S., has been appointed Nurse, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Vincent D. Bibbs, B.A., has been appointed Budget Analyst, Budget Planning and Resource Analysis, effective December 4, 2008.

Bonita J. Boles, A.A.S., has been appointed Administrative Assistant, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Amy S. Bracken, B.A., C.D.C.A., has been appointed AOD Case Manager, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009. Bernard F. Bruneau, B.A., C.C.D.C.I, has been appointed Community Support Specialist, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective

January 1, 2009.

Carolyn C. Burneka, R.N., has been appointed Nurse, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Paul D. Copp, Ph.D., has been appointed Research Associate Professor, Biomedical, Industrial and Human Factors Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective January 8, 2009.

Susan D. D'Autremont, B.S., has been appointed Web Coordinator, Communications and Marketing, effective January 5, 2009.

Kristy S. Dillon, M.S., P.C.C.S., has been appointed Counselor, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Kevin F. Donahue, B.S., has been appointed Women's Basketball Administrative Assistant, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective November 24, 2008.

Nicole C. Duff, M.R.C., L.S.W., L.C.D.C.III, has been appointed Outpatient Service Coordinator, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Kristen K. Dunn, M.R.C., P.C.C.S., L.I.C.D.C., has been appointed Program Director, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Kimberly A. Farrier, B.A., has been appointed Community Support Specialist, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Lisa A. Filyo, B.S.N., has been appointed Nursing Skills Lab and Academic Advisor, College of Nursing and Health, effective January 7, 2009.

Deborah L. Hampton, M.S., L.S.W., has been appointed Counselor, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Robin J. Heise, M.A., has been appointed Assistant Director, Financial Aid, Enrollment Management Division, effective November 24, 2008.

George E. Hemingway, L.S.W., has been appointed Community Support Specialist, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Melissa R. Jones, M.R.C., P.C.C.S., L.I.C.D.C., has been appointed Clinical Director, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Harshavardhan Kenche, M.S., has been appointed Research Assistant, Pediatrics, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 26, 2009.

David R. Kronour, B.S., has been appointed Business Advisor, Dean's Office, Raj Soin College of Business, effective January 5, 2009.

Jennifer M. Leone, B.S., has been appointed Assistant Director of Annual Giving, University Development, effective January 12, 2009.

John R. Leopard, B.A.C.J., has been appointed Assistant Director of Annual Giving, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective November 24, 2008.

Anthony S. Linz, B.S.B.A., has been appointed Benefits and Compensation Generalist, Human Resources, effective December 15, 2008.

Richard A. Maresca, J.D., has been appointed Wright Brothers Institute Associate Director and Director of Regional Programs, Wright State Research Institute, effective January 1, 2009.

Laurence D. Merkle, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant to the Chair, Computer Science and Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective November 17, 2008.

Nancy C. Miller, B.S., has been appointed Employment Specialist, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Michelle G. Morse, M.S.W., L.S.W., C.D.C.A., has been appointed Counselor, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Daniel Joseph Munsey has been appointed Assistant Men's and Women's Tennis Coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective November 24, 2008.

Sarah Ndiangui, B.S., has been appointed Case Manager, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Katrinia J. Niccum, L.C.D.C.II, has been appointed Counselor, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Geraldine Nogaro, Ph.D., has been appointed Postdoctoral Research Associate, Earth and Environmental Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, effective January 5, 2009.

Tiffani C. Richardson has been appointed Research Technician, Substance Abuse Resources and Disabilities Issues Program (SARDI), Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective December 8, 2008.



Elizabeth A. Rohrbach, B.A., has been appointed Special Programs Coordinator, Pre-College Programs, effective December 1, 2008.

Jacquelyn M. Schetter, M.B.A., has been appointed Nutter Center and Athletics Sales Manager, Athletic Promotions and Media Relations, effective January 5, 2009.

Sheila M. Schloss, B.A., has been appointed Assistant Director, Research and Sponsored Programs, effective January 12, 2009.

Terrance J. Sledge, M.A., C.D.C.A.T.O., has been appointed Community Support Specialist, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Malynda M. Snyder, M.R.C., L.C.D.C.III, P.C., C.R, has been appointed Manager, Assessment Services, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Cynthia W. Spears, M.A., has been appointed Director of Educational Programs and Research Activities, Geriatrics, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Suganya Sundaram, M.F.C., has been appointed Budget Analyst, Budget Planning and Resource Analysis, effective January 26, 2009.

Jeremy P. Trim has been appointed Network Administrator, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Brenda L. VanPelt has been appointed Intake Support Specialist, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Margaret L. Wanzo, A.A.S, has been appointed Director of Performance Improvement and Regulatory Compliance, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Erin M. Willoughby, B.A., T.O., C.D.C.A., has been appointed Community Support Specialist, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Teresa J. Wonderly has been appointed Billing Manager, Consumer Advocacy Model, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Mary E. Yoder, B.A., has been appointed Assistant Director, Financial Aid, Enrollment Management Division, effective November 17, 2008.

***Unclassified Promotions***

Mark D. Anderson, B.S., has been appointed Manager, Academic Technology Group, Business Office, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 1, 2008.

Melissa A. Bautista, B.S., has been appointed Research Assistant, Psychology, College of Science and Mathematics, effective January 10, 2009.

Richard Alan Danals, M.Ed., has been appointed Director, Student Activities, Office of Student Affairs, effective November 1, 2008.

Steven F. Donovan, B.S., has been appointed Academic Technology Analyst, Business Office, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 1, 2008.

Wendy A. Feerer has been appointed Marketing Program Manager, Communications and Marketing, effective December 1, 2008.

Brandy Foster, M.A., has been appointed Associate Director, PreAward, Research and Sponsored Programs, effective December 8, 2008.

Darren Harbert, A.A.S., has been appointed Academic Technology Analyst, Business Office, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 1, 2008.

Sandi J. Holdheide, B.A., has been appointed Director of Public Relations and Student Services, Lake Campus, effective January 1, 2009.

Maralee A. Leonard, B.S., has been appointed Accountant 3, General Accounting, effective January 1, 2009.

Tonya M. Mathis has been appointed Associate Director, Student Activities, Office of Student Affairs, effective November 1, 2008.

Lisa A. May, B.B.A., has been appointed Accountant 4, General Accounting, effective January 1, 2009.

John R. Mbagwu, A.S., has been appointed Director of Accounting, General Accounting, effective January 1, 2009.

Susan S. McGovern, B.S., has been appointed Program Director, College of Science and Mathematics, effective January 1, 2009.

Carolyn W. McNicholas, M.A., has been appointed Division Research and Project Coordinator, Pediatrics, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective December 15, 2008.

Sheila Nahrgang, B.S., has been appointed Associate Director, Special Programs, Student Union, effective November 1, 2008.

Jacqueline Neal, B.S., has been appointed Director of Advising for Biology and Health

Professions, Biological Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, effective January 1, 2009.

Lucy L. Owens, M.A., has been appointed Academic Advisor, PreCollege Programs, effective November 1, 2008.

Kyle L. Peterson has been appointed Manager, Desktop Services, Computing and Telecommunications Services, effective September 1, 2008.

William C.F. Polk, M.B.A., has been appointed Accountant 3, General Accounting, effective January 1, 2009.

Mary R. Reshad has been appointed Assistant Director, Financial Aid and Customer Service, Enrollment Management Division, effective November 1, 2008.

Adel Samad, A.A.S., has been appointed Community Health Advocate, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 1, 2008.

John A. White, B.S., has been appointed Accountant 4, General Accounting, effective January 1, 2009.

William L. Shepard has been appointed Assistant Vice President for University Programs, University Development, effective January 5, 2009.

Aaron M. Skira, B.A., has been appointed Assistant Director, Functional Area Lead, Financial Aid, Enrollment Management Division, effective November 12, 2008.

Christopher Suttle, B.A., has been appointed Technology Coordinator, College of Liberal Arts, effective December 8, 2008.

Melissa J. Vanzant has been appointed Budget Analyst, Police Department, effective October 1, 2008.

Greg A. Wemer has been appointed Technical Support Analyst, Computing and Telecommunications Services, effective December 1, 2008.

Margaret E. Wiltshire, B.A., has been appointed Associate Project Manager, Wright State Research Institute, effective December 1, 2008.

### ***Unclassified Separations***

Travis Bautz, M.A., Director, Educational Resource Center, effective January 4, 2009.

Michael W. Bodey, B.S., Director, Small Business Development, Dean's Office, Raj Soin College of Business, effective January 16, 2009.

Brian Brakus, M.S., Research Associate, Electrical Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective December 31, 2008.

Suchita Dhawan, M.S., M.I.S. Programmer/Analyst, Center for Healthy Communities, Community Health, effective December 31, 2008.

Karen P. Doty, Community Health Advocate, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 15, 2008.

Gregory N. Filatov, Ph.D., Research Associate, Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 31, 2009.

Iris Harvey, M.B.A., Associate Vice President of Communications and Marketing, effective October 31, 2008.

Byron L. Jones, Director, Printing Services, effective January 9, 2009.

Marilyn C. Kissell, Assistant to the President, The Ohio Wright Center for Data/daytaOhio, effective November 7, 2008.

Maralee A. Leonard, B.S., Accountant, General Accounting, effective January 8, 2009.

Susan J. Miller, A.A.S., Administrative Assistant, Reach Out, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 15, 2009.

Phillip M. Neff, Associate Director, Systems Services, Computing and Telecommunications Services, effective January 31, 2009.

Kay Rodabaugh Parent, R.N., M.P.H., Assistant Director for Health Promotion, Center for Healthy Communities, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective December 31, 2008.

Richard Todd Webster, B.A., STEM Director, Dean's Office, College of Education and Human Services, effective December 31, 2008.

***Classified New Hires***

Sherri Blatz has been appointed Student Services Specialist, Financial Aid, Enrollment Management Division, effective December 22, 2008.

Joshua S. Boles, B.A., has been appointed Library Technical Assistant, Library Collection Services, University Libraries, effective October 27, 2008.

Natasha S. Drake, A.A., has been appointed Student Services Specialist, Office of the Registrar, Enrollment Management Division, effective December 15, 2008.

Sherri R. Foudray has been appointed Delivery Worker, Materials Management, Business Services, effective December 8, 2008.

Joseph M. Manning, Sr., has been appointed Stationary Engineer, Physical Plant, effective November 24, 2008.

Anita L. Miller has been appointed Custodial Services Worker, Environmental Services, Physical Plant, effective October 6, 2008.

Jennifer M. Papadakis, B.A., has been appointed Administrative Specialist, Biological Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, effective January 12, 2009.

Brian D. Rogers has been appointed Grounds Maintenance Worker, Athletics, Physical Plant, effective January 5, 2009.

Patricia L. Shrout, has been appointed Records Technician 1, Advancement Services, effective December 15, 2008.

Mark E. Thompson, A.A.S., has been appointed Grounds Maintenance Worker 1, Physical Plant, effective December 1, 2008.

***Classified Promotions***

Crystal Aja Ash has been appointed Program Coordinator, Research and Sponsored Programs, effective November 15, 2008.

Teresa Bienz has been appointed Administrative Specialist, Student Services, Lake Campus, effective September 1, 2008.

George S. Collins, B.A., has been appointed Payroll Specialist, Payroll, effective December 13, 2008.

Ronald D. Combs has been appointed Telecommunications Analyst, Computing and Telecommunications Services, effective December 1, 2008.

Shannon L. Duncan, B.F.A., has been appointed Department Support Supervisor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 29, 2008.

Brenda A. Godfrey has been appointed Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker 1, Facilities Operations, Lake Campus, effective December 13, 2008.

Leonard J. Gonzalez, B.S., has been appointed Account Clerk 3, Student Activities, Student Affairs, effective December 13, 2008.

Victoria A. Harness, B.A., has been appointed Student Services Coordinator, Student Activities, Student Affairs, effective December 13, 2008.

Sheryl L. Kleckner has been appointed Administrative Specialist, Biochemistry/Molecular Biology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 26, 2009.

Teresa E. Kramer, B.A., has been appointed Payroll Specialist, Payroll, effective December 13, 2008.

Janet Reuter, A.A.S., has been appointed Account Technician, Payroll, effective December 13, 2008.

Carly A. Scheu, B.A., has been appointed Administrative Specialist, Police Department, effective October 4, 2008.

Laurie Schoettinger has been appointed Administrative Specialist, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 29, 2008.

Stephen R. Stewart has been appointed Building and Grounds Maintenance Worker 1, Facilities Operations, Lake Campus, effective December 13, 2008.

Lisa Terrell has been appointed Account Clerk 3, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective November 29, 2008.

Kimberly Thomas has been appointed Payroll Specialist, Payroll, effective December 13, 2008.

***Classified Separations***

Robin Kim Bauer, B.A., Administrative Support Coordinator, Career Services, effective December 30, 2008.

Barbara Carr, Custodial Services Worker, Environmental Services, Physical Plant, effective December 31, 2008.

Deena Cox, B.A., Administrative Support Coordinator, Vice President for Curriculum and Instruction Administration, effective January 23, 2009.

Christy R. Green, A.A.S., Campus 1 Card/Vend Specialist, Office of the Bursar, effective August 31, 2008.

Connie D. Hart, Grants and Contract Specialist 1, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective October 31, 2008.

Cheryl J. McCoy, Senior Database Coordinator, Office of the Registrar, Enrollment

Management Division, effective January 23, 2009.

Walter H. Morgan, Maintenance Worker, Facilities Operations, Physical Plant, effective January 3, 2009.

Eileen D. Porter, Department Support Supervisor, Biological Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, effective December 31, 2008.

Martha S. Tucker, Administrative Specialist, Chemistry, College of Science and Mathematics, effective December 31, 2008.

### **RESOLUTION 09-21**

RESOLVED that the academic and administrative appointments, changes, retirements, departmental reporting, resignations and terminations submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are approved.

Mr. Nevin moved for adoption. Ms. Langdon seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#### **C. Report of Investments**

Since the last Board meeting, investments for October and November 2008 have been received. These reports will be filed with the official Board of Trustees' records.

#### **D. Ratification of Contracts and Grants**

Wright State University has recorded \$36,124,497 in external funding after the first six months of fiscal year 2008-09. Recent awards include a \$588,425 grant from the National Science Foundation to Michele G. Wheatly, John M. Flach, and John C. Gallagher for the Ohio's STEM Ability Alliance (OSAA), a collaboration between the Dayton and Columbus metropolitan regions that will create an integrated program of proven interventions to reduce barriers (motivation and interest; opportunity; psychosocial; academic preparation and cognitive skills) for students with disabilities to access Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) careers. WSU also received an award of \$360,156 from the Ohio Board of Regents, Lillie Howard, project director, for a collaborative consisting of WSU, Central State University, the University of Dayton, Wittenberg University, Clark State Community College, Sinclair Community College, and Southern State Community College. The collaborative partners will receive Choose Ohio First Scholarships to attract, retain, and graduate students in the STEM disciplines.

**RESOLUTION 09-22**

RESOLVED that the contracts and grants submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are ratified.

Mr. Nevin moved for approval. Mr. Graber seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted by roll call vote.



## IX. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

### A. Academic Affairs Committee

Ms. Langdon, chair, reported on the Academic Affairs committee meeting of January 23, 2009. The following topics were discussed:

- **Provost Steven Angle's Report**

Enrollment Report – Intersession 2008: Total university headcount increased by 17.9% this year: Winter 2009: Total university headcount up 4.9% with total university credit hours increasing by 3.5% from Winter 2008.

The STEM School received a \$350,000 grant in addition to the other state support that came in. Dr. Greg Bernhardt reported that the Stem School Board met on January 14<sup>th</sup>. It was decided by the Board to collaborate with Clark State and the decision made that August 17<sup>th</sup> would be the beginning of the school year on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Clark State building across the street from Wright State University. Several sites are being considered for the location of the school – WPAFB, Center for Flight on Springfield Street; College Park on Hibiscus Drive, two locations off Colonel Glenn Highway, one which is at University Park and a property called Signal Hill. We have posted on our website, (daytonstemschool.org) an on line application. As of yesterday we have received 48 applications. We have also made 8 out of 33 presentations in the community which will run through the middle of February.

Dr. Angle noted that the Ohio Board of Regents will fund our Dayton Summer STEM Academy for Summer 2009. The curriculum is designed specifically for students interested in the STEM disciplines. This three-week program is open to eligible high school juniors and seniors residing in the state of Ohio. Dr. Lillie Howard is spearheading this project.

Dr. Angle reported that Congressman Dave Hobson has donated his congressional papers to Wright State University, where they will be housed in the Special Collections and Archives in the university's Paul Laurence Dunbar Library.

1. **Doctor of Philosophy in Sustainability and Renewal in Organizations**

**RESOLUTION 09-23**

WHEREAS the Wright State University College of Education and Human Services (CEHS) has proposed a unique new Doctor of Philosophy degree titled Sustainability and Renewal in Organizations; and

WHEREAS the CEHS faculty has developed expertise in sustainability and renewal appropriate to educate practitioners and scholars at the doctoral level; and

WHEREAS sustainability has emerged as a new concept which can be applied to evaluate and strengthen organizations such as school systems, non-profit agencies, and health care providers; and

WHEREAS this new degree program has been approved by the Graduate Council, the Faculty Senate, and the Provost; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Doctor of Philosophy in Sustainability and Renewal in Organizations as submitted to this meeting be and the same hereby is approved.

Mr. Nevin moved for approval. Dr. Kunesh seconded, and the motion was unanimously adopted by voice vote.

2. **Department of Marketing and Department of Marketing and International Business Name Changes**

**RESOLUTION 09-24**

WHEREAS the Raj Soin College of Business has requested to more effectively align and focus its international functions by moving International Business from the Department of Marketing to the Department of Management; and

WHEREAS the faculty within the Raj Soin College of Business, the Council of Deans, and Faculty Governance support the realignment of International Business to the Department of Management; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Department of Marketing and International Business be renamed the Department of Marketing, and the Department of Management be renamed the Department of Management and International Business effective immediately.

Ms. Langdon motioned for approval. Mr. Klaben seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

• **Centers for Excellence Update**

Dr. Angle along with Dr. Jack Bantle, vice president for Research updated the Board on the Centers of Excellence. A call for proposals has produced netting 18 proposals. The faculty committee ranked them and provided input. February 15 is the deadline to ask for full proposals.

- **Semester Conversion Update**

Drs. Lillie Howard and Tom Sudkamp, co-chairs of the Semester Conversion Committee updated the Board on the timeline. The timeline represents major steps in the process of a transition to a semester calendar. The decision will be made by the Board of Trustees after receiving a recommendation from the faculty. It is their hope that it will be presented to the Board of Trustees at the March 27<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. Dr. Angle discussed one additional aspect of the conversion - translating our current workload policy from a quarter to semester calendar. We are currently in the process of developing an MOU with the AAUP to guide discussions on workload.

**B. Advancement Committee**

Mr. Young, chair, reported on the Advancement Committee meeting of January 23, 2009.

- Ms. Susan Smith, executive director of Alumni Relations, provided a brief update on recent alumni activities highlighting the Lake Campus Alumni Network which held their first event at the Nutter Center in January. Approximately 200 alumni, faculty and students attended this event. Ms. Smith also provided some 2008 accomplishments for the alumni relations office. The Alumni Association awarded 40 Legacy Scholarships for the 2008-09 academic year bringing total support of scholarships to \$407,070. The number of alumni events/programs in 2008 increased 22% and increased 114% in attendance. The Alumni Association membership is up 6.24% and the Board is increasing its' retention efforts. She stated that on average the alumni office receives two inquires a week from alumni requesting information about forming affinity groups. The Alumni Association currently has approximately 3,800 members with a goal of reaching 4,000 by the end of 2009.

- **Vice President's Rowland's Report**

Dr. Bryan Rowland reported the Wright State University Foundation's asset pool suffered significant losses mirroring the performance of current economic markets. The investment returns from July 1, 2008 to November 30, 2008 has been negative 28.7%. However, the WSF Board

is optimistic about investment performance. The WSU Foundation Endowment realized a positive return of 4.5% for December 2008. For calendar year 2008, the Wright State University Foundation endowment value fell 32.8% to \$59.3 million. Year-to-date giving for FY 2009 is about \$3.8 million. At this time last year, the WSU Foundation received just over \$6 million dollars. This represents a decrease of approximately 37% from this time last year.

Dr. Rowland presented a presentation titled *Wright State University Advancement: A Closer Look*. In the presentation, he reviewed the division's structure and outlined a number of statistics related to the university development and alumni programs. This information was compiled from information provided by the development staff and feedback from the meetings with advancement staff, university faculty and staff, deans, vice presidents, the provost, and university president.

Dr. Rowland also announced the hiring of Ms. Rebecca Cole as the new associate vice president for Development. Ms. Jan Hillman is the new assistant vice president for University Initiatives and Mr. Bill Shepard is the new assistant vice president for University Programs. Each member of this leadership team will have significant major gift portfolios. The major portion of Dr. Rowland's presentation was a summary of the *Tomorrow Takes Flight Campaign*. He reported that nationally 84% of philanthropic contributions are from individuals. At Wright State University, 56% of contributions from the last campaign were from individuals. Key points about giving to the university during the last campaign included:

- 82% of philanthropic income were gifts of \$100,000 and greater
- 90% of total donors made gifts of \$1,000 or less
- 5% of total philanthropic income came from alumni.

Dr. Rowland also reported 72% of our alumni live within Ohio; 82% of those living in Ohio live within the Miami Valley and of our total alumni population, 23,737 are age 50 to 80. Wright State University has identified a number of alumni that are or will be at retirement age soon. He stressed the advancement team needs to focus on the university's strategic plan and fundraising priorities. The university must be able to clearly articulate the case that Wright State is innovative, transformative and diverse. It is imperative to be good stewards of our resources and inform our donors of how their gifts are making a difference. Dr. Rowland and the advancement staff are working to build infrastructure necessary to ensure that future fundraising initiatives will be successful.

- Dr. Steven Angle, provost, affirmed the restructuring progress has occurred. Provost Angle stated that although this may not be the best environment for fundraising, Wright State University is positioning itself and refining our fundraising cases as we prepare to ask our alumni and friends of the university for support for our big philanthropic ideas.

### **C. Building and Grounds Committee**

Mr. Graber, chair, reported on the Building and Grounds Committee meeting of January 23, 2009.

- Ms. Vicky Davidson stated that the bids were delayed for the Biological Sciences/Rehabilitation project due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. They will be opened at 2 p.m.

- **Project Updates**

Mr. Dan Papay, university engineer, updated the Board on the current project updates. Oelman Hall is about 50% complete in terms of the schedule. There have been very few change orders and the project continues to go well. Original work is complete on the Bio Sci II project and final inspections are scheduled this week. The Lake Campus additions and renovations are scheduled to be completed by August. Mr. Papay notes that there have been several errors, omissions, and change orders with this job. The Nutter Center stair project continues to go well. The only accepted change order is a deduct change order. The standby generator, part of the electrical infrastructure, has no change orders and the primary electric upgrade has just begun.

Mr. Mike Schulze, university planner, highlighted some of the projects that are in construction. He presented to the committee before and after pictures of Bio Sci and Oelman Hall. Oelman 1<sup>st</sup> phase (the 4<sup>th</sup> floor research lab) will be complete in March, followed by renovation on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors. The 109 Oelman Hall auditorium will have a complete renovation with many improvements such as ceilings, dual screen technology, improved lighting, the aisles will be made wider and hand rails will be installed. Mr. Schulze showed slides of the additions and renovations to Lake Campus including the new Dicke Activity Center. The construction of an exit stairway connecting the parking areas north and east of the Nutter Center to Gate 8 is underway. The project is near completion and will alleviate current pedestrian/vehicular conflicts.

- Dr. Steven Angle, provost and Dr. Robert J. Sweeney, vice president for

Planning and secretary to the Board of Trustees went over the list of shovel ready projects proposed by Wright State. These will go to the Dayton Development Coalition and to the Ohio Board of Regents for their consideration.

**D. Finance and Audit Committee**

Mr. Soin, chair, reported on the committee meeting of January 23, 2009. The following topics were discussed:

- **Updates**

Mr. Jeff Trick, director, Physical Plant, updated the Board on the energy conservation efforts and improvements going on at Wright State University.

Ms. Terry Anderson, associate director, Computing and Telecommunications (CaTS) summarized some of the improvements that Wright State has done to improve our ERP system and highlighted some banner post-implementation projects for 2009.

Mr. Keith Ralston, associate vice president, Budget Planning and Resource Analysis, distributed the efficiency initiatives document. The efficiencies noted within the document are initiatives taken by the university and individual units that resulted in cost savings and cost avoidances. Additional efficiencies that generate new streams of revenue or increased productivity were also included in this document. This is the second year the state has required this report, it is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of a formal effort by Wright State. The calculated value of the efficiencies noted is \$12,920,756. This equals 4.7 percent of the university's operating budget. The state required a calculated amount equal to 3.0 percent.

Mr. Ralston reported on expenditures greater than \$250,000 and less than \$500,000. No action was required on this matter.

Mr. Jeff Ulliman, university controller, shared the university's investment reports for October and November 2008.

**1. Civil Service Reform**

**RESOLUTION 09-25**

WHEREAS, the 126<sup>th</sup> Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 187 which revises Ohio's civil service laws; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 187 authorizes Ohio General Assembly enacted H.B. 187 which revises Ohio's civil service laws; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 187 authorizes Ohio's public universities to adopt and implement policies and procedures applicable to civil service employees; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is granted the authority to implement policies and procedures that are applicable to civil service employees that satisfy the requirements of Ohio Revised Code 124; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University through its Board of Trustees granted to the President or his designee(s) the authority to adopt and implement these policies and procedures in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 111.15 and H.B. 187 February 1, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the President's designee has met the provisions of HB 187 to amend the Ohio Revised Code and adopt the change attached, and incorporate the change into Wright Way Policies and Procedures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The attached procedures shall be administered under the applicable provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Chapter 124 and HB 187.

Mr. Soin motioned for approval. Mr. Graber seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**Attachment 1**

### **Internal Posting Procedure for Classified, Non-Bargaining Unit Positions**

#### ***Internal Posting Procedure***

Wright State University values filling new and vacant classified positions with qualified current employees. This internal posting procedure will replace the First Opportunity Transfer Procedure effective (date of approval). It will provide a process for giving first consideration to classified, non-bargaining unit staff. In the future, if there is a conflict between the internal posting procedure and the Ohio Revised Code and civil service procedures, the Ohio legal and administrative procedures will prevail.

#### ***Determination for an Internal Posting***

When a new or vacant classified position becomes available, the hiring supervisor will consider whether it is appropriate to give first consideration to current eligible staff rather than

requesting referrals from the civil service eligibility list maintained by Human Resources. If the hiring supervisor decides to first consider current eligible employees, Human Resources will post the position for WSU classified, non-bargaining unit employees only on the WSU employment website (<https://jobs.wright.edu>).

### ***Posting Procedures and Deadlines***

Once the Department of Human Resources receives a final, approved request for posting, Employment Services will list the position on the employment website for WSU classified, non-bargaining unit employees only. The announcement will provide a description of the open position, minimum qualifications, department, and pay grade. Internal opportunities will be posted as soon as they are received and approved. The position will remain posted for five full working days.

### ***Eligibility***

Employees must meet all of the following criteria to be considered for interview:

1. Be actively employed, and on the Wright State University payroll (positions that are excluded include, but are not limited to, interim appointments, 30-day emergency appointments, and probationary employees);
2. Be in a classified, non-bargaining unit position;
3. Meet the minimum qualifications for the position;
4. Be employed in current position for at least one year; and
5. Take the required word processing or spreadsheet test required for the position, if the required test has not been taken by the applicant while employed at WSU.

### ***Testing***

Eligible current employees are not required to take the competitive civil service examinations for positions posted under the internal posting procedure. However, applicants must take the word processing test and/or spreadsheet skills test if the applicant was not tested for the required application upon original hire. A staff member from the Department of Human Resources will contact the applicant if testing is required. Test information will be provided to the hiring manager.

### ***Application Procedure***

Eligible current employees may apply for the positions posted on the employment website (<https://jobs.wright.edu>) by completing and submitting the electronic application form. The application must be submitted by the specified closing date.

### ***Review of Applications***

Human Resources will screen applications for eligibility, as specified above. All applicants



meeting the eligibility requirements will be referred to the hiring supervisor.

***Evaluation and Selection Process***

After reviewing qualifications, work records, references and other information, if any, the hiring supervisor will schedule interviews for the applicants he/she determines are the best candidates for the position. Hiring supervisors are encouraged to review official personnel files of all applicants before the interview process. After the interview process, the hiring supervisor will notify Human Resources of the candidate selected to fill the position. The hiring supervisor will then offer the position to the candidate. Once the position has been accepted, the applicants not selected for the position will be notified by the Department of Human Resources.

***Advantages of Using the First Opportunity Transfer Procedure***

Positions designated for WSU classified, non-bargaining unit employees only are posted for five days only. This process shortens the standard timeline for posting and eliminates outside advertising. Qualified current employees receive first consideration for positions posted under this job category. Current employees are more knowledgeable of university policies and procedures. There are no stipulations for interviewing a specified number of candidates; therefore, the interview process is less time-consuming. Testing may not be necessary.

***Right Reserved To Use Standard Civil Service Procedure***

Although the hiring supervisor indicates a preference to hire a current university employee by posting the position for WSU classified, non-bargaining unit employees only, the supervisor reserves the right to post under the civil service procedure and receive a list of civil service tested and competitively qualified candidates when it appears there are insufficient internal candidates or that outside applicants may more closely meet the needs of the department.

If the internal posting procedure is used and no one is selected from the internal applicant pool, the hiring supervisor must notify all applicants of this decision before reposting the position using the standard civil service procedure.

***Wright State is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Institution***

All promotion and transfer decisions will be made without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, disability status, veteran status, military status, national origin, ancestry, sex (including gender identity/expression), age, or sexual orientation. The university is committed to making reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities to complete the application process and perform the essential functions of the position.

- **Senior Vice President Filipic's Report**

Governor Strickland released a document in early December that detailed the implications of the financial crisis for Ohio's budget for the remainder

of the current fiscal year (\$640 million) and for the coming biennium. The magnitude of the problem is especially large. In addition, the bulk of the solution is expected to come from the federal government.

Governor Strickland did order another round of cuts for the current fiscal year at the end of December. The cuts totaled \$180 million statewide and \$25 million for higher education. The remainder of the problem is expected to be solved through federal action. Once again, Governor Strickland spared our core formula funding from any cuts, but there were cuts to other parts of the higher education budget. Programs that receive support from these other lines have been affected. Medicine is one of those programs. Once again it took a cut, this time amounting to over \$150,000. But the largest cut involved the elimination of a program providing support to the four doctoral computer science programs. We have one of those programs and have lost about \$560,000 in support, much of which was used to fund ongoing faculty and staff positions.

The Governor will be giving his State of the State address next week, with the state budget to be released on the following Monday.

We are watching the stimulus bill carefully as well. It has substantial amounts to relieve states from some of their Medicaid burden as well as general support for state budgets. These are the elements of the plan that would allow the state to avoid or minimize very substantial cuts in the months ahead. In addition, there is funding for capital projects and for increased financial aid.

Because of the uncertainties, we have not determined the size of the budgetary problem that we are facing at Wright State, but President Hopkins has asked each dean and vice president to prepare plans for budget reductions so that we are prepared to act when we know more. While all units have been asked to prepare plans based on a uniform percentage of their budgets, President Hopkins has made clear that actual reductions will be more targeted.

Winter Quarter enrollments were strong, showing year to year increases as good as or better than in Fall Quarter. Lake Campus enrollments were once again exceptionally strong: 30% higher in headcounts and 19% higher in credit hours than last Winter Quarter.

#### **E. Student Affairs Committee**

Ms. Langdon reported on the committee meeting of January 23, 2009.

- **Vice President's Report**

Dr. Dan Abrahamowicz shared Career Services plans for eight major job placement recruiting events that will take place over the next few months. Scheduled job fairs include collaboration with the colleges, the Disney recruitment, and the Employability and Disability Recruitment Fair which is targeted towards the needs of students with disabilities.

Wright State will host the Government Accounting Office (GAO) for a day long visit during which they will investigate how to better address the needs of college level disabled students. Wright State's nationally recognized Disability Services program has set of standard that others are looking to emulate.

Ms. Simone Polk, assistant vice president for Student Services, outlined the upcoming Wright State University Parent's Weekend to be held February 13-15, 2009. Featuring a variety of activities, opportunities to meet and talk with faculty and staff, and men's and women's basketball games, around 200 parents typically attend this event.

Ms. Kathy Morris, associate vice president for Student Affairs, gave a preview of the upcoming Adventure Summit scheduled for February 20th and 21st. Co-sponsored by Wright State and Five Rivers Metro Parks, the yearly event attracts 5,000 visitors to campus. Ms. Ann Bancroft, the first woman to reach the North and South Poles by foot and sled, will be the featured speaker.

- **Student Government Report**

Ms. Sabrina Sheetz, Student Government president, gave an update on current Student Government projects. Student Government, Raider Rowdies, the Guardian, and the bookstore have teamed up to promote school spirit by encouraging students to wear Raider clothing.

Student Government is currently collecting data regarding the number of students who would utilize a designated space for a prayer room. Some students had requested exploring the possibility of the university having a room for this.

The "Did You Know" campaign to address questions and concerns students have about advising, scheduling, and coursework is underway with the placement of new posters on campus and the upcoming construction of a web site.

- **Updates**

Wright State students Ms. Cimmeron Taylor and Ms. Katie Copella discussed “Project Linus”. Wright State University, as part of the national non-profit “Project Linus” organization, participates on a yearly basis to create handmade fleece blankets for children in need who are hospitalized or living in shelters. Started on campus five years ago as an Honor’s Community project with thirty volunteers making forty blankets, the project has grown to a full day event. Last year over 900 blankets were made by 400 student volunteers.

Chief Mike Martinsen, Wright State University’s Chief of Police, provided an update on campus safety. The Police Department took a proactive role in addressing robberies and graffiti vandalism last fall. An investigative task force was created that worked with the victims and area law enforcement agencies to gather information leading to the successful resolution of all outstanding cases. The need for additional response teams, training, and emergency preparedness efforts are also being explored.

As part of an effort to create an environment that deters illegal drug and criminal activity the Police Department and Residence Services are partnering to provide the services of a drug dog.

Mr. Dan Bertso, director of Residence Services, shared details of two projects planned for the residence community to enhance the safety and quality of life on campus. The “Clearing in the Woods” affords students an outdoor place to gather and socialize. It will be completed over the summer. In an effort to control the perimeter of the housing area, a new gateway is being planned for Zink Road and Springwood Lane. The proposed signature fencing will limit access to one entry point monitored by cameras.

Mr. Ryan Phibbs, a representative of the Residence Community Advisory Board, discussed the upcoming Safety Week planned for the students living on campus.

**F. Student Trustees’ Report**

- Ms. Jessica Hoying and Ms. Katie Bullinger gave today’s report.
- Ms. Bullinger continues to work on the President’s Ambassadors program, which is designed to select student ambassadors to provide campus tours and attend university meetings and events that involve alumni, donors and dignitaries. A number of applications have been

received and interviews will begin shortly. The new student ambassadors should be selected by the end of the month. Ms. Bullinger has accepted an invitation to join the newly formed Dean/Student Advisory Board for the School of Graduate Studies. The board allows students to communicate directly with their deans about student concerns within their college. She reported that club football is up and running. Also a syllabus archive has been formed in which students can look at previous syllabi to decide whether or not they would be interested in a class. The St. Vincent De Paul group on campus created a tutoring room at the homeless shelter downtown. This room was literally built by our students starting from getting building permits to framing the walls. The Dayton Public Schools has been really supportive of the program and has actually hired one of their full time teachers to coordinate the room.

- Ms. Hoying and Ms. Bullinger have started a medical research club at the medical school. The goal is to get first through fourth year students involved in research as well as keeping the M.D/Ph.D students involved. Fourth year medical students are preparing for match day, which is where they get matched up with what residency they want to do. This is the first year of a new service learning project. Medical students must volunteer 60 hours in the community, not an academic type thing, but more helping out in the community. A golf outing is planned in May to raise money for a scholarship in memory of a medical student who died a number of years ago. Ms. Hoying and Ms. Bullinger are working to develop a trustee guide for incoming trustees. Ms Anna Magnusson will be helping with the process.

#### **G. Faculty President's Report**

- Dr. Thomas Sudkamp discussed the following items:
- The Buildings and Grounds Committee, working with the registrar Marian Hogue, are developing an automated system by which faculty can request classrooms that meet the teaching and learning style of their particular course. Faculty will be able to request lecture/seminar/group discussion seating format and the type of presentation technology needed. This will be an online system that stores faculty preferences so items do not need to be resubmitted for each term or course. The goal is to have this in place for scheduling Spring classes.
- The Buildings and Grounds committee is also looking at recommending a policy for replacement of equipment (desks/chairs/tables) in classrooms. There currently is a policy in place for general-purpose classrooms, but not for furniture in college or department controlled areas or common space.

- The Executive Committee is working with Dr. Jack Bantle, vice president for Research and Graduate Studies, to create a Research Council at Wright State. This council will consist of faculty and administration from each college or school. The Research Council will “identify needs of the faculty, analyze research services, and recommend policies and procedures to the Vice President of Research and Sponsored Programs. The Research Council shall evaluate and recommend priorities for internal funds to stimulate innovative research efforts.”
- In curricular issues, the Faculty Senate recommended the approval of a Ph.D. program in Ph.D. in Sustainability and Renewal in Organizations in the College of Education and Human Services. With your approval today, this will go to the Board of Regents and the Chancellor for consideration and approval.
- At the February Faculty Senate meeting, the Exploratory Committee for the Transition from Quarters to Semesters submitted its report (which has been distributed to you). The highlights include a millstone timeline, the identification of over 350 tasks that would need to be done. There is an estimated expense of \$2.2M over four years. The largest single item in the budget is dedicated student advising. A guiding principle of a transition to semesters is that students would not be adversely affected in either time to graduation or cost.
- Chancellor Eric Fingerhut joined the Faculty at the Senate meeting to talk about the view the University System of Ohio as a whole.
- Also joining the Faculty at the February Faculty Senate meeting was Dr. Kristi Nelson, vice provost for Academic Planning at the University of Cincinnati, to share the progress of UC in their semester conversion with the Faculty Senate.
- In response to the call of the University System of Ohio Strategic Plan, the Faculty Senate accepted the following resolution as new business:

***Subject to an agreement between the Wright State Administration and AAUP-WSU to convert to a semester calendar, the Faculty Senate recommends that Wright State adopt a semester academic system and that the conversion occur no earlier than Fall 2012.***

This will be considered for adoption at the March Faculty Senate meeting.

## **X. PRESENTATION AND POLICY DISCUSSIONS**

Dr. Sean Creighton  
SOCHE

**The 1st Year Anniversary of DaytonCREATE**

Dr. Hopkins introduced Dr. Sean Creighton, director of Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE). Dr. Creighton stated that in January 2007, SOCHE assembled a Creative Class Taskforce, consisting of many area organizations, to bring Dr. Richard Florida and the Creative Class Group's "Creative Communities Leadership Project" to the greater Dayton area. This regional community empowerment project is a year long effort by 30 Catalyst in five teams to revitalize the region's economic competitiveness using Dr. Florida's theories, existing strengths, and open source planning with the community. DaytonCREATE is the umbrella organization of these five initiatives. The five core initiatives of DaytonCREATE are Community Pride, Creative Incubator, FilmDayton, Innovation Collaborative and Young Creatives. Dr. Creighton cordially invited everyone to the one year anniversary of DaytonCREATE on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 5 p.m. at cspace which is located downtown Dayton.

**XI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. 10<sup>th</sup> Annual College Outstanding Alumni Awards, February 7, 2009, 10 a.m., Nutter Center
- B. Presidential Lecture Series, February 20, 2009, Anne Bancroft
- C. Presidential Lecture Series, February 23, 2009, Angela Davis
- D. Next Committee Day, March 13, 2009
- E. Next Board Meetings – March 26 and 27, 2009
- F. ArtsGala, April 4, 2009
- G. Ohio Ethics Commission Filing Deadline, April 15, 2009
- H. AGB National Conference on Trusteeship, April 18-22, 2009 (San Diego)

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.