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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Wright State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Douglas Fecher, chair, on Friday, August 17, 2018, 1:00 p.m., in the Double Bowler Conference Room, 2455 Presidential Drive. Mr. Larry Chan, secretary to the Board of Trustees, called the roll:

**Present**

Michael Bridges  
Douglas Fecher  
Sean Fitzpatrick  
Anuj Goyal  
Bruce Langos  
C.D. Moore  
Grace Ramos (late arrival)  
Austin Rains  
Shaun Wenrick

**Absent**

Stephanie Green  
William Montgomery

**II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

Mr. Fecher read the conflict of interest statement and reminded the Trustees to alert him to any potential conflicts should they present themselves during the meeting.

*It is of the utmost importance to ensure that all University decisions are free from any real or perceived conflicts of interest.*

*Therefore, please be mindful of all obligations with which you have been charged as a Trustee of Wright State University; and take the steps you deem appropriate to perform your duties fairly and impartially.*

**III. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING**

Mr. Fecher reported that the meeting was called by written notification and a quorum was present.

#### **IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Trustee Fecher introduced Mr. Shaun Wenrick, the governor's newly appointed Student Trustee to replace Mrs. Jordan (Large) Kingsley whose term has expired. Mr. Wenrick is pursuing a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and a minor in business and is currently serving as a head resident assistant in the Parks apartments on campus. He will serve a two year term on the Board.

Mr. Fecher indicated that there was a full agenda for the meeting and to maximize time for the executive session agenda items, the training and updates section was being modified and shortened.

Chair Fecher passed out the trustee's committee assignments for the year and highlighted the importance of Board training on topics such as public records and Ohio's open meetings act.

#### **V. BOARD TRAINING**

Ms. Heather Buchanan, senior assistant attorney general in the Constitutional Offices Section, provided board training on the open meetings act and the public records acts. Ohio's Open Meetings Act (ORC 121.22) applies to "public bodies" when there is a prearranged gathering, attended by a majority of the members, and where the members are discussing or conducting public business. Such meetings require that a prior notice be given, are open to the public, and are captured with minutes that are also a public record.

All public meetings begin and end in public session. Closed door, or "executive sessions" of the Board are only permitted by law for a limited number of reasons which include discussion of personnel matters, the purchase of sale of property, pending or imminent court action, collective bargaining matters, and matters required by law to be kept confidential.

For the Board to enter into Executive Session, a motion and second are needed followed by a roll call vote of the members. Official business of the Board such as decision-making or voting must be conducted in public session and requires a quorum of the members to take place.

Ohio Revised Code 149.43 defines a "public record" as any records kept by any public office. These records can be any fixed medium that is created or received by any public office and these records document the activities of the office.

The Board viewed the Association of Governing Board's (AGB) webinar on "Creating New Business Models and Implementing Revenue Diversification Strategies in Higher Education" and held a discussion on trends affecting higher education and the diversification of learning. Some of the brainstorming ideas for targeting regional educational needs included logistics and supply chain

management, information technology, health care, workforce development, and cyber security. Wright State plans to use the development of its new strategic plan to set university priorities and direction for the future.

## **VI. STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATE**

Dr. David Bright, chair of the Department of Management and International Business, and Mr. Michael Wiehe, director of the Applied Policy Research Institute are co-chairing the strategic planning process along with President Schrader.

The Board heard from Dr. Bright and Mr. Wiehe on just a portion of the 90-minute strategic planning update that was planned. Using an appreciative inquiry process which includes bottom-up input from a variety of stakeholders, this eight-month process has generated a lot of energy to reorganize and collaborate across campus to move the university forward. Over 6,500 volunteer hours have been spent in strategic planning events since January 31, 2018.

The new strategic plan will have measurable goals tied to budget, outline specific project initiatives with clear outcomes, and include accountability and a process for continuous review and update.

Updated Mission and Vision statements have been developed and values that “shape our mission” and “define our character” have been identified. After hearing the proposed mission, vision and values statements, the Board offered their reaction. They proposed the following question: “How would this set us apart?” as we reinvent our approach to education and serving our students and our region.

To help address this question, President Schrader shared a draft of the Strategy Statement which consists of a brief statement that defines Wright State overall objective, the University’s scope or area of operation, and its unique advantage. A strategy statement is “the how” that translates the mission, vision and values into action. A strategy statement is not often seen in higher education but helps to define what sets Wright State apart from our peers.

The Trustees discussed the role of Wright State in preparing students for the workforce and whether the focus should be on technical training and career development using STEM education as an example versus a liberal arts focus of teaching.

## **VII. 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 19-2**

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold a Special Executive Session on Friday, August 17, 2018; at 4:04 p.m. in the Double Bowler Conference Room, 2455 Presidential Drive and be it further

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

- Purchase or sale of real estate
- Collective bargaining
- Pending or imminent court action

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

### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting ended at 6:21 p.m.