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WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SEVENTH MEETING Thursday, June 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair Gunlock, Secretary Platt, D. Conway, D. Fecher (Webex), R. Kejriwal, B. Langos, W. Montgomery, D. Asarpota, R. Shah, B. Bucklew, A. Goyal, B. Whiteside
- Absent:** Vice Chair Grunder
- Guests:** President Edwards, Provost Thompson, G. Sample, B. Kawosa, S. Culley, S. Schaurer, D. Borowy, S. Todd

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gunlock called the June 16, 2022 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A. Roll Call

Chair Gunlock asked the secretary, Daniel Palmer, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Chair Gunlock read the Chair's Statement and the Conflict of Interest Statement:

Chair's Statement:

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.

Conflict of Interest Statement

It is of 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.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Gunlock requested the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G).

Secretary Palmer read the resolution:

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 22-112

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold an Executive Session on Thursday, June 16, 2022; and be it further

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

- The sale and purchase of real estate pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2); and
- Conference with an attorney for the Board regarding disputes with the Board that are subject of pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3); and
- Matters Required to be Kept Confidential Pursuant to Federal Law or State Statute pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5).

Trustee Platt moved to enter Executive Session and Trustee Conway seconded. The motion passed unanimously (8,0,0).

III. RECONVENE

A. Roll Call

At 11:02 Chair Gunlock asked for roll call as the Executive Session had ended. Secretary Palmer called the roll and a quorum was present.

B. Beth Ferris Swearing In

Beth Ferris, recently appointed by Governor DeWine, was welcomed by Chair Gunlock and sworn in by Sean Culley. Chair Gunlock noted Trustee Ferris is the CFO at Belcan and is an alum of the MBA program at Wright State. Trustee Ferris is completing the term of Sean Fitzpatrick who resigned earlier in the year.

C. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2022 Public Session. Trustee Platt moved to adopt and Trustee Conway seconded. Chair Gunlock asked for any additions, corrections, deletions, or discussion to the minutes as submitted. A roll call vote was called and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunlock stated the purpose of the meeting was to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget. He also shared that it is an exciting time to be a member of the Wright State Campus Community. He noted the new Deans and a Provost and welcomed them to campus. He emphasized President Edwards and the new Academic team are working hard to achieve the retention goal of 75%.

Chair Gunlock also shared there are new and exciting opportunities that the administration has been working on over the past nine months.

Chair Gunlock shared that according to Article 2, Section 6 of the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the Chair has the authority to appoint the leadership for each committee of the Board. For the 2022-2023 academic year, he appointed the following:

- Doug Fecher as Chair and Ricky Peters as Vice Chair of the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee. Joining them are trustees Ferris, Langos, Platt, and Whiteside.
- Dawn Conway as Chair and Raj Kejriwal as Vice Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee. Also serving on the committee are trustees Bucklew, Goyal, Grunder, Montgomery and his successor, and Shah.
- In addition to the two standing committees, he is continuing the Special Committee on Medicine and Health given Wright State's significant role in the health care sector. Appointing Dr. Anuj Goyal as Chair and Bryan Bucklew as Vice Chair. Trustees Conway, Fecher, and Grunder will also be serving on this committee.
- Given the importance of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base to our region and state, he created a Special Committee on Aerospace and Defense to further leverage Wright State's strengths into opportunities for the University, its students and this Region. With Ricky Peters to Chair and Raj Kejriwal to serve as Vice Chair with Trustees Conway, Ferris, and Langos joining.
- Finally, he reshaped the scope of the Special Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics to also

include club sports, campus recreation and the potential YMCA project. The Special Committee on Athletics and Recreation will be chaired by Marty Grunder with Brittney Whiteside as Vice Chair. Trustees Fecher, Montgomery and his successor, and Platt will also serve on this committee.

V. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Sean Culley shared information on the textbook auto adoption policy that House Bill 110 encouraged Boards of Trustees to adopt.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY TEXTBOOK SELECTION POLICY

RESOLUTION 22-112

WHEREAS, the 134th Ohio General Assembly adopted Revised Code Section 733.20 in Am. H.B. 110, requiring Boards of Trustees to consider adopting an “Auto Adoption” textbook policy; and

WHEREAS, an “Auto Adoption” policy allows the University bookstore partner to adopt the same textbook from previous semesters if the faculty member has not adopted a textbook by the federally required deadline; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University, in conjunction with Faculty Senate, approved a University “Auto Adoption” policy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wright State Board of Trustees affirms University Policy 2025, implementing a university “Auto Adopt” policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education no later than August 15, 2022.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Trustee Montgomery offered the motion and Trustee Kejriwal seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously (8,0,0).

Sean Culley then shared Senate Bill 135 required public universities codify in policy the principles of free speech on campus. Any free speech violations would be investigated by the University.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

AFFIRMING CAMPUS FREE SPEECH PRINCIPLES

RESOLUTION 22-114

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code section 3345.0215 codifies the public policy of the state of Ohio concerning campus free speech, and requires the Board to adopt a policy affirming several principles of campus free speech; and

WHEREAS, it is the practice of the Board to cause the University to operate in conformity with state law and Ohio public policy; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the following is adopted as the resolution of the Wright State University Board of Trustees:

FIRST: The Board affirms the principles of campus free speech that are enumerated in Revised Code section 3345.0215(A)(1) through (9); and

SECOND: The President (or her delegate) is authorized and directed to amend University policy to create a process by which any student, student group, or faculty member may submit a complaint about an alleged violation of the foregoing principles, or violation of any University policy or state law concerning campus free speech, by a University employee, including any allegation that a student's grade was reduced on account of the student's free speech (rather than on account of ordinary academic standards of substance and relevance, including legitimate pedagogical concerns); and

THIRD: The process described above shall substantially conform to standards promulgated by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and include a process for an impartial investigation of the complaints, and an impartial hearing regarding the allegation.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Platt seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

Chair Gunlock, welcomed Provost Amy Thompson to Wright State.

Provost Thompson shared how much she appreciates the warm welcome she has received. She stated she was in her second full week at Wright State.

Provost Thompson shared the Board of Trustees must approve the Campus Completion Plan report every two years to be sent to the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Wright State's report focused on efforts on curricular redesign, academic support to students, student engagement and support, advising pathways, and career planning.

There were no questions and Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE 2022-2024 CAMPUS COMPLETION PLAN

RESOLUTION 22-115

WHEREAS, Section 3345.81 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that each institution of higher education adopt an institution-specific measurable completion plan consistent with the mission and strategic priorities of the institution; and

WHEREAS, the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, which accredits Wright State University, requires that each institution has defined goals for student retention, persistence, and completion that are ambitious but attainable and appropriate to its mission, student populations, and educational offerings; and

WHEREAS, The University President has established a goal of 75% for fall-to-fall first-year retention; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Revised Code requires that the board of trustees of each institution of higher education update its plan at least once every two years and provide a copy of the updated plan to the chancellor upon adoption; and

WHEREAS, the University Alliance for Recruitment, Retention, and Completion (UAARC) and the Undergraduate Student Success Committee (USSC) of the faculty senate has reviewed the 2022-2024 Campus Completion Plan and recommended the initiatives and programs in the 2022-2024 Campus Completion Plan; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees adopts the Wright State University 2022-2024 Campus Completion Plan.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Trustee Platt offered the motion and Trustee Fecher seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the motion passed unanimously (8,0,0).

Provost Thompson shared the final item for approval was to approve emeritus status to 13 members of the campus community. Emeritus status is granted to full-time faculty members that served the University for at least 10 years and has subsequently requested such status upon retirement. This is a routine item for approval.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF EMERITUS REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 22-116

WHEREAS, faculty members who have served ten or more years as fully-affiliated and full-time members at Wright State University will automatically be granted the emeritus title upon retirement and upon written request by the faculty member to the provost; and

WHEREAS, Sherman Alter, Linda Caron, Hank Dahlman, James Dunne, Barbara Fowler, Karla Huebner, Suzanne Kelly-Garrison, Douglas Lehrer, Teressa McWilliams, Karen Meyer,
served the University in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and have formally requested emeritus status; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the requests for emeritus status for the aforementioned faculty members, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are endorsed.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Langos seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

VI. REPORTS ON FINANCE, AUDIT, GOVERNANCE, AND COMPLIANCE

Sommer Todd, Don Borowy, and Burhan Kawosa presented the financial statements for the end of fiscal year 2021 and noted the operation surplus for the end of the year.

Many trustees remarked at the hard work of President Edwards and her team and applauded the year end results.

Greg Sample then presented the contracts for approval.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 22-117

WHEREAS, in order for the university to conduct business on an on-going basis, and provide products and services in a timely manner, purchases must be made; and

WHEREAS, these expenditures may amount to greater than \$250,000 and less than \$500,000 or may exceed \$500,000, requiring Board of Trustees approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that, subject to approval of the fiscal year 2023 operating budget, authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts greater than \$250,000.

Trustee Langos requested to Abstain from the vote on Double Bowler Properties. Therefore the Resolution was changed to remove Double Bowler from the original vote.

Trustee Langos moved to divide the Double Bowler expenditure from the motion to adopt the expenditures.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution with Double Bowler removed. Trustee Platt offered the motion and Trustee Ferris seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

A motion was made by Chair Gunlock to approve the Double Bowler expenditure.

Trustee Montgomery offered the motion and Trustee Platt seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously with Trustee Langos abstaining (7,0,1).

Next, Chair Gunlock called on Javan Conley, Associate Vice President of Facilities, and Daniel Palmer, Director of Government Affairs, to discuss the capital appropriations bill.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution

LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF APPROPRIATIONS

RESOLUTION 22-118

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.51 Wright State University may administer capital facilities projects for the construction, reconstruction, improvement, renovation, enlargement, or alteration of a public improvement under its jurisdiction for which the total amount per project is immaterial; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University will comply with the guidelines established pursuant to section 153.16 of the Ohio Revised Code and all laws that govern the selection of consultants, preparation and approval of approval of contract documents, receipt of bids, and award of contracts with respect to the projects; and

WHEREAS, the University Board of Trustees shall notify the chancellor the higher education of its intent to administer the capital facilities projects after the general assembly makes an appropriation; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is currently pursuing additional federal and local appropriations requests; therefore be it

RESOLVED, the University shall locally administer the projects in H.B. 687 as listed below:

<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Appropriation Amount</u>
C27570	Building Envelope Repairs	\$1,500,000
C27578	University Safety Initiative	\$3,100,000
C27582	Campus Paving and Grounds	\$1,000,000
C27585	Campus Energy Efficiency and Controls	\$4,000,000
C27594	Health College Renovations	\$1,000,000

C275A2	Lake Campus Infrastructure	\$1,100,000
C275A3	Technology Infrastructure Upgrades	\$1,364,300
C275A4	USAF Research Partnership	\$250,000
C275A5	Wright State University Archives Facilities Upgrade	\$100,000
C275A6	Infinity Labs Power House	\$250,000
C275A7	Northwest Health and Wellness Campus	\$200,000
C275A8	Village of Camden Technology Center	\$175,000
TOTAL HIGHER EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT FUND:		\$14,039,300

and be it further

RESOLVED, the University shall locally administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from Greene County, Ohio in the amount of \$250,000 for the purposes of White Hall renovations; and be it further

RESOLVED, the President, or her designee, may accept any additional funding from a government entity and allocate to specific university projects, pending official notification to the Board of Trustees.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution.
Trustee Platt offered the motion and Trustee Kejriwal seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

VII. PRESENTATION OF THE 2022-2023 UNIVERSITY BUDGET

Greg Sample and Burhan Kawosa presented the FY 2023 budget (powerpoint attached).

Upon conclusion of the presentation, Chair Gunlock asked Secretary Palmer to read the following resolution.

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2023 UNIVERSITY OPERATING BUDGET

RESOLUTION 22-119

WHEREAS, the University's current funds budget has been developed within a framework of fiscal stewardship to deliver student success; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning within the University and with key stakeholders has been accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the University has developed a budget plan to guide operations and expenditures aligned with anticipated revenues to support the University's Mission, Vision and Values; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the President may authorize expenditures within the overall budget plan, limit the expenditures of funds within any given category, transfer funds within the major budget categories, and take such other actions as may be in the interest of the University; and be it further

RESOLVED that the University's current funds budget as described in the accompanying schedules and tables now before the Board of Trustees be and, hereby are approved.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Platt seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

VIII. **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Gunlock shared that at the last meeting in April, the Board recognized President Edwards for her hard work and dedication to the University. The Board expressed their agreement that Sue had exceeded the goals set for her. As a result, they voted to award her a performance bonus.

President Edwards declined to be awarded the bonus. Instead, she requested the Board to provide a 3.5% pay increase to each employee at the University which was just adopted in the budget. In addition, she requested the bonus be used to establish a scholarship to benefit first generation students. To maximize the dedicated funding to the scholarship, Chair Gunlock indicated the Board was opting to reappropriate \$115,000 to a scholarship fund with President Edwards overseeing the criteria for selection.

Trustee Platt applauded President Edwards and thanked her for not being "normal," meaning in today's world, it was rare to see someone generously give their much deserved and hard-earned bonus back to their company.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution.

ESTABLISHING A ONE-TIME PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIP

RESOLUTION 120

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees determined President Edwards accomplished her performance goals for FY 2022, and took action to award her a performance bonus under Resolution 22-108; and

WHEREAS, President Edwards has notified the Board that she is declining to receive the performance bonus and

WHEREAS, President Edwards has formally requested an equivalent amount of funds be used to establish a one-time scholarship benefitting first-generation college students; and

WHEREAS, this is consistent with President Sue Edwards student first approach and focus on first-generation college students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees rescinds the award of a performance bonus to President Edwards at her request under Resolution 22-108; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees directs the University to allocate \$115,000 to a President's scholarship Fund to be awarded based upon the eligibility criteria determined by President Edwards.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the resolution.

Trustee Conway offered the motion and Trustee Platt seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0)

Chair Gunlock asked for any additional business before the Board. Hearing none he moved for adjournment. Trustee Platt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.