

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

**March 26 and 27, 2009**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Wright State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Vishal Soin on Thursday, March 26, 2009, 4:00 p.m., in the Wright Brothers Room of the Student Union. Dr. Robert J. Sweeney, secretary to the Board of Trustees, called the roll:

**Present**

Don R. Graber  
Jamie King  
Larry R. Klaben  
John C. Kunesh  
Bonnie G. Landon  
Vishal Soin  
J. Thomas Young

**Absent**

James F. Cannon  
Robert C. Nevin (via phone)

**II. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING**

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

**III. DISPOSITION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Mr. Soin moved to approve the February 5 and 6, 2009, minutes as submitted. Mr. Young 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 09-26**

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold Executive Session on Thursday, March 26, 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. Soin moved for approval. Mrs. King seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

#### **V. RECESS**

Following the Executive Session, the Wright State University Trustees, the student trustees and members of the cabinet joined the President and Mrs. Hopkins for dinner at Rockafield House.

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

The Wright State University Board of Trustees reconvened on Friday, March 27, 2009, 8:30 a.m., in E156, Student Union. Dr. Sweeney called the roll:

##### **Present**

Don R. Graber  
 Jamie King  
 Larry R. Klaben  
 John C. Kunesh  
 Bonnie G. Langdon  
 Vishal Soin  
 J. Thomas Young  
 Katie L. Bullinger

##### **Absent**

James F. Cannon  
 Jessica L. Hoying  
 Robert C. Nevin

Mr. Soin 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 PRESIDENT

### A. University Update

President David R. Hopkins provided an update on selected university activities:

- Dr. Hopkins informed the Board that Mr. Robert Nevin and Judge James Cannon are recuperating at home after their surgeries.
- As the new quarter begins, this enrollment will be the largest Spring enrollment in Wright State's history.
- Dr. Hopkins reported that the university has recently moved from a loan program that has been in existence for a number of years, to a need based grant program in the amount of almost \$2 million. He also mentioned that \$275,000 has been raised thus far for the Graduation Fund, which is a 120 day fundraising initiative to raise \$1 million to provide need based scholarships to students who would not be able to attend Wright State without this help.
- Wright State has received a number of awards in the STEM area. We are proud to have such success in competing for federal and state dollars in competitions to grow the STEM pipeline of students. Recently a new STEM Academy, funded by the state, will partner with Lake Campus, Sinclair, Clark State, eleven area high schools, 3 elementary schools and a number of industries in the local region. It will fund 30 students who have a very unique and innovative curriculum in helping them to build their background and interest in science, mathematics and technology. Also, the Theatre Department has a program this summer, Musical Theatre/Acting Preparatory Program (MAPP) that provides exceptional training in acting, dance, and singing with an emphasis in Musical Theatre for students ages 12-18. MAPP instructors are experienced performers and teachers that create a positive, creative, and challenging atmosphere for the students.
- Choose Ohio Scholarships were garnered by Wright State taking the lead for the region in the amount of \$2.7 million. This grant targets students with disabilities interested in majoring in STEM and the STEM disciplines.
- On April 4th, we will celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual ArtsGala. This will be a very special event in the fact that we will have raised over \$1 million in scholarship money to help students in the arts programs.
- Another great tradition at Wright State University is the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Friendship Affair that will take place on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the event is celebrating families.
- The President's Awards for Excellence, which is an annual event at Wright State, will have a new award presented this year – Our Spirit of Innovation Award. What it reflects on is our new vision to be Ohio's most innovative university.

**B. Honorary Degree – Dr. David H. Ponitz****RESOLUTION 09-27**

WHEREAS, Wright State University established in 1976 a process by which individuals of outstanding achievement may be honored by the university to recognize constructive value to the university and society; and

WHEREAS, the Honorary Degree Subcommittee and the Academic Affairs Committee have received and affirmed the recommendation to award honorary degrees during the spring 2009 commencement ceremony; and

WHEREAS, honorary degrees are to be given for outstanding individual contributions and service; and

WHEREAS, the committees have accepted the nomination of Dr. David H. Ponitz, who served as President of Sinclair Community College from 1975 until 1997 after founding and leading community colleges in Michigan and Illinois, and has dedicated more than 40 years of his life to public service and higher education; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponitz has shaped the long-term direction of Sinclair Community College, which was recognized among the top 20 community colleges in the nation by the prestigious League for Innovation in the Community College; and

WHEREAS, empowered by Dr. Ponitz's leadership, Sinclair has grown from an enrollment of 7,500 students to an enrollment of more than 20,000; and

WHEREAS, the council for Advancement and Support of Education named Dr. Ponitz among the top 100 college and university presidents in the United States; and

WHEREAS, a recipient of the Thomas J. Peters Award for Leadership Excellence in the Community College, Dr. Ponitz was also named the winner of the Association of Community College Trustees' 1989 Chief Executive Officer award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponitz is the recipient of numerous other awards for educational and community leadership at the local, state, and national level, including The Living Legend Award from Dayton's Martin Luther King Holiday Celebration Committee, the Ohio Governor's Award for Education, the Anti-Defamation League Award, the Citizen Legion of Honor Award, the Sinclair Honorary Alumnus Award, the India Foundation Honor, and the National Management Association Hall of Fame Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponitz is recognized as a hero of institutional collaboration and was elected by his peers to become Chair of the Board of Directors of the American Association of Community

Colleges; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponitz led three successful countywide levy campaigns, the last of which garnered 73 percent voter approval, and the innovative partnership he forged with the Dayton community to use voluntary tax revenues to make college more affordable has become a national model; and

WHEREAS, David Ponitz collaborated with Wright State and Central State Universities and the University of Dayton to co-found the Miami Valley Research Park in Kettering, and led Sinclair into corporate training contracts with more than 200 companies including General Motors, AT&T, GIS, and the MEAD Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponitz was named one of Dayton's top 25 most influential people by the *Dayton Business Journal* and the Dayton Board of Education named the district's new career technical high school the David H. Ponitz Career Technical Center in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ponitz has been a member of numerous distinguished organizations including the Managing for the Future Task Force of the Ohio Board of Regents, the Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education, the Association of Community College Trustees, the Dayton Development Council, Ohio Council on Economic Education, and the Miami Valley Research Institute; and

WHEREAS, David Ponitz and his wife, Doris, continue to selflessly share their time and talents as community advocates, serving on boards, energizing organizations, and championing ethical leadership in all of their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is the beneficiary of graduates from Sinclair Community College who want to continue their higher education at the baccalaureate level and above; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate beneficiaries of Dr. David Ponitz's commitment to higher education are the students he serves; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the granting of the Doctor of Humane Letters degree to David H. Ponitz; and be it

RESOLVED that this degree be conferred upon David H. Ponitz at the June 13, 2009, commencement ceremony.

Mr. Soin moved for adoption. Mr. Graber seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved by voice vote.

**C. Confirmation of Academic and Administrative Appointments and Changes**

***Faculty New Hires***

Peggy A. Kelly, M.S.T., has been appointed Visiting Instructor, Teacher Education, College of Education and Human Services, effective March 30, 2009.

Pratik J. Parikh, Ph.D., has been appointed Assistant Professor, Biomedical, Industrial, and Human Factors Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective February 27, 2009.

Teresa Pfaff-Amesse, M.D., has been appointed Research Assistant Professor, Research Affairs, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

### ***Faculty Promotions***

Linda Caron, Ph.D., has been appointed Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, effective April 1, 2009.

Donna J. Cole, Ph.D., has been appointed Professor and Assistant Dean, Professional Field Experiences, College of Education and Human Services, effective January 1, 2009.

### ***Faculty Separations***

Larry Arlian, Ph.D., Professor, Biological Sciences, College of Science and Mathematics, effective March 31, 2009.

Guoqi Liu, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective February 28, 2009.

William G. Lohner, B.S., Instructor, Physics, College of Science and Mathematics, effective March 31, 2009.

Sharon H. Nelson, Ph.D., Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts, effective February 28, 2009.

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

Rebecca S. Cole, B.S., has been appointed Associate Vice President, University Development, effective March 1, 2009.

Leon M. Hardin, B.S., has been appointed Community Services Case Manager, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective February 2, 2009.

Kerry S. Hart, B.S., has been appointed Research Associate 1, Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective March 2, 2009.

Kiajuana K. Hayes, M.S., has been appointed Research Assistant 2, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective February 2, 2009.

George W. Heddleston Jr., B.A., has been appointed Director of Development, School of Professional Psychology, effective March 2, 2009.

Cheng-Kuei Hsu, Ph.D., has been appointed Visiting Researcher, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective January 16, 2009.

Megan E. Kilner, B.A., has been appointed Community Case Manager, Community Health, Substance Abuse Resources and Disability Issues, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective February 2, 2009.

Todd C. Mathias, B.A., has been appointed Research Interventions Interviewer, Community Health, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective February 2, 2009.

### ***Unclassified Promotions***

Darrin G. Edmunds, B.A., has been appointed Technical Support Analyst 2, Computing and Telecommunications Services, effective February 1, 2009.

Shirley A. Foreman has been appointed Financial Analyst, Emergency Medicine, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 1, 2009.

Julie M. Hadden has been appointed Research Program Assistant, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective February 9, 2009.

Annemarie Halfpap, A.A., has been appointed Program Assistant, Center for Healthy Communities, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 10, 2009.

Annette L. McCoy, B.S., has been appointed Marketing Coordinator, Communications and Marketing, effective January 1, 2009.

Michelle L. Shaw has been appointed Assistant to the Vice President for Advancement, University Advancement, effective March 1, 2009.

Leah Underwood, M.B.A., has been appointed Associate Director of Philanthropy and Business Operations, College of Science and Mathematics, effective February 1, 2009.

Alaine M. White has been appointed Coordinator, Administrative Services, Emergency Medicine, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective January 12, 2009.

***Unclassified Separations***

Kenneth R. Berta, M.B.A., Vice President, daytaOhio, Wright Center for Innovation, effective February 28, 2009.

Asif Chowdhury, M.S., Research Associate, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective February 28, 2009.

Sheila F. Hollenbaugh, B.S., Senior Systems Administrator, Engineering and Computer Science, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective March 31, 2009.

Cemil Kirbas, Ph.D., Research Associate 2, Psychiatry, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective March 8, 2009.

Andrew Lawhorn, Technical Support Analyst III, Network Services, Computing and Telecommunications Services, effective February 13, 2009.

Paul Mangen, MBA, Assistant Men and Women's Swim Coach, Intercollegiate Athletics, effective March 13, 2009.

Terence G. Rapoch, B.S., President, daytaOhio, Wright Center for Innovation, effective February 28, 2009.

Oleg Shiryayev, Ph.D., Research Assistant Professor, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science, effective December 31, 2008.

***Classified New Hires***

Jennifer L. Daws has been appointed Office Assistant 2, Psychology, College of Science and Mathematics, effective February 23, 2009.

Rebecca J. Goens, B.A., has been appointed Customer Service Assistant, Plant Operations and Maintenance, Physical Plant, effective March 2, 2009.

Nicklis A. Reigle has been appointed Building Services Worker 2, Physical Plant, Lake Campus, effective February 7, 2009.

***Classified Separations***

Robert J. Cimprich, Building Maintenance Supervisor, Boonshoft School of Medicine, effective

January 31, 2009.

Brenda F. Frierson, Student Services Coordinator, Office of the Registrar, Enrollment Management Division, effective February 7, 2009.

Patrick K. Hackett, Custodial Floor Care Technician, Environmental Services, Physical Plant, effective February 2, 2009.

Dewayne T. Kinder, Grounds Maintenance Worker 2, Grounds Maintenance, Physical Plant, effective February 28, 2009.

Jocelyne Lyons, Account Clerk 2, Computing and Telecommunications Services, effective March 27, 2009.

Brian D. Rogers, Grounds Maintenance Worker Athletics, Grounds Maintenance, Physical Plant, effective February 27, 2009.

Mark E. Thompson, A.A.S., Grounds Maintenance Worker 1, Grounds Maintenance, Physical Plant, effective March 9, 2009.

### **RESOLUTION 09-28**

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

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

Since the last Board meeting, investments for December 2008 and January 2009 have been received. These reports have been distributed to the trustees and will be filed with the official Board of Trustees' records.

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

Wright State University has recorded \$57,742,504 in external funding through February 28, 2009. Recent awards include a \$2,500,000 subaward from the University of Dayton to Douglas T. Petkie and Jason A. Deibel for an Ohio Department of Development Ohio Research Scholars Program for the Ohio Academic Research Cluster for Layered Sensing (OARCLS) to create a core of ten Endowed Research positions, among all of the partners, and integrate them

with the existing chairs and researchers of the Institute for the Development and Commercialization of Advanced Sensor Technology (IDCAST) and Wright Center for Systems Engineering (WCSSE) universities into a virtual Ohio University System on Layered Sensing.

**RESOLUTION 09-29**

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

Mrs. King moved for approval. Mr. Graber seconded, and the resolution was approved by roll call vote.

**VIII. REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD**

**A. Academic Affairs Committee**

Ms. Langdon, chair, reported on the Academic Affairs committee meeting of March 13, 2009.

- **Provost Steven Angle's Report**

The University Promotion and Tenure Committee met on March 10, 2009 and 40 recommendations for promotion and/or tenure will be shared in the President's Report for approval at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Trustees.

- 1. **Semester Conversion**

Dr. Angle stated that an internal committee co-chaired by Dr. Tom Sudkamp and Dr. Lillie Howard has been working diligently on the conversion process. They were assisted by an incredible number of people working on this project to move it forward. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Faculty Senate voted to approve the conversion to semesters with the signing of a Memo of Understanding.

Dr. Howard distributed a copy of the full report on what needs to take place before the conversion can take place. It was reported that Ohio State University's Faculty Counsel voted yesterday to move to semesters. It will need to go to their full board for approval. The Board of Trustees at Ohio University and The University of Cincinnati has already approved the conversion.

**RESOLUTION 09-30**

WHEREAS, the University System of Ohio's (USO) *Strategic Plan for Higher Education, 2008 – 2017* encourages all Ohio public universities currently on the quarter system to strongly consider converting to a semester calendar to enhance the success of students, facilitate student transfer across the system, promote the development of multi-institutional academic programs, and enhance academic quality while reducing costs and improving efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, among the thirteen four-year public universities in Ohio, only Ohio University, The Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, and Wright State University currently remain on the quarter system; and

WHEREAS, the Boards of Trustees of the Ohio University and the University of Cincinnati have already voted to move those institutions to a semester calendar, effective Fall 2012, and The Ohio State University is expected to do the same; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of Wright State University appointed an Exploratory Committee on the Transition from Quarters to Semesters to develop a comprehensive plan for moving to a semester calendar, and the committee has completed that plan and presented it to the Faculty Senate and the campus community; and

WHEREAS, the administration and the AAUP-WSU have agreed to procedures for the conversion to a semester calendar; and

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate of Wright State University approved a resolution on March 2, 2009, recommending a move to a semester calendar no earlier than Fall 2012; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees approves the move to a semester calendar no earlier than Fall 2012.

Ms. Langdon moved for approval. Dr. Kunesh seconded, and the resolution was approved by roll call vote.

- **Centers of Excellence Update**

Dr. Jack Bantle, vice president for Research updated the board on the Centers of Excellence. The state budget crisis interrupted the progress of the Centers of Excellence selection at Wright State University. The Chancellor was scheduled to review a select list of pre-proposals in January before Wright State proceeded to the full proposal stage. This was

not done. We are waiting for guidance from the Chancellor on how this process will be completed. At present several groups are writing full proposals based on early criteria from the Chancellor's staff.

Two outstanding pre-proposals were offered immediate Wright State University Center status with the anticipation that they would develop into full Centers of Excellence in a few years time. These two groups are now deciding whether they wish to pursue this course of action.

Several groups submitting pre-proposals for Centers of Excellence were asked to partner with other groups. This was done to focus the university's efforts into specific areas of strength.

## **B. Advancement Committee**

Mr. Young, chair, reported on the Advancement Committee meeting of March 13, 2009.

- **Alumni Report**

Ms. Susan Smith, executive director of Alumni Affairs, reported on recent alumni activity. Attendance at alumni events continues to be on the rise. Reunion Weekend saw the highest numbers in our history and featured such events as: Rowdy Gras, the 10<sup>th</sup> annual College Outstanding Alumni Awards and the Blast from the Past reunion party. Alumni volunteerism has seen an increase as well. She also reported alumni have become more engaged in the student recruitment process. Alumni volunteers attend open houses and college fairs to share their own Wright State experiences with potential students and their parents.

- **Wright State University Foundation**

Dr. Bryan Rowland, vice president for University Advancement, gave an update regarding the Wright State University Foundation. He reported that it continues to be a challenging year concerning Wright State University Foundation investments. Fiscal year to date investment returns for the permanent endowment are negative 29.7 percent through January 31, 2009. Preliminary results from February indicate another decline in investment values. Dr. Rowland shared information regarding the Wright State University Foundation endowment portfolio's target asset allocation and actual asset allocation. He also shared historical endowment portfolio market values and a comparison between actual rates of investment returns versus the comparable market index.

- **Development Report**

Dr. Rowland introduced Ms. Rebecca Cole as the new associate vice president for Development. Ms. Cole joined Wright State University on March 2<sup>nd</sup> from the University of Arizona. Ms. Cole has previously worked at Michigan State University, Arizona State University and Oregon State University. She is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Central Michigan University. Dr. Rowland reported that philanthropic revenue is down 31 percent from this time last fiscal year. He reported that interest is increasing and that we expect philanthropic revenue to increase. He also reported that although gift income is down the number of donors has increased in the areas of alumni (up 64%), corporations (up 43 %), foundations (up 13%) and friends of the university (up 21%).

- **The Graduation Fund**

Dr. Rowland introduced The Graduation Fund which is a 120 day fundraising initiative to raise \$1M to provide need based scholarships to students who would not be able to attend Wright State University without this support. Due to the economic downturn more students and families than ever are seeking financial aid and other assistance to continue as full-time students. The fund will help full-time undergraduate students from the state of Ohio who are making satisfactory progress toward their degree and are in need of financial assistance. Not only will this fund help student in the short term, but Dr. Rowland stated that in the long term the benefits from this fund will help families, the Miami Valley, Ohio and beyond. At least 2,829 students are eligible to receive financial assistance from this fund.

Mr. Caleb Ater, a junior in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences at Wright State, spoke about his personal need for financial assistance. This year he received the Woods Scholarship. He stated that he would not be attending Wright State without it because his family is not able to help pay for his education. He is the youngest of four boys and comes from Dayton area "blue-collar family". His father is a construction worker and his mother recently became unemployed due to a medical condition. He stated that when his mother became unemployed, the family lost their health insurance. Caleb's father has been paying out of pocket for health insurance and the number of construction jobs has diminished due to the economy. Caleb spoke at the full board meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m.

**C. Building and Grounds Committee**

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

March 13, 2009.

- Mr. Michael Schulze, university planner, reported the bid results for the Bio Sci I Rehabilitation. Construction is scheduled to begin June 12, 2009 with completion set for December 2009.
- Mr. Dan Papay, university engineer, updated the board on the current project status. The design for 109 Oelman Auditorium has begun. The contracts for the Oelman Hall Rehabilitation have been awarded to Rhecors General Contractors, Debra Kuempel (HVAC), Mechanical Systems of Dayton (plumbing) and Chapel Electric. Mr. Papay notes that there have been several change orders and a problem with some equipment accidentally being destroyed. Construction on the first and second floors will start in April with a scheduled completion date of Fall 2009. The Lake Campus Rehabilitation and addition is going well. The first phase is scheduled to be completed in March, which includes the four classrooms and the new student services facility. The number of seats in the auditorium will be reduced to improve student comfort and access. New finishes, lighting, acoustics and AV are also included in the project. The construction on this project is slated to begin in summer 2009.

#### **D. Finance and Audit Committee**

Mr. Klaben reported on the committee meeting of March 13, 2009. The following topics were discussed:

- Mr. Jason Kezelman, PIMCO, provided a handout and gave a detailed update on WSU's investment performance. He also discussed the turmoil in the financial markets.
- Mr. Rocky Doering, Fund Evaluation Group, provided a report on our investment performance in 2008. He also reviewed an update through February 2009.
- Dr. Matt Filipic reported on the Senate Bill 6 scores for all Ohio public colleges and universities for FY 2008. Our composite scores continue to be strong, reflecting low debt levels and growing reserves.
- Mr. Jeff Ulliman reviewed the university's investment reports. The investment performance was disappointing. Investment returns to date are negative.
- **Senior Vice President Report**

Senior Vice President Filipic concluded the meeting with his report. While enrollments and resulting tuition revenue continue to be above expectations for the year, we remain concerned about the possibility of a state budget cut before June 30. State revenues in January were well below the new, lower estimates. We are reviewing our cell phone policy and our insurance carrier for prescription drugs as two areas of possible budget savings. Lake Campus is interested in having some privatized housing. There is a meeting scheduled next week to explore possible arrangements. Last Friday, four proposals were received for energy improvements. The proposals are quite different, ranging in magnitude from \$7 - \$30 million. The improvements would be funded by university debt, with the energy savings required to cover the debt service guaranteed by the contractor.

We are also working with other campuses to identify possible savings from collaborations. Our purchasing people are deeply involved in a state effort to negotiate statewide contracts to which all universities would be committed. Two early efforts are for office supplies and procurement cards. We are also meeting with Miami University to explore opportunities for bilateral cooperation.

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

- **Vice President's Report**

Dr. Dan Abrahamowicz, vice president for Student Affairs, discussed the 2009 EmployAbility Career and Internship Expo for students with disabilities, which was held on March 12, 2009. Thirty-eight recruiters representing 21 employers participated. Over 150 disabled students and alumni were interviewed.

The Women's Center, Student Government, Black Men on the Move and the WSU Coalition Against Sexual Assault hosted nationally known speaker Dr. Keith Edwards' on March 4, 2009. Presenting a program on "Men Ending Rape", Dr. Edwards discussed the role of men in the prevention of sexual assault.

The Housing Fair is planned for April 2, 2009. Wright State students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from on and off campus about their housing needs. Student Legal Services will present programs educating students on landlord/tenant relations, leases, and other issues pertaining to housing rights and responsibilities.

- **Student Government Report**

Ms. Sabrina Sheetz, Student Government president, gave an update on the current Student Government projects. Student Government has started a “Smart Parking” Campaign to advertise tips relative to on campus parking. For March Madness, the House of Representatives is sponsoring a basketball brackets sale to raise money for the student scholarship fund.

The Peace Room planning is moving forward to provide an on campus inter-cultural, quiet space for meditation. Club football has now become operational with spring training and scrimmages scheduled. The existing Student Discount Program contract has expired. Area businesses are currently being approached for their participation in a new program to offer students discounts.

- **Updates**

Ms. Leatha Ross, director of Student Health Services, discussed Wright State’s delivery of health care services. Focusing on prevention, the Student Health Services center provided 7,517 care visits in 2008 to a variety of commuter students, residential students and campus staff.

Part time physician support is supplemented by two full time licensed nurse practitioners, two full time registered nurses, and one part time RN to meet the needs of the campus community. A variety of health services are provided including physicals, annual check-ups, nutritional counseling, smoking cessation programs, interpretation of labs and x-rays, prescription and medication management, and support for students with disabilities. Students are also offered educational programming to assist them in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Mr. Eric Corbitt, director of the Student Union and Campus Recreation, provided an overview of the Outdoor Recreation program. Students have opportunities to participate in a variety of activities such as the Challenge Course, the Climbing Wall, and special events.

Ms. Amy Anslinger, assistant director of Outdoor Recreation discussed the focus of Outdoor Recreation in teaching student’s appreciation and respect for the environment through participation in outdoor activities. Utilizing an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant, Wright State has been able to outfit a fleet of fresh water and sea kayaks and is recognized as one of two universities in the country equipped to teach adaptive kayak training to disabled students.

From the novice to the seasoned outdoorsman, Outdoor Recreation offers

a variety of trips to challenge students including university sponsored trips to various national parks.

The Freshmen Orientation Trip is one such summer activity that allows incoming freshmen an opportunity to travel out of state for an outdoor adventure. Participating students develop leadership skills, learn teamwork, and bring back lasting connections with their fellow adventurers.

In partnership with Five Rivers Metro Park, Outdoor Recreation recently hosted the Adventure Summit on February 20-21, 2009. Now in its fourth year, the Adventure Summit has grown in preeminence and is now known as the areas premiere outdoor exposition. In addition, Dayton is emerging as the Outdoor Adventure Capital of the Midwest.

#### **F. Student Trustees' Report**

- Ms. Katie Bullinger reported on several things that she has been involved with over the past few months.
- In an effort to improve research opportunities for medical students, Ms. Hoying and Ms. Bullinger have been working on the first ever medical student poster session. The idea is to provide a forum for students to showcase their research projects that they have been working on and also to allow students who might be interested in participating in a project to learn more about it. The event is scheduled for May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- The medical school has been going through their accreditation process by the Liaison Committee for Medical Education. The student role in this process has been to create a student survey and then to report the results to the Liaison Committee.
- Club football is really taking off. Our team is now a member of the Midwestern Club Football League and will be playing against teams like Miami and Marquette. The first game is scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> where they will be facing off against the Miami Valley Warriors.
- The President's Ambassadors program is up and running. The students members of this group represent the university to community leaders, to university donors and to other guests. Several members were present at the meeting and were introduced by Ms. Bullinger.

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

- Dr. Thomas Sudkamp gave today's report
- The most significant effort considered by the Faculty Senate since the last Board of Trustees' meeting was the recommendation for Wright State University to adopt a Semester Calendar.
- Dr. Sudkamp thanked the faculty, staff and students who participated in

developing the transition plan. In particular, the 15 members of the faculty and staff who chaired the subcommittees did an extensive amount of work in a short period of time. They led an extensive examination of all aspects of the University operations that would be affected by a calendar change and compiled the information in the report in approximately three months.

- The next steps in the process will begin immediately. A Semesters Transition Team will be assembled to guide the calendar conversion.
- By the end of this academic year, the Faculty Senate should approve guidelines to assist the departments in the development of semester curricula and a particular calendar should be selected.
- The process of creating an on online expedited process for curriculum approvals has already begun.
- The move to semesters offers the opportunity to rethink the entire curriculum and develop innovative programs that match the WSU mission and the needs of our constituents.
- The Executive Committee completed the selection of members for the new Research Council at Wright State, which is headed by Dr. Jack Bantle. 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,” and begin its work in April.
- On-going and upcoming activities include the Ad Hoc Committee on Freedom of Speech and Expression, the Buildings and Grounds Committee working on methods to better match classrooms with instructional needs and working with the registrar’s office on ways to help with the anticipated classroom shortage next year.

## **IX. PRESENTATION AND POLICY DISCUSSIONS**

### **Micro Air Vehicles**

Dr. George P. Huang  
 Professor and Chair  
 Mechanical & Materials Engineering

Mr. Soin introduced Dr. George Huang. Dr. Huang gave a brief overview of the work being done with Micro Air Vehicles. His post doctoral researcher, Cheng-Kuei Hsu demonstrated the vehicle to the Board and the people in attendance.

## **X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. ArtsGala, April 4, 2009
- B. Ohio Ethics Commission –Financial Disclosure Statement  
Filing Deadline – April 15, 2009
- C. Presidential Lecture Series, April 15, 2009, Reza Aslan
- D. Budget Presentation – May 28, 2009
- E. Committee Day – May 28, 2009 (after the Budget Presentation)
- F. Next Board Meeting - Executive Session, June 11, 2009  
Public Session, June 12, 2009
- G. Commencement June 13, 2009

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

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Robert C. Nevin, Chair

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J. Thomas Young, Secretary