

RESOLUTION 14-4 A Resolution to Establish the Selection of the Student Members to the Wright State University Board of Trustees

Summary

This resolution is to establish an official selection process for Wright State University's Student Trustees in accordance to the Ohio Revised Code due to there being no official process currently. Currently, anyone who applies for the position of Student Trustee gets sent to the Governor's Office with no official search committee.

This resolution was made public to Student Government via email on Thursday, January 16, 2014.

Research

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 3352.01 division B states that the procedure to select Wright State's Student Trustees is through a process developed and approved by Wright State's Student Government and Board of Trustees. Upon researching the past history of Student Government and the current un-official selection process for Student Trustees, there is no formal process that has been approved by Student Government and the Board of Trustees. This resolution would put Wright State University in accordance to the ORC.

Dialog

Upon speaking with Dr. Robert J. Sweeney, Wright State University Executive Vice President for Planning and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, he stated that Student Government does indeed have the power to create and approve the selection process for Student Trustees and that Student Government has been welcomed in the past to join the working process that has been in effect.

Conversation internally have been positive with only minor mechanical edits and additions added. Various requests for clarification have been answered.

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- 1 **WHEREAS,** There is currently no formal policy by Student Government to select
2 Student Trustees; and
- 3 **WHEREAS,** 3352.01 division B of the Ohio Revised Code vests the power of the
4 selection process for student trustees in a procedure approved by the
5 universities' Student Government and Board of Trustees; and
- 6 **WHEREAS,** The role of student trustees is vital for advocating for students at a
7 university at-large level; and
- 8 **WHEREAS,** The lack of Student Government involvement disconnects Student
9 Trustee members from Student Government and could create overlap
10 between Student Trustees and Student Government; now, therefore, be
11 it
- 12 **RESOLVED,** **That the Student Government here assembled make this following**
13 **recommendation** for a procedure to select the Student Trustee members
14 at Wright State University:
- 15 **SECTION,** 1. The Search Committee for the vacant Student Trustee position shall
16 consist of:
- 17 A. The Student Trustee whose term ends the following year;
 - 18 B. The President of Student Government;
 - 19 C. The Vice President of Student Government;
 - 20 D. A non-Executive Board member of Student Government
21 chosen by the chair of the search committee with the consent
22 of the Student Government Senate;
 - 23 E. The Secretary to the Board of Trustees; and
 - 24 F. Any ex-officio, non-voting member(s) appointed by the chair
25 of the search committee.
- 26 2. The Search Committee shall:

- 27 A. Be chaired by the Student Trustee whose term ends the
- 28 following year;
- 29 B. Be formed no later than the seventh week of spring
- 30 semester;
- 31 C. Agree by simple majority on the application process and the
- 32 application packet;
- 33 D. Publicize the vacant Student Trustee position on various
- 34 mediums that the search committee deems appropriate; and
- 35 E. Shall send forth no more than five applicants to the
- 36 Governor's office (3352.01 division B), no later than by the
- 37 end of spring semester.

38 3. Criterion the search committee should look for in candidates include,
39 but is not limited to:

- 40 A. Academic success – How well the applications perform
- 41 academically i.e. GPA;
- 42 B. Internal involvement – What organizations, clubs, sports,
- 43 and/or other involvement is the applicant involved on
- 44 campus;
- 45 C. Community involvement – What organizations, clubs, and/or
- 46 other involvement is the applicant involved in the
- 47 community; and
- 48 D. Respect to diversity – Be mindful of previous Student
- 49 Trustees in respect to their academic rank, gender, major,
- 50 race, disability, sexual orientation, socioeconomic
- 51 background, and/or other factors that contribute to the
- 52 overall diversity of previous Student Trustees.

53 4. Applications should not be selected based off political party or have
54 any factor in the selection process.

55 5. If there is a vacancy in the assigned committee members, the search
56 committee shall form with the committee members available and
57 appoint the vacant positions as needed by a simple majority.

58 A. If there is a vacancy for chair or the chair cannot serve for
59 any reason, the committee shall elect a chair among its
60 members.

61 6. The Search Committee has the discretion to adopt further procedures
62 as the committee deems appropriate and agreed upon by a simple
63 majority;

64 7. Any previous procedures and/or resolutions in conflict with this are
65 declared null and void; and, be it

66 **FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this resolution, if approved by the Student Government
67 Senate, shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for approval.

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Introduced by Ryan Rushing | Co-sponsors Anthony Hinojosa and Kyle Powell