

WSURA Board Meeting (via Zoom)
April 7, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES

Call to order

I. Approval of Minutes for March 3, 2021

Minutes approved

II. Officers' Reports:

President: Dan Abrahamowicz

Terms of Office &, Elections—will discuss at April 28 Exec Cmte Meeting and report at April 7 Board mtg

Office Staffing & Student Employee—we have very little work for a student employee at this time; will discuss further at May mtg

President-elect: Judi Engle

Directory, Post Cards, New Retirees—Post cards have been printed and are available for use

Past President: Joyce Howes—no report

Secretary: Joyce Howes—no report

Treasurer: Sheryl Provens

Budget Update—no significant budget changes

Communications: Mary Kenton

Newsletter & Mailing—Newsletter mailed this week

III. Committee Reports:

Activities: Mary Gromosiak

Paul Leonard Event—May 4, 11:30-1

Dave Williams Event—May 11, 11-noon

Donna Schlagheck Event—April 16, 11:30-1 *Complete*

Bylaws & Elections: Gail Whitaker—will meet with Exec Cmte on 4/27 to discuss

Historical Preserve: Kathy Morris—Katie Deedrick and Lee Guild interviews are complete

Member Devel.: Judi Engle—John Scheidler would like to join the Board and be appointed to the Athletic Council

OCHER: Peggy Bott and Dick Williams (see reports, below)

OCHER Reports:

Peggy Bott for OPERS:

Status reports from other Universities given at the March 19,2021 OCHER meeting:

Akron - Ninety-six faculty have lost their positions, The University has been completely reorganized and enrollment has decreased from 30,000 to 20,000.

Ohio State - ACT scores for incoming fall 2020 students are down.

Kent - There have been 205 budget cuts on all departments. Enrollment has been stable.
Ohio University - They are having serious problems, enrollments are down and there will be budget cuts.
Miami - There has been a dramatic increase in enrollments.
Cleveland - enrollments are down
Bowling Green - A Greek hazing incident that resulted in the death of a twenty year old has devastated the campus.
Toledo - Enrollment is down about 10%

Dick Williams for STRS:

The STRS investment consultant reported that STRS investment returns have consistently ranked in the top 25% of public pension funds over the last 3, 5, 7, and 10-year periods. For calendar year 2020 the return was 12.26% well above the benchmark return of 7.40%. Overall STRS compares well against the other 12 states that do not contribute to Social Security.

On the national level revenue declines for states have been much better than expected. State tax receipts declined by less than one percent on average compared with 2019. However, the revenue declines were not spread evenly across the country and many states reported shortfalls. The Covid relief bill proposed by President Biden provides over \$300 billion to state and local governments and will allow states to restore cut services, rehire employee laid off and make badly needed infrastructure repairs.

Scholarships: Jerry Alter—no activity yet; Mary Kenton will contact Cheryl Hutchinson to get the ball rolling
Remembrance: Peggy Bott—no report
Webmaster: Robin Suits—reported usage data for web site

IV. Liaisons:

Alumni Affairs: Dick Williams-in-person events will return this summer
Community/ Int. Affairs: Donna Schlagheck
Paul L. Event-scheduled for May 4
Domestic Terrorism-presented April 16
Friends of the Libraries: Gary Barlow
FoL to host Mayor Nan Whaley by WebX on April 21
UCIE: No report
Athletics Council: Mary Kenton and Dan A-z
The Council has not met in some time; Katrina Merriweather and Angel Baker are leaving WSU
Guest: Amy Shope-Jones
Current Endowment balance is \$93,049; spendable funds \$2221
Other comments:
Jerry Alter—The Board needs to know what to say to retirees about the future of the University

Donna Schlagheck- the Board needs to reconnect with central administration;
Donna is willing to meet with Interim Provost, Barry Milligan to discuss the role
and contributions of WSURA

V. Old Business:

VI. New Business:

Next Board meeting: May 5, 10 am

Respectfully submitted: Joyce Howes 4/27/2021