

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIRST MEETING
November 5, 1997**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Wright State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Daniel W. Duval, chair, on Wednesday, November 5, 1997, 4 p.m., in Room E156 B & C of the Student Union. Ms. Daisy Duncan Foster called the roll:

Present

Robert E. Buerger

Absent

Rajesh K. Soin

Matthew O. Diggs, Jr.

Dodie Ditmer

Daniel W. Duval

Daisy Duncan Foster

Martin D. Jenkins

Thomas E. Palmer

Frederick W. Schantz

II. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING

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

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the Ohio Open Meetings Law, the Board, after a majority of a quorum and by roll call vote, determined to hold an Executive Session by offering the following resolution:

RESOLUTION 98-16

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold Executive Session on Wednesday, November 5, 1997; 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. Duval moved for approval. Mr. Jenkins seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

IV. RECESS

V. RECONVENE - ROLL CALL

Present

Absent

Robert E. Buerger

Rajesh K. Soin

Matthew O. Diggs, Jr.

Lynn E. Rapp

Dodie Ditmer

Daniel W. Duval

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Mr. Duval 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.

VI. INTERIM UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Mr. Duval has been in constant contact with Dr. Harley E. Flack throughout the past month following the announcement of the president's ill health. In accordance with the Board's governance responsibility, the following resolution was offered for consideration:

RESOLUTION 98-17

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees wishes to express its strong support for Dr. Harley E. Flack and for his speedy recovery, the Board fully expects Dr. Flack to be back in his president's role sometime in the January time frame; and

WHEREAS, and in the interim, the Board has chosen to appoint an Office of the President to carry out the duties in Dr. Flack's absence; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the President will consist of Provost John F. Fleischauer;

Vice President of Fiscal Affairs Janet Gibbs Achterman; Vice President of University Advancement Jack B. Fistler; Vice President of Student Affairs Dan Abrahamowicz; and

WHEREAS, the Board feels that since Wright State University has a very strong executive team in these four officers, that the Office of the President format is best-suited to allow each of them to continue to function in their individual roles and to collectively act for the president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duval will remain in close contact with Dr. Flack during his recuperative period and meet on a regular basis with the Office of the President; and

WHEREAS, this broad management approach is not dissimilar to that being used today by numerous corporations, as well as other universities in transition; and

WHEREAS, President Flack has been consulted on this interim approach and feels it will be most effective in keeping the team together and encourages everyone to take on the additional necessary duties; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees would greatly appreciate the cooperation of the entire university in working through this interim period and encourages everyone to express their best wishes to Dr. Flack and his family for his speedy recovery and an early return to his official duties.

Mr. Schantz moved for approval. Mr. Jenkins seconded, the motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The Board thanked the Faculty Senate for the resolution passed by the Senate on November 3, 1997 in reference to Dr. Flack's illness.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.