

**WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTH MEETING**

**Friday, April 29, 2016  
Berry Room, Wright State University Nutter Center  
9:00 a.m.**

**XIV. RECONVENE**

Roll Call:

Bridges  
Sweeney

**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.

**XV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

**A. Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence**

This year marks the sixteenth year of the Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence. The University Promotion and Tenure Committee reviewed all nominations and submitted its nominee(s) to the Provost for transmittal to the president and Board of Trustees. The award carries a stipend of \$3,500.

Dr. December Green, Professor  
Department of Political Science  
College of Liberal Arts

## RESOLUTION 16-

RESOLVED that the Trustees' Award for Faculty Excellence appointment, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby is approved.

I offer this Motion:

Do I have a Second:

Voice Vote:

### **B. Election of Board of Trustees' Officers for 2016-2017**

In accordance with the amendment to Article II, Section 2 of the Board of Trustees' Bylaws, election of officers will be held during the last meeting of the academic year.

#### **1. Chair**

Motion:

Second:

Voice Vote:

#### **2. Vice Chair:**

Motion:

Second:

Voice Vote:

#### **3. Secretary of the Board:**

Motion:

Second:

Voice Vote:

In accordance with Article III, Section 1, of the Bylaws, the newly elected chair will appoint the Standing Committees of the Board before the fall meeting.

### **C. Recognition of Laurence R. Klaben**

In appreciation and recognition of Laurence Klaben's service to the Board of Trustees, the following resolution is offered:

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WHEREAS, Laurence R. Klaben was appointed to the Wright State University Board of Trustees in 2007 by Governor Ted Strickland and has faithfully served in that capacity for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klaben provided exemplary leadership to the Board of Trustees as the Board chair from 2012-2015, vice chair from 2010-2011, and also served on the Academic Affairs Committee, Advancement Committee, Finance and Audit Committee, Student Affairs Committee and as a Foundation Representative over the last nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klaben has served as the Chair for the Wright State University ArtsGala Committee and been instrumental in providing vision and support for ArtsGala over a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klaben has provided leadership as a College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board member and a Wright State University Foundation Board member and was recognized for his lifelong achievement as a Wright State University Alumni of the Year in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klaben is the President, CEO, and Owner of Morris Furniture Co., Inc., and was named the Philanthropist of the Year by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klaben has taken an active role in the arts community and provided leadership to a variety of organizations including Culture Works and the Human Race Theatre; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klaben was a founder of TEDxDayton and Kids Dream Too and has served on the boards of Dayton Children's Hospital, the Dayton Jewish Federation Board, and the PNC Bank Economic Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klaben's vision and leadership have helped shape the future of Wright State and contributed to the educational and fiscal foundation supporting the university's mission; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees does hereby express its sincere appreciation and heartfelt commendation to Laurence Klaben for his commitment, service, and leadership on behalf of the university.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Voice Vote:

**D. Recognition of Hailey A. Billing**

In appreciation and recognition of Hailey A Billing's service to the Board of Trustees, the following resolution is offered:

**RESOLUTION 16-**

WHEREAS, Hailey A. Billing was appointed to the Wright State University Board of Trustees in July 2014 by Governor John R. Kasich, and has faithfully performed her duties as a student trustee while maintaining excellent academic standards while pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Applied Statistics; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to the university and the surrounding community during her tenure on the Board of Trustees and throughout her academic career has distinguished Ms. Billing as a dedicated public servant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Billing has provided leadership to her sorority, Zeta Tau Alpha, as Treasurer, as Risk Reduction Chairman and as Vice President of Programming and was recently awarded the "New Graduate Award" by the Dayton Alumnae chapter of Zeta Tau Alpha and chosen to become their Vice President for Programming for 2017, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Billing has served the Office of the President and Provost for many years in a variety of capacities and distinguished herself through her tireless efforts; and has contributed to the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics and the Ohio Student Trustees Association with her membership; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Billing will carry forward her social consciousness and acquired knowledge throughout her professional career; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees expresses its sincere appreciation to Hailey A. Billing and extends its best wishes for her future success.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Voice Vote:

**E. Written Reports – Wright State University Board of Trustees**

**April 16, 2015**

Advancement, Building & Grounds, Communications, Enrollment Management, Marketing, Multicultural Affairs & Community Engagement and Research & Sponsored Programs Reports as presented to this meeting be, and the same hereby accepted. The reports are contained in the appendix at the end of the minutes.