

B. Building and Grounds Committee

Dr. Goyal, chair, will report on the committee meeting on January 22, 2016.

**Building and Grounds Committee
Meeting of January 22, 2016**

Minutes

Present: E. Broner, D. Fecher, A. Goyal, W. Montgomery, C.D. Moore, G. Ramos

Guests: D. Bertson, D. Kimpton, N. Lasky, C. Loranger, S. Sherbet, T. Sudkamp,
R. Sweeney, C. This, J. Ulliman

Dr. Anuj Goyal called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m. and read the following 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.

2016 Presidential Debate Update

Dr. Robert Sweeney, executive vice president for planning, offered an update on the plans for the 2016 Presidential Debate. Wright State University will hold the first Presidential Debate on Monday, September 26, 2016. The format on the debate will dictate the layout of the Nutter Center and the number of tickets available. Tickets are allocated to the Debate Commission, to the Presidential candidates and their party, and to the hosting venue. Wright State has committed our ticket allocation only for students and we are working on a lottery system and Selection Party for the awarding of student tickets.

Wright State is also committed to making the Debate an opportunity for our students to volunteer and intern in areas that will enhance their learning. In addition, we are reaching out to area K-12 schools, to community partners, and to regional partners to make this a regional opportunity for learning about and celebrating the democratic process.

For those individuals looking to volunteer and become involved in the planning process please send an email to debate.volunteer@wright.edu with the subject line VOLUNTEER. Please list your name, preferred email, telephone number, and preference for how you would like to be involved.

2016 Presidential Debate Budget

The Commission on Presidential Debate (CPD) still has quite a few decisions to make that will significantly impact the budgetary requirements for the event. Budget drivers

include security requirements, the type of debate format, candidate preparation space, the number of audience in attendance, space and technology for the media, transportation, the credentialing center, and infrastructure improvements among other items. CPD decision timelines can extend all the way up to August which makes anticipating expenses and preparing a firm budget difficult.

Dr. Sweeney, chair of the debate planning process, presented a draft budget totaling \$8 million to the Board of Trustees outlining the anticipated income and expenses for the event. Fund raising plans are being developed to secure state and federal funds as well as corporate and foundation sponsors. Cost recoveries and in-kind contributions will also be used to offset Debate expenses.

With funds not yet in place, the Board of Trustees is being asked to approve a resolution to incur expenses associated with hosting the debate.

RESOLUTION 16-

WHEREAS, Wright State University is honored to be selected as the host site for the first 2016 Presidential Debate; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University will incur expenses associated with hosting the debate; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is committed to raising all funds external to the university; and

WHEREAS, in order for the university to prepare for the debate, expenses will be incurred in advance of the funds being raised; and

WHEREAS, the draft budget will be refined as the Commission on Presidential Debates further clarifies Wright State University's unique requirements, therefore be it

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the university to incur expenses as described in the draft budget now before the Board of Trustees be, and hereby is approved.

I offer this motion:

Do I have a second:

Roll Call Vote:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Kimpton