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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Wright State Board of Trustees was called to order by Mr. Michael Bridges, chair, on Monday, March 6, 2017, 10:00 a.m., in the Atrium of the Student Union. Dr. Robert Sweeney, secretary to the Board of Trustees, called the roll:

**Present:**

Michael Bridges  
Douglas Fecher  
William Montgomery  
C.D. Moore  
Grace Ramos  
Jordan Large  
Ryan Pignatiello

**Absent:**

Eloise Broner  
Sean Fitzpatrick  
Anuj Goyal

**II. CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT**

Mr. Bridges read the following conflict of interest statement:

It is of the 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.

**III. PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING**

Mr. Bridges reported that the meeting was called by written notification and a quorum was present.

Mr. Bridges 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.

#### **IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

Mr. Bridges welcomed everyone to this special public session to update the community on the search for Wright State's seventh President. He then introduced distinguished guests and elected officials in attendance.

##### **A. UPDATE ON THE SEARCH PROCESS**

Mr. Fecher recognized the members of the Search and Screening Advisory Committee; a group of 22 dedicated volunteers who have worked since June of 2016 to present to the Board of Trustees one or more acceptable presidential candidates.

##### **Search and Screening Advisory Members:**

- Representing Faculty: Carol Loranger, Brian Boyd, LaTrelle Jackson and Burhan Kawosa
- Representing Classified and Unclassified Staff: Dawn Banker and Misty Cox
- Representing Students: Lukas Wenrick and Jordan Large
- Representing the Wright State Foundation: John Lyman
- Representing Alumni: Deb Downing
- Representing the Council of Deans: Jay Albayyari and LaPearl Winfrey
- Representing the President's Cabinet: Rebecca Cole and Mary Ellen Ashley
- Representing Retirees: Gerry Petrak
- Representing the Dayton Community: Mary Campbell Zopf, Jeff Brock, Anthony Whitmore and Debbie Feldman
- Representing the Board of Trustees: Eloise Broner, C.D. Moore, and Grace Ramos
- Chair of the Search and Screening Advisory Committee: Doug Fecher

University support was also instrumental in the success of the search process. Mr. Fecher recognized the tremendous efforts of Ms. Amanda Baker, Graduate Intern for the Search and a student in the Master's Program in International and Comparative Politics as well as Mr. Mark Anderson, Mr. Matt Boaz, Mr. Larry Chan, Ms. Shari Mickey-Boggs, Mr. Bob Mihalek, and Dr. Robert Sweeney.

Mr Fecher outlined the search process which began in June 2017. The four phases included the Preparation Phase, the Learning Phase, the Search Phase and the Selection/OnBoarding Phase. The Preparation Phase started with a half-day workshop to learn the how to structure and conduct a presidential search. Phase two of the search process was the Learning Phase, which included a campus-wide survey, public forums, individual listening sessions with key campus and community stakeholders, and a presidential symposium on the challenges facing public universities in Ohio.

Academic Search and their representative, Mr. Mac Stewart, assisted Wright State with phase three, the Search Phase, and helped direct and oversee recruiting, third party nominations, and advertising. Mr. Fecher recognized Mr. Stewart for his support.

A total of 61 applicants were considered for the position and ultimately narrowed down to 12 candidates. These 12 candidates were invited to a neutral site interview. However, two candidates withdrew for other positions prior to interviews. The committee then interviewed the ten candidates over a two-day process.

Following the interviews, the search committee discussed the ten candidates at length, and using secret ballot, narrowed the field to the top three candidates. The three candidates received invitations to come to the Main and Lake Campus for a comprehensive two -day interview process of open forums, private meetings with key administrators and public receptions.

After the campus interviews, the search committee again met to discuss the candidates and review the campus feedback. From this meeting, they developed a list of acceptable candidates to present to the Board. In February, the Search and Screening Advisory Committee shared their list with the Board, answered questions, and completed their work.

Moving into the final phase, the Selection Phase, the Board met several times to deliberate and review the final three candidate's qualifications. Student Trustees Ryan Pignatiello and Jordan Large were invited to participate in this process. One candidate withdrew from the process and the Board ultimately reached a decision on the appointment of the seventh Wright State University President.

**B. NAMING OF WRIGHT STATE'S SEVENTH PRESIDENT**

Mr. Fecher offered the following resolution for the Board of Trustee's consideration:

## **RESOLUTION 17-57**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees charged the Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee to submit one or more acceptable candidates for consideration to be the seventh president of Wright State University; and

WHEREAS, the Committee presented three strong candidates for the university community to meet, ask questions and provide feedback; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's review of the university community feedback shaped their submission to the Board; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Wright State University, after careful review of the candidates forwarded by the Presidential Search and Screening Advisory Committee, name Cheryl B. Schrader as the seventh President of Wright State University.

Mr. Fecher moved for approval. Ms. Ramos seconded, and the resolution was unanimously approved by roll call vote.

Mr. Bridges introduced Dr. Schrader and welcomed her to Wright State University.

Dr. Schrader graciously accepted her appointment, introduced her family, and offered brief remarks. She was presented with a Wright State jersey bearing the number seven and received congratulations from many members of the Wright State community.

### **V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.