



In Recognition and Appreciation of Michael Bridges' Service to the  
Wright State University Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION 21 - 40**

WHEREAS, Michael Bridges was appointed to the Wright State University Board of Trustees in 2012 by Governor John R. Kasich, and has faithfully served in that capacity for nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges provided exemplary leadership to the Board of Trustees as the Board Chair from 2015-2017, has chaired and served on many committees, to include the Academic Affairs Committee, Building and Grounds Committee, Executive Committee, Student & Academic Affairs Committee, Finance Committee, Finance, Audit and Governance Committee, and Finance, Audit and Infrastructure Committee, over the last nine years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges has been instrumental in providing vision and support for a student-centered Wright State experience while promoting diversity within the University, the region and the State of Ohio. Mr. Bridges has been influential in Wright State University's growth through projects such as the Rinzler Sports Complex, the Neuroscience Engineering Collaboration building, the Student Success Center, the Tom Hanks Center for Motion Pictures; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges has been instrumental in moving the university from quarters to semester, opening of RaiderConnect, opening of Veteran and Military Center, reaffirmation of Wright State University's accreditation, national recognition of Wright State University's community engagement recognition when the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching –Community Engagement Classification; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges has been a tireless advocate for women and underrepresented students at Wright State and has worked diligently to improve college affordability and reduce student debt through the implementation of the Reducing College Costs Plan and the Textbook Affordability Plan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges has been associated and an advocate for Wright State University beginning as a student (circa 1977), to graduate in 1981, conference facilitator at the university, and ultimately a member of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bridges' vision and leadership have helped shape the future of Wright State and contributed to the educational foundation that supports the University's mission; therefore, be it

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