



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHTH MEETING Friday, September 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair Gunlock, Vice Chair Platt, Secretary Kejriwal, D. Conway, D. Fecher, B. Ferris, M. Grunder, B. Langos, C. Jenkins, R. Shah, B. Bucklew, A. Goyal, R. Peters, B. Whiteside
- Guests:** President Edwards, Provost Thompson, B. Kawosa, G. Sample, B. Boyd, F. Wolz
- Absent:** B. Montgomery

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gunlock called to order the September 16, 2022, meeting at 9:00 a.m.

A. Roll Call

Chair Gunlock asked the secretary, Daniel Palmer, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Chair Gunlock read the Chair's Statement and the Conflict of Interest Statement.

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.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Gunlock requested the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G).

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 23-XX

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold an Executive Session on September 16, 2022; and be it further

RESOLVED that pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (G), the following issues may be discussed in Executive Session:

- To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1); and
- To consider the purchase of property for public purposes, the sale of property at competitive bidding, or the sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2); and
- Conference with an attorney for the Board regarding disputes with the Board that are subject of pending or imminent litigation pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(3); and
- Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4); and
- Matters Required to be Kept Confidential Pursuant to Federal Law or State Statute pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5).

Trustee Conway moved to approve and Trustee Grunder seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0)

III. RECONVENE

A. Roll Call

At 11:06 Chair Gunlock called to reconvene the meeting. A quorum was present.

B. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2022 Public Session. Trustee Conway moved to approve and Trustee Langos seconded. Chair Gunlock asked for any additions, corrections, deletions, or discussion to the minutes as submitted. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

C. Chris Jenkins Swearing In

Christopher Jenkins the newest student trustee was welcomed by Chair Gunlock and sworn in by Sean Culley. Chris is a senior with plans to pursue his Master's Degree at Wright State. Chris was previously in the U.S. Army and served two tours in Iraq. Chris is succeeding Dhishant Asarpota who graduated from the Boonshoft School of Medicine earlier this year.

D. Reappointment of National Trustee

National Trustee Anuj Goyal's initial three-year term expired later in the month of September. He has agreed to continue his service on the Board for another term, as permitted by the bylaws.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the reappointment of Trustee Anuj Goyal to another three-year term.

Trustee Conway offered the motion and Trustee Grunder seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunlock welcomed everyone to the first Board meeting of the 2022 – 2023 Academic year. He shared that over the previous academic year, the University made significant progress financially, avoiding a budgeted deficit. While this is good news, it does not signal the end of our fiscal responsibility to the campus community and the State of Ohio. He emphasized that we need to continue to strategically invest in initiatives that support stabilizing operations, growing enrollment, and meeting workforce needs.

He applauded Ms. Schaurer and her team for the good news. The success must also be met with equal success in improving our retention rate. The Board meetings will continue to place a much greater emphasis on enrollment and retention.

Chair Gunlock noted that President Edwards has set a goal of 75% student retention - this is not just a goal for the Division of Student Success, but for everyone. He urged everyone to make this their top priority.

He shared that Wright State University will be the most student-centric University in the State of Ohio. Putting students first should not be controversial. Without our students, there is no University. He said the University needs to welcome these new, innovate ideas to accomplish our goals.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Sue Edwards shared that the Center for Faculty Excellence held a day long workshop that for renewing of commitment to teaching. She saw an excitement and vigor of teaching amongst the faculty.

President Edwards highlighted the successes of the recruitment efforts. She noted the University saw the highest, new student enrollment since 2019. President Edwards was excited to report that the Take Flight program exceeded the goal of 150 students during the inaugural academic year. She stated there

would continue to be increased progress towards retention. To that end, she discussed several ongoing efforts including the Presidents Council Mentorship Pilot Program, Participation Rosters, Mid-Term Grades and Multi-Term Registration.

President Edwards then discussed some of the University's "Bragging Wrights" – Nationally recognized programs, including: Best Undergraduate Computer Science Programs, Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs, Best Undergraduate Business programs, Best Undergraduate Nursing Programs, and Top Performers of Social Mobility.

To close, President Edwards announced that the University would establish a bridge strategic plan for approval at the December Board Meetings.

A. Approval of New Hires, Appointments, Promotions, and Separations

President Edwards offered the academic and administrative appointments and changes as part of the meeting attachments to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF NEW HIRES, APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND SEPARATIONS

RESOLUTION 23-11

RESOLVED that the academic and administrative appointments, changes, retirement, departmental reporting, resignations and terminations submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are approved.

Chair Gunlock asked that each Board Member review these names and confirm that they do not have a conflict. If so, they can remove that name and vote on that person independently.

Trustee Kejriwal moved to approve and Trustee Fecher seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously.

B. Approval of Contracts and Grants

President Edwards stated Wright State University has recorded 326 awards totaling \$57,306,063 in external funding for the time period of July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022. Recent funding received by the University includes \$200,000 from National Science Foundation to Dr. Megan Rua (Biological Sciences department), to investigate soil microorganism responses to alterations in soil phosphorus and pH.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

RESOLUTION 23-12

RESOLVED that the contracts and grants submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are approved.

Trustee Platt moved to approve and Trustee Conway seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously.

VI. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

A. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Conway, Chair of the Academic and Students Affairs Committee, shared the report from the previous day.

Trustee Conway then read the first resolution.

APPROVAL OF EMERITUS REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 23-01

WHEREAS, faculty members who have served ten or more years as fully-affiliated and full-time members at Wright State University will automatically be granted the emeritus title upon retirement and upon written request by the faculty member to the provost; and

WHEREAS, Ava Chamberlain, Kathryn Easterday, Sharon Farra, Douglas Lehrer, Phan Loi, Anna Lyon, Dean Parmalee, Steen Pedersen, Drew Pringle, Brenda Roman, and Christine Sitko served the University in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and have formally requested emeritus status; therefore, be it RESOLVED that the requests for emeritus status for the aforementioned faculty members, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are endorsed.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Conway read the following resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2022 AFFORDABILITY AND EFFICIENCY REPORT

RESOLUTION 23-02

WHEREAS, Section 3345.12 of the Revised Code requires that all Boards of Trustees for each state institution of higher education develop an efficiency review of the institution based on the recommendations of the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the review considers Efficiencies; Academic Processes; Policy Reforms; and Cost Savings, Redeployment of Savings, and Tangible Benefits to Students; and

WHEREAS, not later than October 14, 2022 each state institution of higher education shall submit the reports required under this section to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the attached Wright State University Affordability and Efficiency Report as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution and report to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education no later than October 14, 2022.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Conway read the following resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AND LOW ENROLLMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 23-03

WHEREAS, Section 3345.35 of the Revised Code requires that Boards of Trustees for each state institution of higher education evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on enrollment and duplication of courses and programs with nearby universities; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of programs and courses results in recommended actions, which includes eliminating offerings, reducing number of sections offered, change course offering times, collaborating with other institutions, or other actions deemed necessary to increase student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, not later than September 30, 2022, each state institution of higher education shall submit the reports required under this section to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the attached Wright State University Duplicative Programs and Low Enrollment Report as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution and report to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education no later than September 30, 2022.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Conway read the final resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE RONALD D. BULLOCK INNOPRENEURSHIP LABORATORY

RESOLUTION 23-04

WHEREAS, In December 2014, as part of the Rise. Shine. Campaign, Ronald D. Bullock, class of 1970, established a gift commitment in support of Engineering Design and Innovation Learning; and

WHEREAS, \$1 million of the gift was designated to renovate the lower level of the Fritz and Delores Russ Engineering building to create lab space for students to conceptualize, prototype, design, and build projects; and

WHEREAS, This cutting-edge lab space will bridge the gap between classroom theory and true engineering practice, providing students with both the creative space and the equipment necessary for the hands-on engineering experiences that are required to take their ideas from concept to market; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the lower level of the Fritz and Delores Russ Engineering Center be named the Ronald D. Bullock Innopreneurship Laboratory.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

B. Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee

Trustee Fecher shared the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee report from September 15, 2022.

Trustee Fecher offered the following resolutions from the Finance, Audit, Governance and Compliance Committee.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 23-05

WHEREAS, in order for the university to conduct business on an on-going basis, and provide products and services in a timely manner, purchases must be made; and

WHEREAS, these expenditures may amount to greater than \$250,000 and less than \$500,000, requiring committee approval, or may exceed \$500,000, requiring Board of Trustees approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts greater than \$250,000 before the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee; and be it

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts exceeding \$500,000 before the Board of Trustees.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Fecher read the next resolution.

APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH THE YMCA OF GREATER DAYTON

RESOLUTION 23-07

WHEREAS, the YMCA of Greater Dayton (YMCA) is working with Premier Health (Premier) on re-developing the former Good Samaritan Hospital site; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA will be constructing a new YMCA building on the site, known as the Northwest Dayton Health and Wellness Campus; and

WHEREAS, The YMCA and Premier desire Wright State University to be the educational partner of the YMCA of Greater Dayton at the Northwest Dayton Health and Wellness Campus; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University will have dedicated academic and classroom space at the Northwest Dayton Health and Wellness Campus; and

WHEREAS, the YMCA and Wright State University have drafted an agreement for the lease of space at the Northwest Dayton Health and Wellness Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the terms of the lease are reasonable and in the University's best interest; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, or her designee, to execute the proposed lease with the YMCA of Greater Dayton, on behalf of the University, for an initial term of ten years effective upon completion of building construction; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, is authorized and directed to take and perform all lawful actions she reasonably determines are appropriate to effectuate the Board's directives herein.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Fecher read the next resolution.

APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH THE AUDITOR OF STATE

RESOLUTION 23-06

WHEREAS, the regional office of the Auditor of State is in search of office space in the Dayton area; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University has existing office space, not needed for the University's strategic plans, on the Dayton campus which will meet the needs of the regional office of the Auditor of State; and

WHEREAS, having the regional office of the Auditor of State on campus provides unique, experiential opportunities for Wright State students; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor of State desires to lease space from the University and, in return, has agreed to pay rent and provide Wright State students internship opportunities within the office; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the terms of the proposed lease and determined that its terms are reasonable and in the best interests of the University; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, or her designee, to enter into, on behalf of the University, a lease with the Auditor of State; and further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, is authorized and directed to take and perform all lawful actions she reasonably determines are appropriate to effectuate the Board's directives herein.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

Trustee Fecher read the final resolution.

APPROVAL OF DEVELOPMENT OF CAMPUS PROPERTY

RESOLUTION 23-08

WHEREAS, Wright State University owns undeveloped property along Colonel Glenn Highway; and

WHEREAS, the University has prioritized the offering of services and amenities aimed to enhance the overall Wright State experience; and

WHEREAS, the University has been approached with commercial development opportunities at the site; and

WHEREAS, certain aspects of the proposed development are potentially time sensitive; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, or her designee, to negotiate a lease agreement, with commercially reasonable terms, which supports the development of property along Colonel Glenn Highway which will enhance services and amenities available to Wright State; and be it further

RESOLVED that once negotiated, the lease agreement will be presented to the Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Chair of the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee for review; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, is authorized and directed to enter into the lease agreement on behalf of the University, without further action by the Board, unless either Chair objects; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, is authorized and directed to take and perform all lawful actions she reasonably determines are appropriate to effectuate the Board's directives herein.

Chair Gunlock asked if there was any discussion. Hearing none, he called for a roll call vote and the resolution passed unanimously.

VII. APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Mr. Sample shared the following collective bargaining agreements.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution.

APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE/OHIO LABOR COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 23-13

WHEREAS, University employed Police Officers, Sergeants and Communications Center Operators are represented by the Fraternal Order of Police/Ohio Labor Council (FOP); and

WHEREAS, the most recent labor contract between the University and the FOP expired on June 30, 2022 and;

WHEREAS, the University and FOP have negotiated a successor collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the FOP membership ratified the agreement on July 22, 2022; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement and determined that its terms are reasonable and in the best interests of the University; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President (or her delegate, and other members of the administration) is authorized and directed to sign the Agreement on behalf of the University.

Trustee Conway offered the motion and Trustee Langos seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution.

APPROVAL OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS LOCAL NO. 957

RESOLUTION 23-14

WHEREAS, Wright State University employees primarily in facilities positions, including maintenance, trades, custodial, and grounds, are represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local No. 957 (Teamsters); and

WHEREAS, the most recent labor between the University and Teamsters expired on August 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the University and Teamsters have negotiated a successor collective bargaining agreement for the period of September 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Teamsters membership ratified the agreement on August 9, 2022; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement and determined that its terms are reasonable and in the best interests of the University; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President (or her delegate, and other members of the administration) is authorized and directed to sign the Agreement on behalf of the University.

Trustee Conway offered the motion and Trustee Grunder seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

VIII. PRESENTATION: INTEL

Dr. Subhashini Ganapathy presented on the recent Intel announcement in the State of Ohio.
(Presentation on Board Website)

IX. REPORT OF THE FACULTY PRESIDENT

Faculty Senate President Brian Boyd echoed President's Edwards report on the excitement of students to be back on campus. He noted the teaching for Success Symposium was the first symposium since 2016. Faculty were excited to be together and learn from each other. Dr. Boyd thanked President Edwards and Dr. Loranger for their help in making this a success.

There were no questions for Dr. Boyd.

X. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustees Jenkins and Shah provided a report.

Student Trustee Jenkins introduced himself. He shared that he is a Veteran and is a commuter, transfer, and veteran student. Both Trustees Jenkins and Shah reported their intent to establish weekly office hours to reach out to the student body and hear their concerns. They also mentioned the goal to re-establish the mentorship program with the Board and Student Government.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Frank Wolz, President of Staff Senate, gave public comment and requested the Board stream their meetings.

Next, Chair Gunlock shared that during his time as Chair, he has consistently pointed out that Wright State, named after the pioneers of aviation, lacks student opportunity in the aviation and aerospace sectors. He was proud to announce that the University is taking the first steps toward offering aviation programming for students. He reiterated that this is just the beginning and signals a long-term intent of Wright State to develop additional programs addressing workforce needs in the fields of aviation and aerospace. He believes we will be a national leader in aerospace by the end of the decade.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution.

ESTABLISHMENT OF FLIGHT TRAINING PARTNERSHIP

RESOLUTION 23-15

WHEREAS, the Wright Brothers, namesakes of Wright State University, were pioneers in aviation; and

WHEREAS, there exists a significant shortage of pilots nationwide, underscoring a dire workforce development need at both the local and national levels; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is a regional university charged with developing academic programs for "in demand" workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, First Flight Aviation, a FAR-141 FAA Approved Flight School that trains the next generation of aviation professionals, desires to partner with Wright State University to provide Wright State students with the opportunity to earn academic credit while learning to fly; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, or her designee, to finalize and execute on behalf of the University an affiliation agreement with First Flight Aviation for the purpose of establishing this partnership on terms she deems commercially reasonable; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, is authorized and directed to take and perform all lawful actions she reasonably determines are appropriate to effectuate the Board's directives herein.

Trustee Conway offered the motion and Trustee Grunder seconded the motion.
A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (8,0,0).

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Platt moved to adjourn and Trustee Langos seconded. The meeting concluded at 12:37 p.m.