

Wright State University
Faculty Senate Resolution
September 19, 2022
Resolution on Remote Viewing of Board Meetings

WHEREAS, the Wright State Board of Trustees meets in open sessions to discuss and decide on issues pertinent to the entire Wright State community; and

WHEREAS, decisions and discussions that occur at the Board meetings impact the lives of Wright State faculty and how faculty work to achieve the broad, critical missions of the university; and

WHEREAS, remote viewing was available both during and before the COVID pandemic and remains a viable method for communication utilized throughout Wright State and across the world; and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Ohio governing the Board of Trustees permit remote viewing of open meetings and would further achieve the spirit of open meetings; and

WHEREAS, Wright State is composed of two campuses with staff, faculty and students spread between them, as well as various off-site locations, presenting barriers to attendance related to cost and time for travel; and

WHEREAS, Wright State recognizes Flexible Work Agreements with staff and faculty who work remotely, as well as classes attended by students, some programs fully remote, presenting barriers to attendance related to cost and time for travel; and

WHEREAS, Wright State faculty reductions have increased responsibilities to university service and students, creating a conflict between in-person attendance at meetings and other mandatory university obligations; and

WHEREAS, remote viewing of Board meetings would provide a show of transparency to all members and perspective members of Wright State's community; and

WHEREAS, other Ohio universities, including but not limited to, The Ohio State University, Kent State University and the University of Akron opt to offer remote viewing options of Board meetings; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate here assembled at Wright State University join the Staff Senate in supporting that open meetings of the Wright State Board of Trustees be viewable remotely for the reasons stated above.