



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

Present: Chair Conway, Vice Chair Kejriwal, B. Bucklew, J. Ebbing, M. Grunder,
R. Shah

Absent: A. Goyal

Guests: President Edwards, Provost Thompson, S. Schaurer, T. Littel,
J. Denniston, H. Bashir, M. Wolff, J. Jadischke

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Conway called to order the February 16, 2023 meeting at 2:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Chair Conway welcomed everyone and asked secretary, Daniel Palmer, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Chair Conway 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.

B. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Chair Conway asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2022 Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Trustee Kejriwal moved to approve and Trustee Grunder seconded. Chair Conway asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions, or discussion to the minutes.

The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

C. Opening Remarks from the Committee Chair

Chair Conway shared there are many exciting new things happening on campus and called upon Provost Thompson to describe several of the initiatives concerning academic affairs.

II. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Dr. Thompson shared that her office is focused on the 3Rs, Retention, Relationships, and Recruitment. Provost Thompson shared there was a 95% submission rate for participation rosters which was up from 88% last semester, noting Boonshoft School of Medicine's 100% submission rate. She thanked the faculty for their work and shared participation rosters assist in maintaining the University's Title IV funding as well as accurately determining our student retention rates.

Provost Thompson shared that multi-term registration was launched for the students in February. Students were able to register for an entire year of classes and view classes four weeks prior to their registration date. Provost Thompson shared multi-term registration will help improve retention efforts as students are able to plan their work and family schedules around their classes.

Provost Thompson announced the Provost's Student Leadership Council. The advisory board is comprised of diverse students including transfer students, SGA representatives, military and veteran students, student organization leaders, graduate and undergraduate students. This committee will help support the 3Rs by sharing the student perspective.

Provost Thompson highlighted the Mental Health Taskforce, which began meeting in the Fall semester. She noted the dire needs around mental health is one of the leading concerns of students which can be a barrier to retention and student success.

Finally, Provost Thompson shared that the Higher Learning Commission will be conducting their focused visit on April 24th and April 25th. Vice Provost of Assessment and Chief Accreditation Officer, Bruce Mackh, has been working on completing the report. She noted a separate website established for the HLC visit with more information.

B. Emeritus Requests

Provost Thompson then shared the following resolution granting emeritus status to several faculty members. Emeritus status is granted after 10 years of service to the University.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF EMERITUS REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 23-27

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, the listed faculty members 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 Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session. Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Grunder seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (6,0,0).

III. REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION

A. Report from the Vice President of Enrollment Management / Report from the Vice Provost of Student Success

Susan Schaurer and Tim Littell presented the University's Spring 2023 enrollment and retention numbers. Ms. Schaurer highlighted several optimistic trends in enrollment. Mr. Little highlighted several initiatives aimed

directly at improving the University retention rate. (Presentations attached to the Board Website).

Trustee Grunder asked what does participation mean when looking at participation rosters. Mr. Littell explained that participation is not just logging into an online course, but completing an assignment or participating in an activity.

Trustee Whiteside asked if Wright State was looking at student demographics in regards to retention. Mr. Littell shared they specifically looked at Pell grant recipients and will also look at other demographics. Ms. Schaurer added that they will look at wrap around services for students who have challenges.

Trustee Fecher shared he liked that Mr. Littell recognized how the entire community was a part of this and appreciated that he acknowledged that.

Trustee Bucklew shared how great the multi-term registration is and that it would have been life changing for him when he was a student here.

IV. PRESENTATION: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Chair Conway invited Dr. Mitch Wolff and Jacob Jadischke to discuss their research.

Dr. Wolff introduced Jacob Jadischke who is a research student. Dr. Wolff had to teach a class and left Mr. Jadischke to share his research.

Mr. Jadischke discussed his research on the control techniques for aircraft energy management. He noted this research is in collaboration with the US Air Force.

He shared the Air Force is looking at Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV) for residential services with a need to utilize hybrid (gas and electric) most efficiently by finding the most effective routes while understanding green zones where the engine has to be off.

Trustee Conway asked what the time frame was for this research. Mr. Jadischke shared that some of this has already been completed and is being utilized for implementation.

Trustee Kejriwal asked if they were considering weather conditions when they were working through this to which Mr. Jadischke said this was one of the items being considered.

V. PRESENTATION: JED FOUNDATION MENTAL HEALTH GRANT

Trustee Conway invited Dr. Jim Denniston and Dr. Huma Bashir to present on the JED Mental Health Grant.

Dr. Denniston shared the Presidential Mental Health Task Force was created in Fall of 2022 and chaired by Provost Thompson. He shared that mental health is a leading concern of college students and tied to student retention and success.

Dr. Denniston and Dr. Bashir stated the goals of the committee include:

- Improving student success outcomes;
- Helping students maintain and enhance their well-being; and
- Demonstrated impact on academic performance.

Dr. Denniston and Dr. Bashir stated Wright State will be working with the JED Foundation and will be a fully integrated campus which includes providing Mental Health First Aid and QPR trainings to all staff, faculty, and Mental Health student mentors. Also included is crisis intervention (PlanJED campus program).

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Conway indicated there was no new business before the committee.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kejriwal moved to adjourn and Trustee Grunder seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m. by a unanimous voice vote.