



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-FIRST MEETING
Friday, February 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

Present: Chair Gunlock, Vice Chair Platt, Secretary Kejriwal, D. Conway, J. Ebbing, D. Fecher
E. Ferris, M. Grunder, C. Jenkins, R. Shah, B. Bucklew, A. Goyal, R. Peters, B. Whiteside

Absent: B. Langos

Guests: President Edwards, Provost Thompson, G. Sample, B. Kawosa, B. Boyd

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gunlock called to order the February 17, 2023 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.

B. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2023 Public Session.

Trustee Fecher moved to approve and Trustee Grunder seconded. Chair Gunlock asked for any additions, corrections, deletions, or discussion to the minutes as submitted. The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote (8,0,0).

C. Jared Ebbing Swearing In

Jarred Ebbing was appointed by Governor Mike DeWine for a term beginning January 1, 2023. Trustee Ebbing was ceremonially sworn in by Sean Culley.

II. PERCUSSION PERFORMANCE

Chair Gunlock welcomed the Wright State percussion ensemble and noted their success. Chair Gunlock thanked Jerry Noble for the performance.

III. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunlock opened his remarks by stating Wright State has celebrated a stronger bond with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the regional office of the Auditor of State has moved into their new space on campus, the athletics teams were having great seasons, the Model UN team took many awards at their recent conference, and President Sue Edwards has been named Community Leader of the Year in the Who's Who in Dayton Aerospace and Defense for 2023.

Chair Gunlock noted the budgeted deficit has turned into a surplus and student interest in Wright State is at record levels.

Chair Gunlock remarked on the visit by Lt. Governor Jon Husted and the need to continue work to meet the needs of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He stated the University would be the workforce pipeline to the needs of Wright-Patterson.

A. Review Committee

Chair Gunlock appointed Trustee Conway (Chair), Trustee Platt, and Trustee Ebbing to the Presidential Goals Committee to establish to goals for the upcoming academic year.

B. Reports

Chair Gunlock noted that the Advancement, Communications, Foundation, and Marketing written reports as presented to this meeting are accepted and will be contained in the appendix.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Edwards stated that exciting times are at Wright State University. She noted that applications to the University have increased and student engagement has returned.

President Edwards echoed the comments of Chair Gunlock, noting the significant importance of Wright State University's partnership with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She noted the tremendous workforce needs of the Base and noted that a primary component Wright State University's focus will be meeting their needs.

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

Next, I offer 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 23-30

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.

Trustee Grunder moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Platt seconded.

The resolution was unanimously approved (8,0,0).

B. Approval of Research Contracts and Grants

President Edwards highlighted two research grants recently received by the University:

Dr. Sydney Silverstein in the Population and Public Health Sciences department in BSOM obtained an award from Rhode Island Hospital (prime sponsor NIH) (08/15/22 to 7/31/23), \$33,684 entitled "Evaluating the decriminalization of non-prescribed buprenorphine in Rhode Island". The researchers will examine the effects of decriminalization of diverted buprenorphine in a major US metropolitan area through research with both law enforcement and people who use opioids.

Dr. Cogan Shimizu in the Computer Science and Engineering department in CECS obtained an award from Michigan State University (01-01-23 to 12-31-23), \$12,878 entitled "Enslaved: Peoples of the Historical Slave Trade". The purpose of this project is to create mapping between the underlying wikibase data structures and that to a traditional knowledge engineering paradigm.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF RESEARCH CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

RESOLUTION 23-31

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

Trustee Grunder moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Kejriwal seconded.

The resolution was unanimously approved (8,0,0).

V. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

A. Academic and Student Affairs

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

Trustee Conway shared they received a report from Provost Amy Thompson with much good news, including a 95% submission rate for participation rosters and the implementation of multi-term registration, which will assist students in their outside internships and employment as well as the overall retention efforts. Additionally, Trustee Conway shared the committee received an enrollment and retention update from Susan Schauer and Tim Littell, which was followed by a truly impressive research presentation.

Trustee Conway noted the committee approved one resolution to be considered by the full board and offered 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.

The resolution was unanimously approved (8,0,0).

B. Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee

Trustee Fecher, Chair of the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee, shared the report from the previous day.

Trustee Fecher shared the University received a clean audit opinion from the Auditor of State and noted the projected budget surplus. Trustee Fecher noted the surplus was a result of vacant positions and higher than budgeted international enrollment.

Trustee Fecher noted the committee approved one resolution to be considered by the full board and offered the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 23-29

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 up to \$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 and up to \$500,000 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.

Trustee Conway asked moved to divide the approval of contracts into two parts, one for consideration of the agreement with the Wright State Foundation and the other for the remainder of the contracts at \$500,000 or above. Trustee Platt seconded the motion to divide approval. The motion was passed unanimously.

Trustee Fecher moved to approve the Wright State Foundation Contract and Trustee Grunder seconded. The contract was unanimously approved with Trustee Conway abstaining (7,0,0).

Trustee Ferris moved to approve the remaining contracts and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The remaining contracts were unanimously approved (8,0,0).

VI. REPORT OF THE FACULTY PRESIDENT

Dr. Bryan Boyd, President of Faculty Senate, provided the Faculty Senate report. Dr. Boyd noted increased student engagement and noted faculty support for multi-term registration.

Dr. Boyd noted the work being done on the student retention teams, and noted their importance in improving the University retention rate.

VII. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustees Chris Jenkins and Rahul Shah provided the Student Trustee Report.

They both noted exciting events occurring on campus, including the 3 Minute Thesis, Graduate Open

House, and other student activities.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Gunlock announced the Board of Trustees would enter Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION 23-32

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold an Executive Session on February 17, 2023; 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 employment, dismissal, or compensation of a public employee or official pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1); 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 Platt moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Conway seconded.

The resolution was unanimously approved (8,0,0).

IX. RECONVENE

A. Roll Call

Chair Gunlock called for the roll to be called at 11:56 a.m. as the Board of Trustees reconvened. A quorum was present.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Gunlock noted there was no new business before the Board of Trustees.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Grunder moved to adjourn and Trustee Conway seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:59 a.m.