



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 14, 2023

Immediately Following the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

Present: Chair Conway, M. Grunder, R. Kejriwal, J. Thompson, R. Peters, M. Crabtree

Absent: Vice Chair Bucklew, A. Goyal

Guests: P. Kelly, C. Loranger

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Conway called to order the September 14, 2023 at 3:34 p.m.

A. Roll Call

Chair Conway asked the 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:

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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 April 27, 2023 Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

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

The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

A. Opening Remarks from the Committee Chair

Chair Conway greeted and welcomed everyone to the first Academic and Student Affairs committee meeting of the academic year. She first recognized the tremendous amount of work that went into the HLC Focused Visit and the successful result received by the University. She recognized President Edwards, Provost Thompson, Bruce Mackh and the team for their efforts.

Chair Conway reminded that it is incumbent upon faculty and staff to capitalize on the excitement by students and ensure that they have the best experience possible both inside and outside of the classroom. She noted that their success is the University's success.

II. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Provost Thompson shared that it is an exciting time of the year as campus is alive with the next class of Raider students and returning students coming home to campus.

Provost Thompson introduced the new Interim Dean of The Boonshoft School of Medicine, Dr. Gregory Toussaint. Dr. Toussaint joined the Boonshoft School of Medicine in 2005 after a nearly 34-year career with the U.S. Air Force. He is an associate dean for clinical skills education and a member of the Department of Pediatrics. Provost Thompson indicated he will remain in place at least until the completion of the LCME visit in Spring 2025.

Provost Thompson noted the University received final notification from the HLC that Wright State successfully passed the focused visit and have been removed from monitoring and returned to full compliance. She noted the next full comprehensive visit will be August 24-25, 2025.

To ensure that colleges are collectively planning and thinking for future workforce demands as well as beginning to plan the creation of curriculum, Provost Thompson indicated she asked every College Dean to submit an Academic Master Plan by April 1st 2024. This plan asks colleges to project out the next 3-5 years in new courses and programs.

To close her remarks, Provost Thompson highlighted some of the work out of the Provost's Office and in the Colleges to improve the student persistence and retention, and to create a sense of belonging, including the "5 to Finish" initiative and First Year Seminars.

B. Emeritus Requests

Chair Conway thanked Provost Thompson for her report and asked if there were any questions from the committee. Hearing none, Chair Conway asked Provost Thompson to present the Emeritus Request resolution.

Provost Thompson stated that this resolution will grant emeritus status to several faculty members and that emeritus status is granted after 10 years of service to the University.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF EMERITUS REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 24-06

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.

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

Chair Conway introduced Susan Schaurer and Tim Littell to report on enrollment and retention.

Susan Schaurer highlighted the enrollment data for the current academic term, highlighting an increase in student enrollment. Tim Littell noted the various initiatives from the Provost's Office aimed at enhancing the University's retention rate.

IV. PRESENTATION: CENTER FOR FACULTY EXCELLENCE

Dr. Peggy Kelly and Dr. Carol Loranger presented on the Center for Faculty Excellence and ongoing

efforts within the division.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Conway stated there was no New Business before the committee.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kejriwal moved to adjourn and Trustee Peters seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:07 p.m. by a unanimous voice vote.