



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
THREE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-NINTH MEETING
Friday, December 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

- Present:** Chair Gunlock, Vice Chair Platt (Webex), D. Conway, D. Fecher, B. Ferris, M. Grunder, B. Langos, C. Jenkins, R. Shah, B. Bucklew (Webex), A. Goyal, R. Peters, B. Whiteside (Webex)
- Absent:** Secretary Kejriwal
- Guests:** President Edwards, Provost Thompson, B. Kawosa, S. Todd, B. Boyd, B. Rubin

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gunlock called to order the December 9, 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.

B. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2022 Public Session. Trustee Ferris moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Langos seconded. Chair Gunlock asked for any additions, corrections, or deletions, or discussions to the minutes. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously.

II. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunlock greeted everyone for the final meeting of the year. He stated that everyone was getting ready to celebrate the success of Wright State University students who've reached graduation. Chair Gunlock emphasized the importance of putting students first, including the implementation of midterm grades. He noted the President of Student Government sent him a letter thanking the Board, Administration, and Faculty for embracing this idea as many students have found this beneficial to their studies. He reminded everyone that given the strong support by students and the data that demonstrates this practice makes students more successful. Chair Gunlock then thanked the Faculty Senate for their support.

He noted President Edwards continues to place great emphasis on the 3 Rs, highlighting relationships are key to the University's success.

Chair Gunlock highlighted the completion of a License Agreement with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base which will allow base researchers to occupy laboratory space in the NEC. This agreement is unique to the region and gives students first hand access to work side-by-side with base researchers on cutting edge breakthroughs. He stated Wright State will be strengthening its position as an anchor institution to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

Chair Gunlock thanked both Sue Edwards & Greg Sample for the work they did on the License Agreement. They began conversations with Wright-Patterson Air Force personnel over two and a half years ago and noted their persistence in getting it to the finish line. He urged our faculty and students to take advantage of this access to build relationships with AFRL researchers. He is sure this will lead to increased research collaborations that will enhance the mission of the Air Force.

Chair Gunlock stated that the Advancement, Communications, Foundation, and Marketing written reports as presented to this meeting be, and the same hereby are accepted.

III. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Edwards stated that life is back at the university and the widespread excitement around campus. She highlighted the Raider Food Pantry and the recent campus challenge that raised almost \$7,000. President Edwards highlighted various university research initiatives and congratulated the Fall 2022 graduates.

A. Approval of Fall 2022 Graduates

President Edwards offered the graduates and the various degrees as part of the meeting attachments to the Board of Trustees for approval. She told all attendees that over 1,150 students graduating with their Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate degrees.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

RESOLUTION 23-16

RESOLVED that the candidates for degrees for Fall 2022 be, and hereby are confirmed and approved.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Fecher moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Grunder seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

B. 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 23-17

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 for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Grunder moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Langos seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

C. Approval of Contracts and Grants

President Edwards stated that Wright State University has recorded 114 awards totaling \$28,030,467.19 in external funding for the time period of July 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022.

Recent funding received by the University included \$485,718 from National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases to Dr. Clintoria Williams (Neuroscience, Cell Biology and Physiology-SOM department), to identify novel strategies to combat the detrimental cycle of hypertension and kidney damage in early and late stages.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF RESEARCH CONTRACTS AND GRANTS

RESOLUTION 23-18

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

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Fecher moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Grunder seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

Chair Gunlock asked if there were any questions for President Edwards. Hearing none, he thanked President Edwards for her report.

IV. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Dr. Thompson mentioned, that December 1st marked her 6-month arrival date to Wright State and that she is so incredibly proud of what we have already been able to accomplish together in such a short time.

She shared her excitement to continue working and focusing on the three Rs: Recruitment, Relationships, and Retention. She appreciates the Board of Trustees' commitment to these priorities and looks forward to accomplishing more together.

Dr. Thompson gave updates on the active searches for the College of Engineering and Computer Science Dean and the Raj Sooin College of Business Dean.

She announced that this spring, midterm grades in undergraduate courses with a few exceptions such as internships and zero credit courses will occur. This high-impact practice will align us with

many of our peers and will provide our students with the needed feedback and support to help them be successful. She thanked the Student Government and the Faculty Senate for their partnership in providing feedback as this new process was developed.

Dr. Thompson noted the recent launch of college retention committees and a university-wide retention committee. The new committees have convened will work to keep first-year students enrolled, looking at ways to better serve at-risk students, and to improve curricular pedagogy and course schedules to ensure successful completions.

B. Emeritus Requests

Provost Thompson offered a resolution granting emeritus status to several faculty members.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF EMERITUS REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 23-19

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 Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Ferris moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Fecher seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

C. Approval of Academic Reorganization

Provost Thompson gave a presentation on the proposed merging of the Graduate and Honors programs into one college.

Chair Gunlock asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the reorganization.

Trustee Fecher asked for a timetable on the rollout of the new college. Provost Thompson indicated it would be effective in January 2023.

Both student trustees noted their support for the college merger.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

**APPROVAL OF THE COLLEGE OF GRADUATE PROGRAMS AND HONORS STUDIES
REORGANIZATION PLAN**

RESOLUTION 23-20

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has the authority to establish, alter and abolish, and prescribe the principal functions of, major academic divisions, colleges, centers, departments, and professional schools within the University; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends merging the existing units, programs, and personnel within the Graduate School and the Honors Program into a single unit that promotes increased interdisciplinary interaction, research, and shared curriculum; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the proposed organizational change is in the University's best interests; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies is hereby created; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the President is authorized and directed to consolidate the existing functions and personnel of the Graduate School and the Honors Program into the newly-formed College; and be it further

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

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Ferris moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Fecher seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

D. University Remediation Report

Provost Thompson introduced Tim Littell, Associate Vice Provost for Student Success to present the remediation report that will be sent to ODHE by the end of the year.

Tim Littell presented his report on university remediation efforts.

E. Naming of University Facilities

Bill Bigham asked for the board's consideration in the naming of the Veterans and Military Center Champion Garden after Captain Shawn L. English. Captain English was a Wright State Alum that was Killed in Action in Iraq on December 3, 2006. He mentioned that all are grateful for his service and sacrifice for this country and want to permanently remember him on campus.

Chair Gunlock asked if there were any questions for Bill.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE SHAWN L. ENGLISH CHAMPION GARDEN

RESOLUTION 23-21

WHEREAS, The Wright State University Veterans and Military Center (VMC) supports veterans and military-connected students in achieving their educational and professional goals for the last ten years; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University was recently named a Collegiate Purple Star campus, signifying the University's commitment to veterans, military-connected students, and their families; and

WHEREAS, The VMC is constructing the "VMC Champion Garden," an outdoor pergola-style garden that honors student-veterans and those that support them; and

WHEREAS, Captain Shawn L. English commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army on August 20, 1999 after serving as a cadet in the Wright State Army ROTC program; and

WHEREAS, Captain English was killed in action on December 3, 2006 while leading the Military Transition Team in Iraq; and

WHEREAS, the University and the VMC wish to commemorate Captain English's service and sacrifice; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that on behalf of the entire University community, the Board expresses its deepest thanks and appreciation to Captain English and to his loved ones; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the VMC Champion Garden is designated, and shall hereafter be referred to as, the "Captain Shawn L. English Champion Garden."

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Grunder moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Langos seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

V. REPORTS ON FINANCE, AUDIT, GOVERNANCE, AND COMPLIANCE

Trustee Fecher paid tribute to Don Borowy whom passed away on November, 12, 2022. Trustee Fecher recognized Don as a man that approached his job with care and concern for this university. Trustee Fecher noted Don to be a truly remarkable man and is very grateful for all that Don had always done in his service to Wright State University.

Chair Gunlock emphasized Trustee Fecher's comments and offered thoughts and prayers to Don and his family.

A. Finance and Investment Reports

Burhan Kawosa began by thanking Chair Gunlock and Trustee Fecher for their remembrance of Don Borowy. Burhan mentioned that since Don's passing, Sommer, Becky Sparks and others have all worked together to continue Don's work.

Burhan Kawosa and Sommer Todd then presented the Finance and Investment Schedules.

Trustee Fecher mentioned noted him and Burhan were working to improve and provide a new Investment Policy and would seek Board approval in April.

B. Approval of Expenditures

Matt Grushon gave an overview of the proposed contracts and expenditures.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 23-22

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, requiring Board of Trustees approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts exceeding \$250,000 before the Board of Trustees.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Grunder moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Fecher seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

C. Conveyance of University Real Estate

Daniel Palmer stated the University was seeking to utilize undeveloped land at the Lake Campus to create a natural wetland for student learning and enhancement to the water quality of Grand Lake St. Mary's.

Chair Gunlock asked if there were any questions and Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

**CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY TO
GRAND LAKE SAINT MARY'S FACILITIES AUTHORITY**

RESOLUTION 23-23

WHEREAS, the Wright State University Board of Trustees owns a parcel of real property in Mercer County, Ohio, known as the Mercer County Auditor's Parcel No. 09-03-176-001, which includes approximately 10 acres (the "Parcel") directly south of the Agriculture and Water Quality Education Center at the Lake Campus; and

WHEREAS, Grand Lake Saint Mary's has been the focus of significant environmental restoration efforts since 2013 as a result of an excessive algal bloom which can be mitigated with wetlands in the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Lake Saint Mary's Facilities Authority desires to permanently acquire a portion of the Parcel for construction of a wetlands area that will support the environment and serve as an outdoor teaching laboratory; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the Parcel is unsuitable for improvement or use, and not required for the University's current or anticipated future expansion; therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees authorizes the President, or her designee, to convey to the Authority that portion of the Parcel the President deems adequate for the said development, on commercially reasonable terms the President deems consistent to previous wetlands projects in the region and in the University's best interests; 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 for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Fecher moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Grunder seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

D. Wright Tuition Guarantee

Burhan Kawosa stated this is a routine item in December to allow the University to begin establishing tuition and fees for the next cohort, with Board approval to follow in the June budget meeting.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2024 UNDERGRADUATE TUITION, FEE, AND RATES

RESOLUTION 23-24

WHEREAS, in accordance with state law, Wright State University offers students the “Wright Guarantee Tuition Program,” under which tuition, fees, and rates may change only once per cohort year, and in an amount proportional to the rate of inflation; and

WHEREAS, any such adjustments require prior Board approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees delegates authority and discretion to the President, or her designee, to set final tuition rates, room rates, and meal plan rates, and any other charges for Cohort Group 6, effective Fall Semester 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED that in addition to any market-based changes, the said rates and charges may also include, in the discretion of the President, an inflationary change not to exceed that amount authorized by law; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, with provide a final report to the Board of Trustees on 2023-2024 tuition and fee rates, room rates, and meal plan rates at the June 2023 Budget Presentation; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President or her designee is authorized and directed to take and perform all other lawful actions reasonably necessary in order to effectuate the Board’s directives herein.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Ferris moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Grunder seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

VI. APPROVAL OF THE UNIVERSITY BRIDGE STRATEGIC PLAN

President Edwards gave a presentation on the proposed Bridge Strategic Plan and recommended the Board adopt the plan through 2025.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF BRIDGE STRATEGIC PLAN

RESOLUTION 23-25

WHEREAS, President Sue Edwards initiated a Bridge Strategic Planning process to guide the University in the changing educational landscape impacted by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the University has identified five institutional objectives: (1) Student Success – Transformational Student Experience; (2) Advancing Knowledge through Research, Entrepreneurship, and Creative Endeavors; (3) Forging and Sustaining Strong, Collaborative Relationships; (4) Inclusive Excellence; and (5) Resource Management and Sustainable Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, over 70 members of the campus community, including students, staff, faculty, and members of the Board of Trustees, collaboratively drafted strategies to achieve those objectives; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends adoption of the Bridge Strategic Plan, which she feels offers innovative ideas to build upon the existing strengths of the University while emphasizing the importance of students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board finds the 2023-2025 Bridge Strategic Plan responsive to the Board's directives to the President, and in the University's best interest; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, is authorized to implement the Bridge Strategic Plan into University operations; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Plan, incorporated in the Board's meeting materials, is hereby endorsed and approved.

Chair Gunlock asked for a motion to adopt the resolution.

Trustee Grunder moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Ferris seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (7,0,0).

VII. REPORT OF THE FACULTY PRESIDENT

Dr. Boyd began by thanking the Board for streaming the Public meetings. He expressed his excitement for the Fall 2022 graduating class.

Dr. Boyd noted micro-credential programs and the need for a policy, which will be approved by Faculty Senate in January 2023.

VIII. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEES

Trustee Shah described the cultural events going on around campus. He noted the significant increase in campus events and student involvement and expressed hope this trend would continue upward.

Trustee Jenkins noted Raidersgiving and the Reynolds & Reynolds donation as very successful events on campus. He highlighted the University's commitment to accessibility, and drew attention to the

replacement of pavers across campus to better serve students.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dr. Rubin thanked Chair Gunlock and shared with everyone that both of his daughters are Wright State University graduates. He stated that both the Union and the Board have common goals for the University's success. He expressed optimism for the upcoming negotiations between the University and the AAUP-WSU.

Chair Gunlock thanked Dr. Rubin for his comments and expressed hope for all to ask themselves how they can serve the University.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Gunlock stated there was no New Business before the Board.

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 10:47 a.m.