



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Thursday, April 27, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Dicke Hall, Lake Campus

MINUTES

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

Absent:

Guests: President Edwards, Provost Thompson, S. Schaurer, T. Littell,
J. Denniston, B. Hersman, M. Sexton, G. Crawford, G. Schmidt
M. Raymer

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Conway called to order the April 27, 2023, meeting at 1:30 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:

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 February 17, 2023 Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting.

Trustee Kejriwal moved to approve and Trustee Bucklew 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 greeted and welcomed everyone to the final Academic and Student Affairs committee meeting of the academic year. She reminded the campus community of the many accomplishments this past year, including the startup of the aviation program and all of the work that has gone into developing the curriculum.

Chair Conway added that the Board of Trustees have placed a great emphasis on elevating the retention rate which will continue into the upcoming academic year. Additionally, she mentioned that Susan Schaurer and her team were focused on growing enrollment while Provost Thompson and her team would hold the responsibility for improving our retention rate.

Chair Conway stated that she is pleased that some of the initial efforts such as multi-term registration and participation rosters, allowing the University to have the ability to intervene earlier to remove student success barriers.

Chair Conway concluded by congratulating the Spring Class of 2023 and recognized Provost Thompson for her report.

II. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Provost Thompson shared that earlier in the week, the University completed the Higher Learning Commission Focused Visit and thanked Vice Provost Bruce Mackh and Carl Brun for their tireless work in helping complete the response document and to organize the visit. She also thanked all who were part of the meetings with the site visit team.

Provost Thompson noted several new and exciting programs, including a B.A. in Modern Languages that combines two existing programs into one degree, an M.S. in Data Science, an A.A.S. in Aviation Science and Technology and a B.S. in Aviation Science and Technology. She also noted that a minor in Aviation Studies is also being added but does not require board approval.

Provost Thompson shared the creation of the new Medical Scholars Program. The Wright State University Medical Scholars program is a collaboration between the University and Boonshoft School of Medicine to attract top performing, academically gifted, high school students with a desire to attend medical school to Wright State. Provost Thompson explained that this program will provide students a pathway that will include opportunities for academic enhancements, research, mentorship, and exposure to the discipline of medicine, and provides an opportunity for early interviews and acceptance to medical school at BSOM. She shared that the program will be co-led by the newly created and centralized Pre-health Professions Center in the Provost's office and the BSOM Admissions office. The Pre-Health Professions Center will also assist with creating on-ramps to other allied health programs such as nursing and other programs under development. The Medical Scholars program and this new Pre-Health Professions Center will be a game changer for us.

Provost Thompson stated that Microcredentials are one way we can be a leader in workforce development in the region and in the state. She noted that, in partnership with the faculty senate, Wright State created a policy and a process to create microcredential opportunities at Wright State. She further shared that two Microcredentials courses will be offered starting in fall 2023; the Six Sigma Green Belt and Introduction to the User Experience and Design Thinking. Both of these credentials were designed in alignment with the new Intel Plant coming to Ohio.

Provost Thompson then discussed the University retention efforts, noting that

her team had been working diligently on reducing the D, F, W rates. The university retention committee has identified 34 key courses that colleges will be focusing on improving student outcomes.

Provost Thompson closed her remarks by discussing the University's Mental Health Task Force. She mentioned that this group continues to grow in force and numbers and that mental health is a leading cause for students to drop out of school. She shared that the University launched a new "Wright State Cares" link that will be located on all webpages, allowing faculty and staff to quickly fill out a report that will trigger a follow-up with a team member from the Office of Student Advocacy and Wellness or University Staff.

Provost Thompson concluded her report by congratulating the Spring Class of 2023.

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 23-33

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 Bucklew seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

C. Approval of Program Deactivations and Terminations

Chair Conway asked Provost Thompson to present the Program Deactivation and Terminations.

Provost Thompson shared that a Program Deactivation is a temporary suspension of a program that remains an approved program but does not admit new students while a Program Termination is a complete discontinuation of a program. Each of the submitted programs are being recommended for either suspension or termination due to a lack of demand by the students.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF PROGRAM SUSPENSIONS AND TERMINATIONS RESOLUTION 23-34

WHEREAS, University policy permits suspension or termination of academic programs with concurrence of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the President and Faculty have recommended the suspension or termination of programs as submitted to this meeting; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the program suspensions and terminations as submitted to the Board of Trustees are hereby approved.

Chair Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session.

Trustee Ebbing offered the motion and Trustee Kejriwal seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

D. Approval of New Programs

Chair Conway asked Provost Thompson to present the Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages.

Provost Thompson indicated the program was a merger of two existing programs (French & Spanish).

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF BACHELOR OF ARTS IN MODERN LANGUAGES

RESOLUTION 23-35

WHEREAS, Wright State University is a regional workforce development hub, tasked with educating the needed workforce for the Dayton region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, there exists a significant foreign language teacher shortage as demand for bilingual employees is expected to increase significantly; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is proposing a new Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages by merging both the French and Spanish BA programs within the College of Liberal Arts to help meet the significant workforce needs and increase efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, the program of study associated with this degree will provide practical training in Modern Languages that employers in Ohio and the United States desire; and

WHEREAS, the program has been approved by the Faculty Senate and the Provost; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Bachelor of Arts in Modern Languages as submitted to the meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed.

Chair Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Bucklew seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

Chair Conway introduced Dr. Mike Raymer and Dr. Thomas Wischgoll to present the proposed Master of Science in Data Science program.

Dr. Raymer presented the new program proposal.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF MASTER OF SCIENCE IN DATA SCIENCE

RESOLUTION 23-36

WHEREAS, Wright State University is a regional workforce development hub, tasked with educating the needed workforce for the Dayton region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, there exists a significant need of individuals specializing in data science, with significant needs for Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and the region; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is proposing a new Master of Science in Data Science within the College of Engineering and Computer Science to help meet the significant workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the program of study associated with this degree will provide practical training in data science that employers in Ohio and the United States desire; and

WHEREAS, the program has been approved by the Faculty Senate and the Provost; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Master of Science in Data Science as submitted to the meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed.

Chair Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Bucklew seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

Dr. Jim Denniston and Dr. Beth Hersman were introduced by Chair Conway and asked to present the proposed Associate and Bachelor degrees in Aviation.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN AVIATION AND
TECHNOLOGY**

RESOLUTION 23-37

WHEREAS, the Wright Brothers, namesakes of Wright State University, were the pioneers of aviation; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is a regional workforce development hub, tasked with educating the needed workforce for the Dayton region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, there exists a significant need of pilots nationwide with estimates indicating a need of 60,000 additional pilots by the end of the decade; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is proposing a new Associate of Applied Science in Aviation and Technology within the College of Health Education and Human Services to help meet the significant workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the program of study associated with this degree will provide practical training in Aviation Technology that airline employers in Ohio and the United States desire; and

WHEREAS, the program has been approved by the Faculty Senate and the Provost; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Associate of Applied Science in Aviation and Technology as submitted to the meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed.

Chair Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Ebbing seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

Chair Conway asked the secretary to read the next resolution.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN AVIATION AND TECHNOLOGY
RESOLUTION 23-38**

WHEREAS, the Wright Brothers, namesakes of Wright State University, were the pioneers of aviation; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is a regional workforce development hub, tasked with educating the needed workforce for the Dayton region and beyond; and

WHEREAS, there exists a significant need of pilots nationwide with estimates indicating a need of 60,000 additional pilots by the end of the decade; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University is proposing a new Bachelor of Science in Aviation and Technology within the College of Health Education and Human Services to help meet the significant workforce needs; and

WHEREAS, the program of study associated with this degree will provide practical training in Aviation Technology that airline employers in Ohio and the United States desire; and

WHEREAS, the program has been approved by the Faculty Senate and the Provost; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Bachelor of Science in Aviation and Technology as submitted to the meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed.

Chair Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Bucklew seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

Chair Gunlock thanked Dr. Denniston and his team for their work on the Aviation Program.

III. CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE

Chair Conway asked President Edwards to present the honorary degree for consideration by the Board.

President Susan Edwards presented the nomination for Sarah Hackenbracht's honorary degree.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DOCTORATE DEGREE TO SARAH HACKENBRACHT

RESOLUTION 23-39

WHEREAS, in recognition of outstanding individual achievement, service, and contributions to the University and the community, the University may award the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University Alumna Sarah Hackenbracht, who holds both a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Master of Public Administration, has been nominated for the degree; and

WHEREAS, during her time as a student, Sarah was an integral member of the University community, and brought distinction to it through her participation in the award-winning Model United Nations team; and

WHEREAS, since graduating, Sarah has been a community and business leader, whose many accolades attest to her service and successes, including among others the Dayton Business Journal 40 under 40, Dayton Business Journal Power 50, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Honorary Commander, and Leadership Dayton Leader of the Year awards; and

WHEREAS, Sarah serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association, and held that position during the height of the COVID-19 Pandemic. During those unprecedented times, Sarah managed the region's response to the public health emergency, and coordinated the efforts of 29 area hospitals and health systems across 11 counties. Her extraordinary efforts served over one million Ohioans and unquestionably saved lives; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board finds that Sarah has been duly nominated for the Doctor of Humane Letters, the President concurs in the nomination, and Sarah is otherwise eligible and worthy of the honor; and be it further

RESOLVED, in recognition of outstanding individual achievement, service, and contributions, the Board authorizes and directs the President to confer the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon Sarah Hackenbracht at the 2023 Spring Semester Commencement Exercises.

Chair Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Bucklew seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

IV. RECOGNITION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

Chair Conway introduced the final actionable item before the committee for the afternoon; a resolution recognizing the achievements of the President and Vice President of the Student Government Association.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP

RESOLUTION 23-40

WHEREAS, Blake Bailey and Alaina Collins were selected by the Wright State Student Body to serve as their president and vice president for the 2022-2023 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Blake Bailey and Alaina Collins have demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in their roles in the Student Government Association; and

WHEREAS, Blake Bailey and Alaina Collins have served with distinction as advocates of the Wright State Student Body; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees recognizes the achievements and contributions of Blake Bailey and Alaina Collins.

Chair Conway asked for a motion to move the resolution to the Public Session.

Trustee Kejriwal offered the motion and Trustee Ebbing seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (7,0,0).

V. REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION

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

Susan Schaurer the enrollment data for the upcoming academic year and Provost Thompson shared insight on the participation rosters, progress reports, and mid-term grades.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Kejriwal moved to adjourn and Trustee Grunder seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m. by a unanimous voice vote.