



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
THREE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THIRD MEETING
Friday, June 16, 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, B. Langos, C. Jenkins, R. Shah, B. Bucklew, A. Goyal, R. Peters, B. Whiteside

Absent: M. Grunder

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gunlock called to order the June 16, 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 with nine members 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

Vice Chair Platt moved approve the minutes of the April 28, 2023 Public Session and Secretary Kejriwal seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by a voice vote.

II. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Gunlock requested the Board move into Executive Session pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G).

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

EXECUTIVE SESSION RESOLUTION 23-52

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold an Executive Session on June 16, 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 appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, 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).

Secretary Kejriwal moved to approve the resolution and Vice Chair Platt seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

III. RECONVENE

A. Roll Call

The Board of Trustees, at the calling of Chair Gunlock reconvened at 11:43 a.m. Chair Gunlock asked the Secretary to call the roll and a quorum was present.

IV. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunlock shared that it is important the University continues to remain fiscally responsible while focusing limited resources on enrollment and retention. Chair Gunlock stated that several Trustees met with Governor DeWine to discuss items facing higher education and Governor DeWine was complimentary towards Wright State. He indicated that while the state budget remains in process, Wright State stands to receive funding for several new projects as well as increased funding for some existing programs and he thanked the hard work of the administrative team.

Chair Gunlock concluded by recommending the Board continue special committees for another year due to the ongoing projects. These committees include: Medicine and Health, Intercollegiate Athletics and Campus Recreation, and Aerospace and Defense.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION 23-53

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 2 of the Wright State Board of Trustees provides that special committees shall not exist for more than two years unless an extension is approved by the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, ongoing strategic initiatives of the University require the continuation of current special committees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the continuation of the Special Committees on Medicine and Health; Athletics and Campus Recreation; and Aerospace and Defense through June 30, 2024.

Secretary Kejriwal moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

V. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Chair Gunlock recognized Susan Schaurer to present the proposed the out-of-state surcharge waiver.

Ms. Schaurer shared that the surcharge waiver would assist students displaced due to war, conflict, or disaster.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF OUT-OF-STATE SURCHARGE WAIVER FOR STUDENTS DISPLACED DUE TO WAR, CONFLICT, OR DISASTER

RESOLUTION 23-54

WHEREAS, state law permits the Board to waive tuition for a particular student or any class of students when the waiver is approved by the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, the Chancellor has authorized institutions of higher education to waive out-of-state surcharge for students displaced due to war, conflict, or disaster, provided that they follow state and federal guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the University desires to offer the said waiver to this group of students; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the University shall, contingent upon the Chancellor's concurrence, waive all but \$1 of the out-of-state tuition surcharge, per academic term, for students who demonstrate that they are displaced due to war, conflict, or disaster; and be it further

RESOLVED that this waiver shall expire on June 30, 2025, unless revoked earlier by the Board or preempted by applicable laws or regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Secretary (or their designee) is authorized and directed to inform the Chancellor that this Resolution has been adopted, to request the Chancellor's approval of the proposed waiver, and to transmit all documentation reasonably requested by the Chancellor in order review and approve the proposed waiver.

Vice Chair Platt moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Fecher seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

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

Ms. Todd and Mr. Kawosa presented the Finance and Investment reports to the Board.

After the Finance and Investment reports presentation, Trustee Fecher and Mr. Kawosa discussed the changes in the proposed University Investment Policy.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

AMENDING THE UNIVERSITY INVESTMENT POLICY

RESOLUTION 23-55

WHEREAS, the University has a current investment policy for the Wright State University Board of Trustees to direct the prudent investment of the University's Investment Fund, and

WHEREAS, the University has identified certain modifications to the investment program which are incorporated in the attached modified policy; and

WHEREAS, the modified policy further reinforces the principles of liquidity and capital preservation; and

WHEREAS, the modified policy states the University will primarily take a conservative approach to its investment program in order to maintain a level of financial assets sufficient to fund operations; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the attached Investment Policy Statement dated June 16, 2023 as amended in this meeting be approved; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes Resolution 17-17.

Trustee Fecher moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

Chair Gunlock invited Matt Grushon to present the proposed contracts for approval.

Mr. Matt Grushon presented the contracts for Board approval.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 23-56

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.

Secretary Kejriwal moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Ebbing seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

VII. PRESENTATION OF THE 2023-2024 UNIVERSITY BUDGET

Mr. Sample and Mr. Kawosa presented the FY 2024 proposed budget (Presentation on Board Website).

Chair Gunlock asked about the number of programs the University currently offers and where that

compares to peer institutions. Both Provost Thompson and Ms. Schaurer indicated the University has approximately 350 programs, which is significantly higher than Wright State's peers. Dr. Thompson shared that around 105 programs have low enrollments.

Secretary Kejriwal shared that 350 programs also seemed high to him and questioned the fiscal impact to the University.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

ADOPTION OF THE FY 2024 UNIVERSITY OPERATING BUDGET

RESOLUTION 23-57

WHEREAS, the University's current funds budget has been developed within a framework of fiscal stewardship to deliver student success; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning within the University and with key stakeholders has been accomplished; and

WHEREAS, the University has developed a budget plan to guide operations and expenditures aligned with anticipated revenues to support the University's Mission, Vision and Values; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the President may authorize expenditures within the overall budget plan, limit the expenditures of funds within any given category, transfer funds within the major budget categories, and take such other actions as may be in the interest of the University; and be it further

RESOLVED that the University's current funds budget as described in the accompanying schedules and tables now before the Board of Trustees be and, hereby are approved.

Secretary Kejriwal moved to approve the resolution and Vice Chair Platt seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

Secretary Kejriwal stated that with conversations during the Budget presentation, particularly the fact that the university has approximately 350 programs, it was clear that an evaluation was needed on what programs Wright State offers to its students. He added that it was very important that the University is offering, and making strategic investments, in programs that are in demand and needed by the regional workforce and students. Secretary Kejriwal indicated the success of the students is the number one priority.

Given this, Secretary Kejriwal stated the Board should empower leadership to begin an academic program review.

Secretary Kejriwal moved to charge University Leadership with completing a thorough evaluation of the University's academic programs. He added the review should identify their relative effectiveness, efficiency, and alignment with the University mission and student success, supporting the Bridge

Strategic Plan. Secretary Kejriwal added that this report should be presented to the Board of Trustees at the December Board meeting.

Chair Gunlock asked if December was enough time for Dr. Thompson to provide the report to the Board and Provost Thompson indicated it was sufficient time to complete the report.

Vice Chair Platt seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, Trustee Fecher moved to adjourn the meeting and Secretary Kejriwal seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.