



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 15, 2024

Immediately Following the Public Session

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

Present: Chair Conway, Vice Chair Bucklew (Webex), R. Kejriwal, J. Thompson, R. Peters, M. Crabtree

Absent: M. Grunder, A. Goyal

Guests: President Edwards, Provost Thompson, S. Schaurer, G. Schmidt, A. Buchheit, A. Seigriest, W. Haas

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Conway called to order the February 15, 2024 meeting at 4:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

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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B. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Trustee Peters moved to approve and Trustee Kejriwal 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 Academic and Student Affairs committee meeting. She started by reminding everyone that Student Success is the University's top priority and emphasized the importance of retention rates.

Chair Conway mentioned that the new workload policy is an equitable approach that prioritizes the success of the students and aligns Wright State with similar regional Universities.

Chair Conway thanked the members of the Review Committee on Academic Efficiency and Effectiveness for their work.

Finally, Chair Conway concluded her opening remarks by recognizing Tim Littell for his service to the University in the Division of Student Success and welcomed him to his new role in University Advancement.

II. PRESENTATION: STUDENT RESEARCH

Chair Conway welcomed Dr. Gary Schmidt, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, who introduced Mr. Will Haas, Chief of Exhibits at the National Museum United States Air Force. Mr. Haas oversaw an internship with two Masters of Public History students from Wright State University: Mr. Alexander Buchheit and Mr. Alexander Seigriest.

Mr. Buchheit and Mr. Seigriest shared their work redesigning the Wright Brothers exhibit at the National Museum of the Air Force and their work alongside the Wright State University archives.

Chair Conway thanked Mr. Buchheit and Mr. Seigriest for their presentation and recognized Provost Thompson for the report on Academic Affairs.

III. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Provost Thompson began by celebrating the members of faculty that were recognized on February 1, 2024 with the newly created Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activities Award, which celebrates and recognizes the achievements of faculty in both STEM and the arts and humanities, along with the Public Impact Recognition Award, which celebrates the critical importance of impactful research in our local communities. The awardees were:

Public Impact Recognition Award recipients:

- **Lee Hannah**, Professor, Political Science, College of Liberal Arts
- **Stephen Jacquemin**, Professor, Biology, Lake Campus
- **Matt Sherwood**, Research Associate Professor, Neuroscience, Cell Biology, and Physiology, Boonshoft School of Medicine and College of Science and Mathematics
- **Karen Wonders**, Professor, Kinesiology and Health, College of Health, Education, and Human Services

Outstanding Scholarly and Creative Activities Award recipients:

- **Sherif Elbasiouny**, Professor, Neuroscience, Cell Biology, and Physiology, Boonshoft School of Medicine and College of Science and Mathematics, and Professor, Biomedical, Industrial, and Human Factors Engineering, College of Engineering and Computer Science
- **Erin Flanagan**, Professor, English, College of Liberal Arts
- **Allen Hunt**, Professor, Physics, College of Science and Mathematics
- **Anand Jeyaraj**, Professor of Information Systems, Raj Soin College of Business
- **Donovan Miyasaki**, Professor, Philosophy, College of Liberal Arts
- **Corey Seemiller**, Professor, Leadership Studies in Education and Organizations, College of Health, Education, and Human Services
- **Kunal Swani**, Professor, Marketing, Raj Soin College of Business
- **Clintoria Williams**, Associate Professor, Neuroscience, Cell Biology, and Physiology, Boonshoft School of Medicine and College of Science and Mathematics
- **Amir Zadeh**, Professor, Management Information Systems, Raj Soin College of Business

Provost Thompson shared the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies hosted their Graduate Programs Open House which had over 80 students and 145 guests in attendance.

Provost Thompson stated the internal dean search has kicked off for the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies and added additional searches are ongoing for the Dean position in the Raj Soin College of Business and the Associate Vice President of Student Success.

Provost Thompson, along with Vice Provost Carol Loranger, presented the new workload policy at Wright State University. Dr. Loranger indicated the new policy aligns Wright State University with similar regional universities.

Next, Chair Conway recognized President Edwards to present the Academic Efficiency and Effectiveness Review report.

President Edwards began by thanking Dean Shu Schiller for her role as interim dean for the College of Graduate Programs and Honors Studies and wished her well in her new role.

President Edwards shared that Provost Thompson had been charged with conducting a review of each program at the University at the Budget meeting in June 2023. President Edwards reported the Executive Committee of the Academic Efficiency and Effectiveness Review recommended 34 programs for deactivation. President Edwards shared that she concurs with the findings of the Executive Committee and recommended the University complete the deactivation and termination process in time to allow for Board approval at the April meeting.

Chair Conway charged Provost Thompson to complete the University deactivation process by the end of April, allowing the Board to give final approval at the April meetings.

IV. REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION

Ms. Susan Schaurer, Vice President of Enrollment Management, presented the enrollment management report, highlighting an increase in College Credit Plus students at Wright State University and providing an update on the challenges with FAFSA due to the federal government overhaul of the program.

Provost Thompson presented the retention report, sharing that fall to spring retention increased from 83% to 85%. She shared that midterm grades, mentoring, and multiterm registration have resulted in positive outcomes.

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 5:15 p.m.