



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Immediately Following the Public Session

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

Minutes

Present: Chair Ebbing, Vice Chair Peters, B. Bucklew, A. Goyal, E. Miller, J. Thompson, E. Vaught

Absent:

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ebbing called to order the December 11, 2025 meeting at 3:10 pm and welcomed everyone.

A. Roll Call

Chair Ebbing asked the Secretary, Daniel Palmer, to call the roll. A quorum was present. Chair Ebbing 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

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

The minutes were unanimously approved.

C. Opening Remarks from the Committee Chair

Chair Ebbing began his remarks by acknowledging the important work that had taken place over the past several months as part of the Academic Effectiveness and Efficiency Committee. He noted the University completed a full review of all academic programs, as required by Senate Bill 1. He added that work led to several needed program updates, some program mergers, and the closure of a few low-enrolled programs.

Chair Ebbing stated that to help guide this next phase, the committee would be asking the provost, working with the academic deans, to develop an academic master plan. He added this plan should support innovation, make sure the graduates are prepared for the jobs and careers growing in the area, and include educational practices that help students succeed and stay on track to graduate.

II. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Provost Denniston began his remarks by highlighting the University Honors Program, including their Fall Graduate Recognition Ceremony. Provost Denniston noted the rollout of Coursera for Campus that including courses for faculty, staff, and students to enroll in for upskilling opportunities. Provost Denniston indicated the Office of the Provost would be conducting an Academic Master Plan, which would highlight an Academic Program Review, Strategic Academic Program Innovation, Collaborative Partnerships, and Resource Optimization and Sustainability.

B. Academic and Program Changes

Provost Denniston noted that as part of our continuous review of programs with low enrollment, there were 19 programs recommended for inactivation and 167 courses recommended for deactivation. He added that the University had completed the inactivation and deactivation processes for these programs and courses, including receiving faculty senate approval.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution

APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC AND PROGRAM CHANGES

RESOLUTION 26-25

WHEREAS, University policy permits changes to academic programs with concurrence of the Board of Trustees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the proposed academic and program changes as submitted to the Board of Trustees are hereby approved.

Trustee Miller moved to approve the resolution and Vice Chair Peters seconded. The resolution was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

C. Approval of American Civic Literacy Course Exemptions in Compliance with State Law

Provost Denniston presented the Civic Literacy Course exemptions policy as required by law.

Secretary Palmer read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF THE CIVIC LITERACY COURSE EXEMPTION CONDITIONS

RESOLUTION 26-25

WHEREAS, Section 3345.382(D)(3) of the Revised Code requires each state institution of higher education to adopt a resolution specifying the conditions under which the institution's president, or their designee, may exempt a student from the Civic Literacy course requirement; and

WHEREAS, Wright State University reaffirms its commitment to implementing the Civic Literacy requirement in accordance with state law and the directives of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University American Civic Literacy Plan, including exemption conditions for the Civic Literacy course requirement, as submitted to this meeting is hereby approved and shall be codified in the University's policy register; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution and adopted policy to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Trustee Goyal moved to approve the resolution and Vice Chair Peters seconded. The resolution was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote (7,0,0).

III. REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT

Ms. Susan Schaurer, Vice President for Enrollment Management, began her remarks highlighting the application trends for Fall 2026, with applications and admits seeing a significant increase. She noted particular increases in Computer Engineering, Nursing, Cybersecurity, and Engineering Programs.

IV. REPORTS ON RETENTION AND STUDENT SUCCESS

Dr. Laura Luehrmann, Vice Provost for Student Success, provided the University update on student retention (Powerpoint in the meeting attachments).

V. PRESENTATION: STUDENT-ATHLETE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Jahi McDonald, a junior on the Track and Field team, provided a presentation on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (Powerpoint in the meeting attachments).

VI. PRESENTATION: WORK FORWARD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Dr. Darryl Ahner, Dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science, presented on the Work Forward Internship Program (Powerpoint in the meeting attachments).

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Ebbing stated there was no new business before the committee.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Peters moved to adjourn and Trustee Goyal seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.