



WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

Present: Chair Conway, Vice Chair Kejriwal, B. Bucklew, A. Goyal, R. Shah

Absent: M. Grunder, B. Montgomery

Guests: President Edwards, Provost Thompson, S. Schaurer, M. Rich

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Conway called to order the September 15, 2022 meeting at 2:30 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 the April 29, 2022 Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Trustee Goyal 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 welcomed everyone to the first Academic and Student Affairs committee meeting of the 2022 – 2023 academic year. She shared that during this year's committee meetings, they are going to place a stronger focus on student enrollment and retention while continuously emphasizing unique, student centric ideas. She expressed excitement to have Provost Amy Thompson leading academic affairs and looked forward to the many new ideas.

II. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Dr. Thompson began by introducing Dr. Wafa Hozien, Vice Provost of Academic Affairs, and Dr. Bruce Mackh, Vice Provost for Assessment and Chief Accreditation Officer. She shared that Dr. Mackh will be extremely integral in the Higher Learning Commission's focus visit this spring.

Dr. Thompson shared that she has made numerous policy changes that will positively impact student success and retention over time. Many of the high impact changes are centered around the students and come with approval from the Student Government Association. She shared the following updates:

Midterm Grading

In an effort to identify at risk students and assisting those that may be struggling academically, the University has implemented Midterm Grading at the halfway point of the semester to give students an understanding of their academic performance. This also allows faculty to intervene and help these students perform better academically.

Student Government unanimously endorsed this measure which is a key component of the University's strategic goals to increase student retention, reduce equity gaps, and maintain enrollments.

Multiple-Term Registration

Multiple-term registration allows for students to register for courses for an entire academic year at one time. A multiple-term registration allows students to plan their internships and jobs for the entire year, making it easier for students to remain employed during the academic year. Student Government passed a resolution endorsing this plan, which will help improve our student retention.

Other benefits include:

- The improvement of the advising experience
- Provides more time for outreach to students who are not enrolled for both semesters
- Offers a more seamless integrated student experience
- Encourages completion of a degree in a more reasonable amount of time by providing a comprehensive look at an academic year, thus allowing for optimal credit hour scheduling
- Allows students to see the long-term plan and faculty to plan their professional and personal schedules for the whole year

DEI Statement for New Hires

Inclusive Excellence is something Wright State strives for. Many Universities have adopted policies requiring faculty DEI statements as part of the faculty application process and now our university is one of those institutions as well.

New College Reports Process

Recently, a new annual college report was launched with the college deans that asked them to set yearly goals and to monitor and respond to data in the areas of student success, retention, enrollment, research activity, faculty staff and alumni engagement, fiscal positioning and efficiencies, and enhancing reputation and engagement. This new process will promote transparency and accountability. This annual report will also inform the new annual deans evaluation process that is being launched.

Annual Evaluation Process

Historically, each dean is evaluated every five years per the CBA. Dr. Thompson is adding this process to ensure our deans are fully equipped with feedback and data to help them be successful.

Under this new process, each dean will be evaluated annually based on a reflection tied to their annual goals and college report. In year three, they will undergo a 360 evaluation and in year four a survey will be given to their faculty and staff to assess their leadership. Year five evaluation will remain as currently required by the CBA.

Changes to Curricular Process

Dr. Thompson shared she has worked closely with the faculty senate executive committee, chairs of the curricular committees, the registrar, and the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success to make some improvements to the curricular process. They have added several steps such as the requiring of a market analysis and fiscal impact prior to any curricular programs, minors or certificates leaving the department for review. They will also have the Vice Provost of Assessment and Accreditation reviewing all student learning outcomes to assist with strengthening them and our HLC review process.

Participation Rosters

Dr. Thompson's final report was a celebration of the huge success in the progress towards the student participation rosters. She thanked the faculty who worked hard to produce nearly an 88% campus compliance rate. She also recognized Lake Campus and Vice Provost Faber who were at a 98% compliance rate.

B. Emeritus Requests

Provost Thompson then shared the first resolution before the committee was a resolution granting emeritus status to several faculty members. Emeritus status is granted after 10 years of service to the University.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF EMERITUS REQUESTS

RESOLUTION 23-01

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, Ava Chamberlain, Kathryn Easterday, Sharon Farra, Douglas Lehrer, Phan Loi, Anna Lyon, Dean Parmalee, Steen Pedersen, Drew Pringle, Brenda Roman, and Christine Sitko 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 offered the motion and Trustee Goyal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (6,0,0)

C. FY22 Affordability and Efficiency Report

Provost Thompson shared that second resolution concerns the Affordability and Efficiency Report.

Section 3345.12 of the Revised Code requires Universities to review university practices with an emphasis on improving operational efficiencies. This year, the University placed great emphasis on cost savings measures for our students.

Provost Thompson stated that the final FY22 report will be sent to the Ohio Department of Higher Education as required by law.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2022 AFFORDABILITY AND EFFICIENCY REPORT

RESOLUTION 23-02

WHEREAS, Section 3345.12 of the Revised Code requires that all Boards of Trustees for each state institution of higher education develop an efficiency review of the institution based on the recommendations of the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the review considers Efficiencies; Academic Processes; Policy Reforms; and Cost Savings, Redeployment of Savings, and Tangible Benefits to Students; and

WHEREAS, not later than September 30, 2022 each state institution of higher education shall submit the reports required under this section to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the attached Wright State University Affordability and Efficiency Report as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution and report to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education no later than September 30, 2022.

Chair Conway offered the motion and Vice Chair Kejriwal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (6,0,0)

D. Duplicative Programs and Low Enrollment Report

Provost Thompson shared that the State of Ohio requires public universities to evaluate their program and course offerings every five years based on enrollment and duplication with nearby universities. Each low enrollment course and program identified has been given a specific action to increase

enrollment, which can include changing method of delivery, adjusting the time it is offered, merging with similar courses, etc.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE DUPLICATIVE PROGRAMS AND LOW ENROLLMENT REPORT

RESOLUTION 23-03

WHEREAS, Section 3345.35 of the Revised Code requires that Boards of Trustees for each state institution of higher education evaluate all courses and programs the institution offers based on enrollment and duplication of courses and programs with nearby universities; and

WHEREAS, the evaluation of programs and courses results in recommended actions, which includes eliminating offerings, reducing number of sections offered, change course offering times, collaborating with other institutions, or other actions deemed necessary to increase student enrollment; and

WHEREAS, not later than September 30, 2022, each state institution of higher education shall submit the reports required under this section to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the attached Wright State University Duplicative Programs and Low Enrollment Report as submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby is endorsed; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees directs the Secretary to transmit a copy of this resolution and report to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education no later than September 30, 2022.

Chair Conway offered the motion and Trustee Goyal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (6,0,0).

E. Naming of University Facilities

Provost Thompson stated that during the University's Rise. Shine. Campaign, Mr. Bullock contributed \$1 Million to renovate the lower level of the engineering building. In this space, students will be able to work on projects from the design to building phases.

Secretary Palmer read the resolution.

APPROVAL OF THE RONALD D. BULLOCK INNOPRENEURSHIP LABORATORY

RESOLUTION 23-04

WHEREAS, In December 2014, as part of the Rise. Shine. Campaign, Ronald D. Bullock, class of 1970, established a gift commitment in support of Engineering Design and Innovation Learning; and

WHEREAS, \$1 million of the gift was designated to renovate the lower level of the Fritz and Delores Russ Engineering building to create lab space for students to conceptualize, prototype, design, and build projects; and

WHEREAS, This cutting-edge lab space will bridge the gap between classroom theory and true engineering practice, providing students with both the creative space and the equipment necessary for the hands-on engineering experiences that are required to take their ideas from concept to market; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the lower level of the Fritz and Delores Russ Engineering Center be named the Ronald D. Bullock Innopreneurship Laboratory.

Chair Conway offered the motion and Vice Chair Kejriwal seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously (6,0,0)

Trustee Bryan Bucklew complimented the multi-term registration. He shared as a past student, this would have helped him tremendously with employment and internships. Student Trustee Christopher Jenkins echoed Trustee Bucklews thoughts.

III. REPORTS ON ENROLLMENT AND RETENTION

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

Susan Schaurer and Tim Littell presented the University's Fall 2022 enrollment and retention numbers. Both expressed optimism for the direction the University is headed. (Presentations attached to the Board Website).

IV. PRESENTATION: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

Mark Rich, Andrew Voss, and Hongmei Ren were invited to speak on research in the School of Medicine.

Dr. Rich is a professor and researcher who shared his passion for research. He shared the importance of reputation for a university. He articulated that reputation is gained through research. High visibility research is the value. He commented that if you have reputation everything else follows. Dr. Rich shared the Dayton Daily News article about WSU and Intel partnership.

Murad Nawaz a student who graduated last year and is now working in Dr. Rich's lab had opportunities to transfer to another university with tennis scholarship, but decided to stay because of research. He is also an author on a high-level paper.

Phillip Walker, 4th year student, has worked at several institutions and is appreciative of what Wright State has offered for him. He showed the treatment of myotonia with a novel drug first tested at WSU. Phil will be flying to Italy to share his research experiences.

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Conway indicated no need for an Executive Session and moved to New Business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Conway asked for any additional business, hearing none she moved for adjournment. Vice Chair Kejriwal seconded the motion. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 3:34pm.