



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

Endeavour Room, Student Union 156

Minutes

Present: **Committee Members** R. Peters (Remote), B. Montgomery, D. Conway, R. Kejrival, B. Langos, B. Whiteside, B. Bucklew, D. Asarpota (Remote)

Trustees D. Fecher, A. Platt, M. Grunder, A. Goyal, R. Shah, T. Gunlock

Guests: President Edwards, Provost Evans, G. Sample, B. Kawosa, C. Taylor, B. Grant, V. Shannon

Absent:

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Montgomery at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, February 17, 2022. Trustee Ricky Peters was attending via electronic means of communication. Trustee Montgomery was asked to chair the committee by Trustee Tom Gunlock.

Roll was called. There was a quorum with 8 members present.

II. Proof of Notice of Meeting:

Chair Montgomery welcomed everyone to the meeting and 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.

III. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Chair Montgomery asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the Academic and Student Affairs December 9, 2021 meeting as submitted. Trustee Kejriwal moved to approve the minutes as submitted and was seconded by Trustee Conway. Chair Montgomery asked if there were any discussion on the minutes as distributed. There was no discussion and the motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote.

IV. Opening Remarks from the Committee Chair

Chair Montgomery remarked there was a full schedule and the committee would move directly to reports on Academic Affairs.

V. REPORTS ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

A. Remarks from the Provost

Provost Evans shared he had no formal presentation for the meeting and presented the first resolution.

B. Emeritus Requests

The Secretary read the following resolution:

EMERITUS REQUESTS Resolution 22-84

WHEREAS, faculty members who have served ten or more years as fully-affiliated and full-time members of 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 Riad Ajami, Professor of Management, served the university from 2007 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Elliott Brown, Professor of Physics, served the university from 2010 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Byron Crews, Senior Lecturer of English Language & Literature, served the university from 2003 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Roxanne DuVivier, Associate Professor of Leadership Studies in Education, served the university from 2010 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Berkwood Farmer, Associate Professor of Economics, served the university from 2001 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Brandy Foster, Senior Lecturer of Computer Science, served the university from 2007 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Robert Gilkey, Associate Professor of Psychology, served the university from 1991 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Pola Gupta, Professor of Marketing, served the university from 2002 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Holmes, Lecturer of English Language & Literatures, served the university from 2010 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, William Irvine, Professor of Religion, Philosophy & Classics, served the university from 1983 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Azadeh Jahanbegloo, Senior Lecturer of Sociology & Anthropology, served the university from 2003 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Marian Kazimierczuk, Professor of Electrical Engineering, served the university from 1985 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Gale Kleven, Associate Professor of Psychology, served the university from 2009 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Gregory Kozlowski, Professor of Physics, served the university from 1992 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Dennis Loranger, Senior Lecturer of Music, served the university from 2007 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Meyer, Professor of History, served the university from 1999 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, George Polak, Professor of Information Systems & Supply Chain Management, served the university from 1988 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Arnab Shaw, Professor of Electrical Engineering, served the university from 1987 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, William Slattery, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences, served the university from 1994 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Hans Sprohge, Professor of Accountancy, served the university from 1988 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, James Tipps, Professor of Music, served the university from 1992 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Doyle Watts, Professor of Earth & Environmental Sciences, served the university from 1999 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has requested emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Julianne Weinzimmer, Associate Professor of Sociology & Anthropology, served the university from 2008 in a fully-affiliated and full-time status and has 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 Montgomery noted to move this resolution to the Public Session for a vote, a motion and a second are needed.

Chair Montgomery offered the motion and Trustee Kejrival seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously.

C. Approval of New Programs

Provost Evans shared that both new programs are expected to attract new students to Lake campus, and especially students from Tri Star, the Career Training Center serving Mercer and Auglaize Counties because of the care taken to match Lake courses with courses at Tri Star.

Both programs provide students entry to immediate employment opportunities upon graduation and the opportunity to complete a baccalaureate degree. Both are expected to have no additional instructional costs, since no new courses will be needed and there is capacity in the existing courses.

The Secretary read the following resolution:

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN MECHATRONICS AND
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERING AT THE WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LAKE
CAMPUS
Resolution 22-85**

WHEREAS, Wright State University is proposing a new Associate of Applied Science in Mechatronics and Industrial Engineering within the College of Engineering and Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, the program of study associated with this degree will provide practical training in Mechatronics and Industrial Engineering that employers in west central Ohio need and also be the foundation of an existing four-year degrees in Mechanical Engineering and in Industrial Systems Engineering; and

WHEREAS, the training aligns with the needs of the booming advanced manufacturing industry in the region; and

WHEREAS, the program meets the local student demand of a smooth transition from vocational schools to college education; and

WHEREAS, the program will allow students to seamlessly pursue a four-year degree; and

WHEREAS, enrollment projections and revenue support program sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the program goals and objectives can be met through existing Wright State University courses; and

WHEREAS, demand exists for this program; and

WHEREAS, no comparable program in west-central Ohio exists; and
WHEREAS, cost of attendance at the Lake Campus and job placement constitute a significant competitive advantage relative to comparable programs elsewhere; and

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

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

Chair Montgomery noted to move this resolution to the Public Session for a vote, a motion and a second are needed.

Chair Montgomery offered the motion and Trustee Conway seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted passed unanimously.

Provost Evans indicated his previous comments applied to this following resolution as well.

The Secretary read the resolution:

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
AND CYBERSECURITY AT THE WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY LAKE
CAMPUS
Resolution 22-86**

WHEREAS, Wright State University is proposing a new Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology and Cybersecurity within the College of Engineering and Computer Science; and

WHEREAS, the program of study associated with this degree will provide practical training in Information Technology and Cybersecurity that employers in west central Ohio need and also be the foundation of an existing four-year degree in Information Technology/Cybersecurity; and

WHEREAS, the training aligns with the needs of the booming advanced manufacturing industry in the region; and

WHEREAS, the program meets the local student demand of a smooth transition from vocational schools to college education; and

WHEREAS, the program will allow students to seamlessly pursue a four-year degree; and

WHEREAS, enrollment projections and revenue support program sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the program goals and objectives can be met through existing Wright State University courses; and

WHEREAS, demand exists for this program; and

WHEREAS, no comparable program in west-central Ohio exists; and

WHEREAS, cost of attendance at the Lake Campus and job placement constitute a significant competitive advantage relative to comparable programs elsewhere; and

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

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

Chair Montgomery noted to move this resolution to the Public Session for a vote, a motion and a second are needed.

Chair Montgomery offered the motion and Trustee Kejriwal seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted and passed unanimously.

There were no questions or additional comments for the Provost.

Chair Montgomery recognized President Edwards to share information about

the College of Liberal Arts.

President Edwards spoke highly of the reorganization that is taking place within COLA. She strongly supports and recommends the changes. She thanked Dean Caron for her efforts and leadership in this area.

The Secretary read the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS REORGANIZATION PLAN
Resolution 22-93**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees, in support of the president's recommendation and with due regard for the professional judgement of the faculty as expressed through their chosen representatives, has the authority to establish and prescribe the principal functions of major academic divisions, colleges, centers, departments, and professional schools within the university; and

WHEREAS, such units are established, altered, or abolished only on vote of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the President, Provost, and Faculty have expressed support for a reorganization of existing units, programs, and personnel within the College of Liberal Arts into a revised academic structure that promotes increased interdisciplinary interaction, research, and shared curriculum; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the recommended reorganization of the College of Liberal Arts is hereby endorsed; and further

RESOLVED, that the President or her delegate is authorized and directed to perform all other actions they deem reasonably necessary or desirable in order to effectuate the Board's directives herein.

Chair Montgomery noted to move this resolution to the Public Session for a vote, a motion and a second are needed.

Chair Montgomery offered the motion and Trustee Conway seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was conducted passed unanimously.

VI. STUDENT AFFAIRS

A. Report from Athletics

Bob Grant, Director of Athletics, discussed the history and challenges with men's basketball. There was a head coach leadership change in 2016 that has led to increased winning percentages (69%), large increase in Horizon League national TV appearances (41%), and increased invitations to the NCAA and NIT tournaments. Head men's basketball coach, Scott Nagy, shared his positive experiences with hiring great assistant coaches that are recruiting student who are working hard both academically and on the basketball court. He shared the challenges they initially had with recruiting from Ohio due to perceptions and how they have been able to change this. He shared the value in having the investment of local students to play.

Student athlete, Riley Voss, from Moeller High School in Cincinnati is a graduate student pursuing an MBA degree. Although he has had some injuries this year, he shared how he came to WSU because he wanted to be a part of a winning culture that is bigger than himself.

Student athlete, Tanner Holder, from Wheelersburg High School in Wheelersburg, Ohio, is studying Organizational Leadership. He is 1 of 15 student athletes in WSU program history to accrue 1,000 points and 500 rebounds. He shared that attending WSU is one of the best decisions he has made because of the family feel.

President Edwards complimented the young men and shared how Riley is bringing attention to WSU on and off the court as he is getting experiential learning while working on an international marketing plan for his MBA.

B. Report from the Dean of Students

Dr. Chris Taylor discussed the University's response to COVID. He gave a history on the email that went out March 10, 2020 having professors switch their classes to remote for what everyone thought would be a brief time. He shared how WSU has had one of the lowest COVID rates in comparison to other Ohio Universities with just under 1,000 positive tests.

He discussed the unprecedented COVID Task Force comprised of 60 members and multiple subcommittees. He noted that WSU is continuing with the Premier Health partnership for testing and vaccinations. They are currently monitoring what policies will need to remain and will change as COVID becomes an endemic. He also shared he was pleased to say 80% of current classes have an in-person component.

C. Report from Student Government

Jonathan Ciero, SGA President, shared concerns they have had with bringing back student organizations after the pandemic. They have been focusing on

Raider Nights in the City and had excellent attendance at the Hamilton Performance. They also attended a Dragons game and have tickets available for the Columbus Blue Jackets. SGA was also a part of the Raider Roundup that had over 750 in attendance and the SGA Involvement fair had 30 organizations represented as well as 150 students in attendance. SGA is currently conducting their annual Student Life Survey. The high national rankings of both the men's and women's bowling teams were discussed.

VII. PRESENTATION: MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Dr. Vaughn Shannon is the faculty advisor to the Model UN Program. Dr. Shannon shared that Model UN is both a club and a class. Fall is a time for recruitment and spring is a class that can be taken at the undergrad or grad level. Students compete in several competitions but the "big show" is each year in New York City. Dr. Shannon shared the program structure which includes a mentorship component. WSU's program has received multiple awards and recognitions at both the state and national level and receives a line item budget from the state.

Faith Thompson a junior, social work major shared how much she enjoys Model UN.

Brad Carey is a head delegate and shared the beneficial experiences of research, leadership, teamwork, and diversity. Brad thanked the Board for the opportunity to present.

This year WSU will be representing the country of Jordan and currently has 19 students.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was recognized.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no other business Chair Montgomery moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kejriwal seconded the motion.

The motion to adjourn the meeting unanimously approved by a voice vote at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Palmer
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Elizabeth Turner
Director, Board Relations