



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
FOUR HUNDREDTH MEETING
Thursday, December 12, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.**

Endeavor Room, Student Union 156

MINUTES

Present: Chair Gunlock, Vice Chair Conway, Treasurer Ferris, J. Ebbing, E. Miller, R. Peters, A. Platt, J. Thompson, M. Crabtree, L. Johnson, B. Bucklew, D. Fecher, A. Goyal, B. Whiteside, J. Wilson

Absent: R. Kejriwal

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gunlock called to order the December 12, 2024, meeting at 1:30 p.m.

A. Roll Call

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

II. PRESENTATION: FORVIS

Chair Gunlock indicated FORVIS would provide a brief presentation in the Public Session and the Board of Trustees would then immediately enter Executive Session.

Mike Boehme and Jim Creeden from FORVIS provided feedback on the Wright State University financial audit.

III. 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 25-09

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees agreed to hold an Executive Session on December 12, 2024; 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
- The sale and purchase of real estate pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2); 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
- Matters Required to be Kept Confidential Pursuant to Federal Law or State Statute pursuant to Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(5).

Vice Chair Conway moved to approve the resolution and Trustee Peters seconded. The resolution

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

IV. RECONVENE

A. Roll Call

The Board of Trustees, at the calling of Chair Gunlock, reconvened at 3:00 p.m. Chair Gunlock asked Board Secretary Palmer to call the roll and a quorum was present.

V. RECESS

Chair Gunlock moved the Board of Trustees into recess to begin the committee meetings.

VI. RECONVENE

The Board of Trustees, at the calling of Chair Gunlock, reconvened at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, December 12th. Chair Gunlock asked Board Secretary Palmer to call the roll and a quorum was present.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Gunlock indicated the Board would consider two items of New Business and asked the Secretary to read the first resolution:

**APPROVAL OF EXPANDED LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH THE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**

RESOLUTION 25-10

WHEREAS, Wright State University and Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB) jointly entered into a license agreement for laboratory space in the Neuroscience Engineering Collaborative on November 17, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the University and several directorates within WPAFB, including AFRL, have been actively collaborating through that license agreement; and

WHEREAS, both Wright State University and WPAFB desire to expand the existing license agreement in order to make additional areas of campus available to WPAFB personnel in order to maximize partnership opportunities between both parties; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President, or her designee, to enter into, on behalf of the University, an expanded license agreement with the United States Air Force for laboratory, learning, and other space needs of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on Wright State's campus; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President, or her designee, is authorized and directed to take and perform all lawful actions she reasonably determines are appropriate to effectuate the Board's directives herein.

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

Next, Chair Gunlock recognized the members of the Academic Council for the Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development for their expedited work in appointing the inaugural Executive Director for the Center. Chair Gunlock recognized each member individually, and concluded by welcoming Dr. Jason Anderson as the inaugural Executive Director. Chair Gunlock asked the Secretary to read the resolution:

**APPOINTMENT OF DR. JASON ANDERSON
TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE
WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR CIVICS, CULTURE, AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

RESOLUTION 25-11

WHEREAS, Section 3352.16 of the Ohio Revised Code, adopted under Substitute House Bill 101 of the 135th General Assembly, established the Wright State University Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development "the Center" as an independent academic division within the University reporting directly to the President; and

WHEREAS, the Center is directed to provide instruction on (1) the foundations of free societies; (2) the American Constitutional order, which includes the United States armed forces; (3) responsible and informed citizenship; (4) the purpose and role of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base; and support the workforce needs of the Base; and

WHEREAS, The Center at Wright State University has been granted special authority to waive out-of-state surcharges for military-connected students and recognizing military service for academic credit, and position Wright State University as being Ohio's most military-friendly campus; and

WHEREAS, the Center is to serve as a catalyst for dialogue and conversation among members of the campus community, placing a strong foundation for responsible and informed citizenship; and

WHEREAS, the Center is led by an Executive Director selected by the Academic Council with the advice and consent of the Wright State Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jason Anderson, Ph.D., is an experienced and well-accomplished officer in the United States Air Force, graduating from the United States Air Force Academy, serving as a flight commander, and most recently, leading the Digital Innovation and Integration Center of Excellence at the Air Force Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, the Academic Council unanimously recommends Dr. Jason Anderson, Ph.D., to serve as the inaugural Executive Director of the Wright State University Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development, subject to the advice and consent of the Board of Trustees; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Wright State University Board of Trustees hereby appoints Dr. Jason Anderson, Ph.D. to Executive Director of the Wright State Center for Civics, Culture, and Workforce Development, effective December 16, 2024.

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

VIII. RECONVENE

Chair Gunlock indicated the Board of Trustees would recess until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13th.

IX. RECONVENE

A. Roll Call

The Board of Trustees, at the calling of Chair Gunlock, reconvened at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13th. Chair Gunlock asked Secretary Sean Culley to call the roll and a quorum was present.

B. Disposition of Previous Minutes

Trustee Peters moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Thompson seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

X. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

Chair Gunlock began his remarks by recognizing the winners of the Board of Trustees' Distinguished Doctoral Dissertation Award. Chair Gunlock announced the winner was Dr. Resha Shrestha for her work on Human Genome Instability at (CAG) 102 Microsatellite DNA Repeats. He added that the honorable mention was Bradley Ashmore for his work on Addressing Extreme Data Imbalances, Heterophily, and Scarcity in Graph-Centric Bot Detection.

Next, Chair Gunlock noted the recent significant wins of Wright State University, including naming Dr. Jason Anderson as the inaugural Executive Director of the Center for Civics, Culture, and

Workforce Development and the approval of the Expanded License Agreement with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. He noted these key wins would prove to be transformative for the Dayton region and the University as a whole.

Chair Gunlock concluded his remarks by expressing a renewed optimism for the University, as it continues to be a hub of connectiveness for the Miami Valley.

A. Reports

Chair Gunlock accepted written reports from the following: Advancement, Communications, Foundation, and Marketing. The reports are contained in the Board attachments.

XI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Chair Gunlock recognized President Edwards for the report of the President.

President Edwards began her report by highlighting various high-level events on campus that further connected the University with Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. She noted Wright State University served as a key sponsor for the Air Force Marathon and host for the 5K race prior to the marathon. President Edwards also highlighted the inaugural Stars, Stripes, and Flight Classic, a basketball game between Wright State University and the United States Air Force Academy. She added the basketball game yielded one of the highest attendances in Nutter Center history.

A. Approval of Fall 2024 Graduates

Next, President Edwards offered the Fall 2024 graduates for approval.

Secretary Culley read the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

RESOLUTION 25-12

RESOLVED that the candidates for degrees for Fall 2024 be, and hereby are confirmed and approved.

Vice Chair Conway moved to approve and Treasurer Ferris seconded. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

B. Approval of New Hires, Appointments, Promotions, and Separations

Next, President Edwards offered the academic and administrative appointments and changes as

part of the meeting attachments to the Board of Trustees for approval.

Secretary Culley read the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF NEW HIRES, APPOINTMENTS, PROMOTIONS, AND SEPARATIONS
RESOLUTION 25-13**

RESOLVED that the academic and administrative appointments, changes, retirement, departmental reporting, resignations, and terminations submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are approved.

Vice Chair Conway moved to approve and Trustee Miller seconded. Chair Gunlock asked that each Board Member review the names and confirm that they do not have a conflict. The resolution was unanimously approved by a roll call vote (8,0,0).

C. Approval of Research Contracts and Grants

President Edwards shared that Wright State University had recorded 142 awards totaling over \$29 million in external funding for the time period of July 1, 2024 – November 30, 2024.

Secretary Culley read the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF RESEARCH CONTRACTS AND GRANTS
RESOLUTION 25-14**

RESOLVED that the research contracts and grants submitted to this meeting be, and the same hereby are approved.

Trustee Ebbing moved to approve and Trustee Thompson seconded. A roll call vote was conducted and the resolution passed unanimously (8,0,0).

XII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

A. Academic and Student Affairs

Chair Gunlock asked Trustee Ebbing to give his report on the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee meeting.

Trustee Ebbing noted the Committee received a positive report from Provost Thompson, Dr. Salazar, and Ms. Schaurer, indicating strong increases in persistence and a positive enrollment management update. Trustee Ebbing reiterated that student success would remain the top priority of the Committee.

Trustee Ebbing noted that the committee approved one resolution to be considered by the full board.

He offered the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF THE FY 2024 AFFORDABILITY AND EFFICIENCY REPORT

RESOLUTION 25-15

WHEREAS, 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 November 15, 2024 each state institution of higher education shall submit the reports required to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education, pending Board of Trustees approval; 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 to the Chancellor of the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

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

B. Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance

Next, Chair Gunlock asked Trustee Ferris to give her report on the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee meeting.

Trustee Ferris noted that Mr. Sample updated the committee on several university items and the committee heard a very positive report from the finance team. Additionally, she noted the Committee received a report from Mr. Scott Rash concerning the Wright State Foundation and also held a discussion with the external audit team led by Mr. Jim Creeden.

Fall 2024 enrollments were stronger than projected, having both a positive impact on our operating results and cash balances. She added that these results are certainly something to be celebrated and we will continue the practice of exercising fiscal discipline and avoiding complacency to ensure the continued success of our financial management.

Trustee Ferris noted that the committee approved two resolutions to be considered by the full board.

She offered the following resolution:

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

RESOLUTION 25-16

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 and up to \$500,000, requiring committee approval, or may exceed \$500,000, requiring Board of Trustees approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts greater than \$250,000 and up to \$500,000 before the Finance, Audit, Governance, and Compliance Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED that authorization is granted for the accompanying contracts exceeding \$500,000 before the Board of Trustees.

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

Trustee Ferris offered the following resolution:

**APPROVAL OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 – 2026 UNDERGRADUATE TUITION,
FEES, AND RATES**

RESOLUTION 25-17

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 3345.48 of the Revised Code, Wright State University offers undergraduate students the “Wright Guarantee Tuition Program,” under which students in the cohort are guaranteed fixed rates for tuition, housing, and dining for four years; and

WHEREAS, eligible students for the Fall Semester 2025 will be assigned to Cohort Group 8; and

WHEREAS, the change to said rates relative to the prior cohort are governed by section 3345.48 of the Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, tuition rates are also set for continuing, graduate, and professional programs; and

WHEREAS, any such adjustments require prior Board approval; therefore, be it

RESOLVED that the Wright State University Board of Trustees delegates authority and discretion to the President, or her designee, to set final tuition rates, room rates, and meal plan rates, and any other charges effective Fall Semester 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED where applicable, any changes to tuition and other rates are not to exceed the amount authorized by section 3345.48 of the Revised Code; and be it further

RESOLVED that the President or her designee is authorized and directed to take and perform all other lawful actions reasonably necessary in order to effectuate the Board's directives herein.

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

XIII. REPORT OF THE FACULTY PRESIDENT

Dr. Wooley delivered the Faculty Senate report and indicated her priorities for Faculty Senate in the upcoming calendar year.

XIV. REPORT OF THE STUDENT TRUSTEES

Chair Gunlock invited student Trustees Madisyn Crabtree and Lauren Johnson to provide their report. Trustees Crabtree and Johnson provided an update on student activities during the Fall 2024 semester.

XV. PRESENTATION: STUDENT INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO

Mr. Matt Ingram and students from the Raider Asset Management program provided an end of year update on the performance of the student investment portfolio.

XVI. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS

Chair Gunlock noted there was no old or new business before the Board of Trustees.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, Vice Chair Conway moved to adjourn the meeting and Trustee Peters seconded. The motion was unanimously approved by a roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 9:57 a.m.