

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Tod Hall
Thursday, March 16, 2017

Pursuant to notice duly given, a regular meeting (the three hundred forty-ninth) of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University convened at 3:00 p.m., on Thursday, March 16, 2017, in the Board Room in Tod Hall.

All eleven trustees were present at the meeting, to-wit: Mrs. Carole S. Weimer, chairperson of the board, who presided, Mr. Leonard D. Schiavone, Ms. Delores E. Crawford, Mr. David C. Deibel, Dr. Anita A. Hackstedde, Mr. James E. Roberts, Dr. John R. Jakubek, Dr. Charles R. Bush, Mr. Samuel W. Grooms, Ms. Samantha P. Anderson and Mr. Allan K. Metz.

Also present were: Mr. James P. Tressel, President of the university; Dr. Martin Abraham, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Mr. Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Ms. Holly A. Jacobs, Vice President and University General Counsel and Mr. Franklin S. Bennett, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Also present were approximately 35 persons, including deans, members of the faculty, students, administrators, and members of the news media.

The chairperson called the meeting to order.

ITEM I – PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING.

Evidence was available to establish that pursuant to Article II, Section 1, of the board's *Bylaws*; written notice of today's regular meeting was timely provided to each of the trustees, the student trustees, and to the president.

ITEM II – DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FOR MEETING HELD DECEMBER 1, 2016.

Prior to the meeting, the secretary had provided draft copies of the minutes of the board's regular meeting held December 1, 2016 (#348) to each trustee, the student trustees and the president. There being no additions, corrections, or revisions thereto, the minutes of the said meetings were approved as provided.

ITEM III – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

President Tressel thanked Mrs. Weimer and Ms. Anderson for their service as trustees of Youngstown State University. Mr. Tressel thanked the campus community for its

continued hard work on behalf of the university and gave special thanks to those university employees who are the first points of contact to prospective students and their families visiting campus.

ITEM V –REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

The chairperson asked whether any trustee had an objection to the approval by unanimous consent of the resolutions recommended for adoption by the committees of the board. There being no objection to adoption by consent of the proposed resolutions listed in the agenda, the chairperson stated that those recommended resolutions would be considered for adoption by consent. The board considered the following committee reports and recommendations:

1. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Abraham introduced Mr. Joseph Sanson, Assistant Professor of Engineering Technology, who provided a report on the research he is performing on the injection of epoxy compound into cracks in concrete. Mr. Sanson shared pictures of testing he has performed and said that he is hopeful to be able to test his research in a real-world setting such as a parking deck.

Mr. George Atkins, a former Presbyterian minister and now a graduate student in the Counseling program, described his work with East High School juniors in preparing them for the ACT college entrance examination. Mr. Atkins also described his work with East High freshman students in helping them to understand the importance of high school grade point average at the beginning of their high school careers. Mr. Atkins expressed his appreciation for the graduate assistantship provided to him by YSU, stating that it has been very helpful to him and his family.

The chairperson noted that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee was recommending eight resolutions for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolutions adopted by general consent:

Resolution to Approve
Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Adult-Gerontology
Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) Program Option

YR 2017-43

WHEREAS, there is an increase in hospital admissions due to an aging population;
and

WHEREAS, there is a human resource shortage in critical care medicine; and

WHEREAS, the Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) program prepares registered nurses with the acute-care experience necessary to provide direct patient management in acute and complex care settings; and

WHEREAS, there is only one AG-ACNP program in northeast Ohio offered at Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, Mercy Health is currently unable to fill their AG-ACNP positions; and

WHEREAS, anticipated enrollment in year one would be between eight and ten students, with anticipated enrollments in further years of 15-25 students per year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University approves the offering of the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (AG-ACNP) Program Option, contingent upon the approval of said degree program by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Resolution to Approve
Bachelor of Science in Education,
Early Childhood Education/Early Childhood Intervention Specialist with TESOL Endorsement

YR 2017-44

WHEREAS, by the year 2022, over 20% of children in all schools will have identified special needs and by 2020, most classrooms will be full inclusion with the exception of moderate/severe needs which often remain self-contained; and

WHEREAS, teacher candidates need to be prepared that every classroom will have students with identified special needs; and

WHEREAS, the number of English language learners will continue to increase in the public schools as well; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Teacher Education proposes an undergraduate program leading to an Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Intervention Specialist (ECIS) licenses with TESOL Endorsement which increases the marketability of YSU teacher candidates to meet the needs of all students in P-12 schools; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Teacher Education completed an employer needs survey, reviewed the current curriculum, drafted new curriculum, and created new and blended courses to allow for the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, the Beeghly College of Education faculty plan to participate in professional development training during spring 2017 so all faculty members have the requisite knowledge and skills to teach courses in this degree program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University approves the offering of an undergraduate program to prepare students for the Early Childhood Education and Early Childhood Intervention Specialist (ECIS) licenses with TESOL Endorsement, contingent on the approval of said degree by the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Resolution to Authorize Conferral of Honorary Degree – Dr. Presley Gillespie

YR 2017-45

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby authorize the conferral of a Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree, honoris causa, upon Presley Gillespie, with all the rights and privileges attendant thereto.

Resolution to Authorize Conferral of Honorary Degree – Dr. George Young

YR 2017-46

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby authorize the conferral of a Doctor of Business Administration (D.B.A.) degree, honoris causa, upon George Young, with all the rights and privileges attendant thereto.

Resolution to Modify
Centers of Excellence at Youngstown State University

YR 2017-47

WHEREAS, the Ohio Board of Regents' *Strategic Plan for Higher Education 2008-2017* had called upon each university in the University System of Ohio to identify and define "Centers of Excellence" that would provide focus and distinction through instruction and inquiry in academic areas; and

WHEREAS, in response to that call, Youngstown State University established a process which identified "Centers of Excellence" at Youngstown State University to be the Center for Materials Science and Engineering, the Center for Applied Chemical Biology, the Williamson College of Business Administration Center of Excellence in International Business (IB), and the Rich Center of Excellence for the Study of Autism; and

WHEREAS, in that several new and emerging academic strengths have developed at Youngstown State University since 2008 that should now be considered as updated Centers of Excellence, the Youngstown State University Office of Research, through the University Research Council and Dean's Council has solicited, reviewed and evaluated proposals; and

WHEREAS, the Provost and the President have reviewed the recommendations of the University Research Council and in consultation with the Senior Leadership, have selected the "Centers of Excellence" at Youngstown State University to be the Center for Sports Medicine and Applied Biomechanics, Center for Materials Science and Engineering, the Williamson College of Business Administration Center of Excellence in International Business (IB), the Advanced Manufacturing Research Center; and the Centofanti Center for Health and Welfare for Vulnerable Populations; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Autism Studies and the Center for Applied Chemical Biology did not reapply to remain a "Center of Excellence" and will not longer be designated as such; and

WHEREAS, the selected "Centers of Excellence" meet the University's mission, vision, and core values and address the designation of YSU as an urban research university with focus on the economic rebirth of the Mahoning Valley through quality programs and scholarship;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the report "Centers of Excellence Submissions and Recommendations," as detailed in Exhibit A attached hereto.

Resolution to Modify
Teaching by Staff Policy, 3356-10-12

YR 2017-48

WHEREAS, University Policies are being reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies;

WHEREAS, the Teaching by Staff policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of University Policy governing Teaching by Staff policy number 3356-10-12, shown as Exhibit B attached hereto.

Resolution to Approve
Integrity in Research – Use and Care of Animals Policy, 3356-10-15

YR 2017-49

WHEREAS, University Policies are being reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies;

WHEREAS, the Integrity in Research – Use and Care of Animals policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the creation of a University Policy governing Integrity in Research – Use and Care of Animals policy number 3356-10-15, shown as Exhibit C attached hereto.

Resolution to Change the Department Name of
Human Performance and Exercise Science to Kinesiology and Sport Science

YR 2017-50

WHEREAS, the faculty in the Department of Human Performance and Exercise Science request the name of the department be changed to encompass its new and future programs; and

WHEREAS, after researching 120 universities and colleges in the United States with similar programs, it was determined the word “kinesiology” captures the range of scholarly activities within the department; and

WHEREAS, to encompass the recently approved Athletic Training program and to align with sports programs the department wishes to develop, the department proposes the term “sport science” also be included in the department name;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University approves the department name change of Human Performance and Exercise Science to Kinesiology and Sport Science.

2. Institutional Engagement Committee.

The chairperson noted that the Institutional Engagement Committee was recommending one resolution for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolution adopted by general consent:

Resolution to Accept
Alumni Engagement and WYSU Memberships

YR 2017-51

WHEREAS, Board policy provides that the President shall compile a list of memberships to the University for each meeting of the Board of Trustees and present the list accompanied by his recommendation for action by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the President has reported that the memberships as listed in Exhibit D attached hereto are being held pending acceptance and he recommends their acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby accept these memberships on behalf of Youngstown State University and requests that the President acknowledge the acceptance of these memberships.

3. Finance and Facilities Committee.

The chairperson noted that the Finance and Facilities Committee was recommending two resolutions for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolutions adopted by general consent:

Resolution to Establish New Room Rates to Accommodate
Graduate and Family Housing for Weller House, Effective Summer Semester 2017

YR 2017-52

WHEREAS, Ohio law provides that each Board of Trustees of state-assisted institutions of higher education may establish special purpose fees, service charges, and fines and penalties; and

WHEREAS, the University Housing would like to offer graduate and family housing not previously available at YSU; and

WHEREAS, the University Housing is seeking new room rates for Weller House; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the resolution to establish new room rates to accommodate graduate and family housing for Weller House, effective summer semester 2017 as shown in Exhibit E attached hereto.

Resolution to Modify
Electronic Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility Policy, 3356-5-14

YR 2017-53

WHEREAS, University Policies are reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Electronic Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy Electronic Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility, policy number 3356-5-14, shown as Exhibit F attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

Mr. Schiavone reported that the Audit Subcommittee met on March 15, 2017. The subcommittee recommended the change of name of the Office of Internal Audit and Risk Management to the Office of Internal Audit. The committee received reports from internal auditor Sarah Gampo regarding the establishment of an anonymous ethics reporting hotline, internal audit quarterly plan update and audit timeline matrix. The subcommittee receive the annual cyber security update from Mr. Chris Wentz, Associate Director – Office of ISO Network Security.

Dr. Jakubek reported that the Investment Subcommittee also met on March 15, 2017. The subcommittee received reports from the Hartland, the university's investment advisors, regarding the university's endowment and non-endowment investments. The subcommittee approved Hartland's recommendation to rebalance a portion of the non-endowment long-term investment pool.

4. University Affairs Committee.

The chairperson noted that the University Affairs Committee was recommending ten resolutions for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following seven resolutions adopted by general consent:

Resolution to Modify
Search Waivers for Hiring of Faculty and Professional/Administrative Staff Policy, 3356-2-04

YR 2017-54

WHEREAS, University Policies are reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Search Waivers for Hiring of Faculty and Professional/Administrative Staff policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy Search Waivers for Hiring of Faculty and Professional/Administrative Staff, policy number 3356-2-04 shown as Exhibit G attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

Resolution to Modify and Retitle Public Records Policy, 3356-9-07

YR 2017-55

WHEREAS, University Policies are being reviewed and re-conceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies;

WHEREAS, the Public Records Policy, policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy governing Public Records Policy, policy number 3356-9-07, to be retitled as Public Records, shown as Exhibit H attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

Resolution to Approve the
Recruitment of an Associate Provost for Student Success

YR 2017-56

WHEREAS, a vacancy occurred in the area of Student Success upon the resignation of Dr. Michael Reagle; and

WHEREAS, the Student Success area is critical for the long-term improvement of retention, persistence, placement, and graduation rates; and

WHEREAS, the position of Associate Provost is necessary to ensure YSU improve its excellence in critical measures of student success and relate this information to the Ohio Department of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, a motion was made and approved by the University Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees at its meeting on February 7, 2017, to allow for an expedited posting of this position;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the recruitment of an Associate Provost for Student Success, as recommended by the Provost of Youngstown State University, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the position of Associate Vice President for Student Success shall be eliminated upon successful completion of this search.

Resolution to Approve
Part-Time Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards Policy, 3356-7-52

YR 2017-57

WHEREAS, University Policies are being reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the creation of a University Policy governing Part-time Faculty Teaching Excellence Awards policy number 3356-7-52, shown as Exhibit I attached hereto.

Resolution to Approve
Excellence Awards for Department Chairpersons Policy, 3356-7-53

YR 2017-58

WHEREAS, University Policies are being reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the creation of a University Policy governing Excellence Awards for Department Chairpersons policy number 3356-7-53, shown as Exhibit J attached hereto.

Resolution to Approve the
Recruitment of an Executive Director for Maag Library

YR 2017-59

WHEREAS, the position of Executive Director for Maag Library has been vacant for approximately five year; and

WHEREAS, Maag Library serves a critical need for student academic success and is an essential element of the University operations; and

WHEREAS, the position of Executive Director is critical to providing appropriate representation of Youngstown State University on the State Library Administrators Council and ensuring YSU receives the appropriate share of State library resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the recruitment of an Executive Director for Maag Library, as recommended by the Provost of Youngstown State University.

Resolution to Approve the
Recruitment of an Associate Vice President for Technology and Chief Information Officer

YR 2017-60

WHEREAS, the position of Associate Vice President for Technology & Chief Information Officer has been vacant since September 2016; and

WHEREAS, information technology is an integral part of every aspect of the University's academic enterprise and administrative functions; and

WHEREAS, the Associate Vice President for Technology & Chief Information Officer is a critical position that provides leadership to, oversight of and direction for the University's information technology service departments;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the recruitment of an Associate Vice President for Technology & Chief Information Officer, as recommended by the Vice President for Finance & Business Operations of Youngstown State University.

Resolution to Establish
Culture of Community Committees as Standing Committees of the University and to Further Establish the Purpose of these Committees

YR 2017-61

WHEREAS, the Culture of Community Committees establish the pillars of **R**espect and **W**ell-Being, **I**nclusion and **A**wareness, **S**pirit and **T**radition, and **E**xcellence through Engagement (RISE); and

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University recognizes that a strong culture of community contributes to academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees acknowledges the importance of collaborative efforts both within and outside of the University to foster respect, inclusion, spirit, and excellence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees supports and recognizes the establishment of four RISE Committees as standing committees of the University; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that each RISE Committee shall report directly to the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each RISE Committee shall be composed of diverse membership tasked with developing an Action Plan with measureable primary and secondary goals covering a yearly period from July 1 through June 30; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each RISE Committee shall develop its own Statement of Purpose; and

BE IT FURTHERMORE RESOLVED, that each RISE Committee shall report to the Board of Trustees at least once per year on the goals and achievements of its Action Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the resolution to establish Culture of Community Committees as Standing Committees of the University and to further establish the purpose of these committees, as shown in Exhibit K attached hereto.

Resolution to Ratify Personnel Actions – Faculty and PA Staff

YR 2017-62

WHEREAS, the *Policies of the Board of Trustees* authorize the President to manage the University, including appointing such employees as are necessary to effectively carry out the operation of the University and any other necessary personnel actions; and

WHEREAS, new appointments and other personnel actions have been made subsequent to the December 1, 2016, meeting of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, such personnel actions are in accordance with the 2016-2017 Budget and with University policies 3356-2-02, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Recruitment and Employment; 3356-9-02, Selection and Annual Evaluation of Administrative Officers of the University; 3356-7-42, Selection of Professional/Administrative Staff; and 3356-7-43, Externally Funded Professional/Administrative Staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby ratify and confirm the personnel actions as listed in Exhibit L attached hereto.

Resolution to Ratify Personnel Actions – Intercollegiate Athletics

YR 2017-63

WHEREAS, the *Policies of the Board of Trustees* authorize the President to manage the University, including appointing such employees as are necessary to effectively carry out the operation of the University and any other necessary personnel actions; and

WHEREAS, new appointments and other personnel actions have been made subsequent to the December 1, 2016, meeting of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, such personnel actions are in accordance with the 2016-2017 Budget and with University policies 3356-2-02, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Recruitment and Employment; 3356-7-36, Hiring and Selection Process, Contracts and Compensation for Intercollegiate Athletic Coaches; 3356-9-02, Selection and Annual Evaluation of Administrative Officers of the University; and 3356-7-42, Selection of Professional/Administrative Staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby ratify and confirm the personnel actions as listed in Exhibit M attached hereto.

5. Governance Committee

A. Resolution to Amend the *Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University*. The chairperson stated that as announced at the board's regular meeting on December 1, 2016, the Governance Committee recently completed a review of the board's *Bylaws* and recommended to the board that the *Bylaws* be amended as set forth in the proposed resolution. Following discussion, and upon the committee's recommendation, the trustees voted unanimously to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution to Amend the
Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University

YR 2017-64

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University is a self-governing body established under Chapter 3356 of the *Ohio Revised Code*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has adopted *Bylaws* regarding its governance and policies regarding its procedures; and

WHEREAS, the Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees has recently undertaken a review of the Board's *Bylaws* and has determined that the *Bylaws* should be amended; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article IX, Section 3.A. of the *Bylaws*, the Governance Committee announced its proposed amendments to the *Bylaws* at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees held December 1, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, effective immediately, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby amend its *Bylaws* as reflected in the redlined version of the *Bylaws* attached hereto as Exhibit N; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that University administration is authorized and directed to take such actions as are necessary and appropriate to effect the amendment of the Board's *Bylaws*, including the republication of the *Bylaws* booklet.

B. Nomination of 2016-2017 Board Officers. The chairperson reported that in accordance with the board's *Bylaws*, the Governance Committee had met and today makes its report to the board regarding its nominations of officers for the year starting this June. Today's report constitutes a first reading only. Voting on the election of officers will take place at the board's June regular meeting. The Governance Committee's recommendations for the 2016-2017 board officers are:

Chairperson	Ms. Leonard D. Schiavone
Vice Chairperson	Ms. Delores E. Crawford
Secretary	Mr. Franklin S. Bennett, Jr.

[Secretary's Note: The vote taken during the meeting was premature and a nullity as the Bylaws provide for election of board officers at the last regular meeting of the university fiscal year, which this year is scheduled to take place on June 14, 2017.]

ITEM VI – COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS

The chairperson recognized the secretary to the board who read aloud the following resolution:

Resolution of Appreciation – Carole S. Weimer

YR 2017-65

WHEREAS, in August of 2008, Ohio Governor Ted Strickland appointed Mrs. Carole Safier Weimer as a Trustee of Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, for the next nine years Mrs. Weimer served faithfully as a Trustee of Youngstown State University, and generously devoted her time, talents, skills and efforts to the best interests of the University, its students, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the Board, Mrs. Weimer served with distinction as a member of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Executive Committee, Finance and Facilities Committee, Institutional Engagement Committee, University Affairs Committee, Governance Committee and several ad hoc committees and subcommittees of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University, as well as three Youngstown State University presidential search committees; and

WHEREAS, from 2014 to 2017 Mrs. Weimer served as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weimer's commitment to the University and its students is clearly evidenced by her attendance at hundreds of meetings of the Board and its committees and her regular attendance at meetings and gatherings of the greater University and Youngstown communities, all while during her term as Trustee maintaining steadfast love, devotion and commitment to her husband, her daughters, her grandchildren, her mother and family and extended family of friends and teaching colleagues; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Weimer's grace and resolve enabled her to serve as an effective and respected Trustee under four YSU Presidents during times of crisis, challenge, change and success as she provided an example of leadership and stability for current and future trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees express their appreciation to Mrs. Carole Safier Weimer for her dedication and efforts to promote the welfare and best interests of the students, faculty, and staff of Youngstown State University and the community which it serves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mrs. Weimer.

Resolution of Appreciation – Samantha P. Anderson

YR 2017-66

WHEREAS, Samantha P. Anderson was appointed a Student Trustee of Youngstown State University on June 10, 2015, by Governor John Kasich; and

WHEREAS, during her term as Student Trustee, Ms. Anderson, affectionately known as “Sam” to her fellow Trustees, served on the Academic and Student Affairs, Institutional Engagement, Finance and Facilities, University Affairs Committees and the Audit and Investment Subcommittees of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson served as Student Trustee while at the same time maintaining a rigorous academic and work regimen and a number of campus leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, as a Student Trustee, Ms. Anderson served Youngstown State University, its faculty, staff, and especially its students, with distinction, bringing to the Board of Trustees a thoughtful, articulate and respected perspective on student issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Anderson’s term as Student Trustee has proved mutually enriching to her and to the Board of Trustees, exemplifying the value of the Student Trustee experience both to the student and to the University; and

WHEREAS, its members wish to thank Sam Anderson for the leadership and perspective that she brought to the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees express their appreciation to Samantha P. Anderson for her dedication and efforts to promote the welfare and best interests of the students, faculty, and staff of Youngstown State University and the community which it serves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Ms. Anderson.

ITEM VII – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board considered no unfinished business.

ITEM VIII – NEW BUSINESS

The committee considered no new business.

ITEM IX – CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

Mrs. Weimer provided the following remarks:

I have been honored to be a member of the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees since my 2008 appointment by then Governor Ted Strickland. When being told that the appointment to this esteemed board was for a 9-year term, my thoughts, like my colleagues around this table, went from a deep sense of honor and humility at being asked to serve on the board of this institution, to thinking, “Oh my – 9 years is a long commitment.” The ensuing 9 years have gone by quickly, and while I’m not sure that I initially thought that 9 years could come and go so quickly, but such is time.

Those trustees who came before me – those trustees whose names are etched into the glass walls of Tod Hall – all came to this role with a deep love of YSU and its relevance as a Beacon of Enlightenment to all the students who enter the classrooms, labs, lecture halls. My years spent in and around the university community has only confirmed what I thought I knew about YSU. This is a place where all things are possible for students to learn, interact with professors, staff and students that would otherwise not be a part of their life, but for their decision to attend YSU. This is a place for students to become inspired and find their passion. I have been amazed and awestruck by seeing and hearing about the incredible accomplishments of our students. I’ve had the opportunities to meet faculty and staff who have encouraged and mentored these students. This is a university where students have more direct interactions with faculty than so many other institutions, and that mentoring and collaborative work and research has enabled our students to graduate with skills and experiences that many of our larger institutions cannot give to students. I’ve attended many student award ceremonies and events, and I’ve been truly impressed with our students’ accomplishments, and their collaboration with their faculty members in research efforts is impressive. Just this morning I read in the paper two examples of the success of our students: Nursing students are on a medical mission in Mexico, and 2 marketing teams have qualified as semifinalists in competitions.

Over my 9 years, I’ve been honored to meet so many of the individuals who make this place the wonderful university that it is. To those faculty, staff, and students who took the time to tell me about their position at YSU, thanks for teaching me more than I previously knew about YSU, your fields of study, your role in making this a great university.

To those who work in the leadership arena of YSU, you are tasked always to lead by example with your passion, and dedication. Keeping eyes and ears always open to the challenges that face the university, whether due to state mandates or internal issues. Universities have always, and probably always will, be places that need to continually change and evolve, as times change and require a different way of operating. But always - With the best interest of students at the forefront of all decision making.

During my 9 years on this board, I have worked alongside 4 different presidents, many management teams, and almost 25 different colleagues around the board table, including the incredible student trustees. We may all come to this table with different thoughts on various issues, but all voices are listened to, and that shared communication and decision making is critical to the lasting success of YSU. We board members will come and go; presidents will come and go; even faculty and staff will come and go (although their longevity at the university will generally collect more years of service than we trustees or even presidents). Our students may have the shortest duration on campus, but they are the pivotal point and should always be the focus for all of us.

I want to thank all of those who have helped me to become a better board member, my colleagues who mentored me, and the students who help to refocus many discussions to the most relevant. This is a great university, and I am most proud to have been honored to be a part of serving as a member of the YSU Board of Trustees. YSU is truly the jewel of our Valley.

Thanks for the memories, and Go 'Guins!

ITEM X – TIME AND PLACE OF UPCOMING REGULAR MEETINGS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, which received the affirmative vote of all trustees present, the trustees resolved to set the following dates and times for the next regular meetings of the board to be held in the Board Room in Tod Hall:

3:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 14, 2017
3:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2017
3:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2017

ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board of trustees, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was duly adjourned by unanimous vote of the trustees at 3:40 p.m.

Chairperson

ATTEST:

Secretary to the Board of Trustees