



Board of Trustees Meeting - THURSDAY - June 22, 2023 Minutes

Youngstown State University - Board of Trustees
Jun 22, 2023 at 10:00 PM EDT

@ Board Meeting Room, Tod Hall

Attendance

Present:

Members: Julie Centofanti, Sergul Erzurum, Richard Fryda, Charles T. George, Allen L. Ryan, Jr., J.D., Joseph J. Kerola, Helen Lafferty, Laura Lyden, Anita A. Hackstedde, M.D., Michael A. Peterson, Molly S. Seals

Absent:

Members: Jocelyne Linsalata, Eric Spiegel

I. Call to Order

CHAIR PETERSON

THE 389th MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY WILL PLEASE COME TO ORDER.

PLEASE RISE FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

II. Roll Call

SECRETARY HACKSTEDDE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, PLEASE INDICATE YES WHEN I CALL YOUR NAME TO INDICATE YOUR ATTENDANCE: Trustee George Trustee Erzurum Trustee Fryda Trustee Kerola Trustee Lyden Trustee Peterson Trustee Ryan Trustee Seals Trustee Spiegel Trustee Linsalata Trustee Centofanti Trustee Hackstedde -i am recording myself as present

III. Proof of Notice of the Meeting

CHAIR PETERSON

WILL THE SECRETARY PROVIDE PROOF OF NOTICE OF TODAY'S MEETING?

SECRETARY HACKSTEDDE

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, OF THE BOARD'S BYLAWS; WRITTEN NOTICE OF TODAY'S MEETING WAS TIMELY PROVIDED TO EACH OF THE TRUSTEES, STUDENT TRUSTEES, NATIONAL/GLOBAL TRUSTEES AND TO THE PRESIDENT, AS WELL AS IT WAS PUBLICALLY NOTICED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES WEBSITE AND TO THE MEDIA

IV. Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting

CHAIR PETERSON

DRAFT COPIES OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD'S REGULAR MEETING(S) AND/OR SPECIAL MEETING(S) HAVE BEEN PROVIDED TO THE TRUSTEES PRIOR TO THE RESPECTIVE MEETING(S). THERE BEING NO CORRECTIONS, ADDITIONS, OR DELETIONS THERETO, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS WERE/ARE APPROVED AS PROVIDED.

V. Oath of Office for New Trustee: Richard C. Fryda

Trustee Fryda took the Oath of Office as administered by Secretary Hackstedde

 [Richard Fryda - Oath of Office.pdf](#)

VI. Presentation & Recognition

A. Inter-University Council Day at the Statehouse

The following students were recognized for their participation in IUC Day at the Statehouse in late April in Columbus: Nickiforos J Mastorides (president Student Government Association for 2022-2023); Maguire A Franko (executive vice president Student Government Association for 2022-2023); Jordan M Pintar (executive vice president of the Student Government Association for 2023-2024); and Trey Turner (presidential mentor during 2022-2023)

B. Department of Intercollegiate Athletics: Horizon League McCafferty Trophy

CHAIR PETERSON

WE WILL BE PASSING VIA CONSENT A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE ATHLETES, COACHES, STAFF AND SUPPORTERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS FOR HAVING WON THE HORIZON LEAGUE MCCAFFERTY TROPHY. AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS.

VII. Report of the President of the University

CHAIR PETERSON

PRESIDENT LAFFERTY, DO YOU HAVE A REPORT FOR THE BOARD?

PRESIDENT LAFFERTY

Dr. Lafferty expressed that her experiences over 4-months and 22-days have been enriching and enjoyable even though there are challenges. When I am asked about our mission, I point out there are four important tangibles: 1. developing the intellectual disposition of our students; 2. remain student-centered; 3. encourage scholarly endeavors; and 4. community engagement. These are linked to our Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future that encompasses student futures and lifelong learning, academic distinction and discovery of knowledge, and collective impact with the community. We are in the process of renewing the plan and intend to present it to the Board in September. She indicated that she has focused on faculty, staff, and students and other expected duties as was presented to the Executive Committee of the Board. As interim president Dr. Lafferty committed to keeping the life of the university in-motion with as few interruptions as possible. She concluded stating it has been a pleasure to work with the YSU family, particularly students “who teach me, probably more than I teach them.”

VIII. Reports of the Committees of the Board

CHAIR PETERSON

DOES ANY BOARD MEMBER REQUEST A SEPARATE VOTE ON ANY RESOLUTION ASSOCIATED WITH ANY OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD?

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD’S PRACTICE, AND IN THE ABSENCE OF OBJECTION, THE COMMITTEES’ RECOMMENDED RESOLUTIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR ADOPTION BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

A. Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee

CHAIR PETERSON

IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE AS LISTED IN THIS AGENDA?

HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR DECLARES THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. Resolution to Modify "The Student Code of Conduct" Policy, 3356-8-01.1
[📄 Resolution to Modify - The Student Code of Conduct Policy.undefined](#)
2. Resolution to Modify Student Travel Policy, 3356-8-07
[📄 Resolution to Modify - Student Travel Policy.undefined](#)
3. Resolution to Modify Hiring and Selection for Full and Part-Time Faculty Policy, 3356-10-01
[📄 Resolution to Modify - Hiring and Selection Process for Full and Part-Time Faculty Policy.undefined](#)
4. Resolution Regarding Exceptional Student Government Association Leadership
[📄 RESOLUTION of APPRECIATION - SGA Leadership.undefined](#)
5. Resolution to Authorize Recommendation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees
[📄 Resolution to Authorize - Recommendation of Candidates for Honorary Degrees.undefined](#)
6. Resolution to Approve Master of Science in Data Science and Statistics Program
[📄 Resolution to Approve - M.S. in Data Science and Statistics Program.undefined](#)

B. Intercollegiate Athletics Committee

CHAIR PETERSON

IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE INTERCOLLEGIATE COMMITTEE AS LISTED IN THIS AGENDA?

HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR DECLARES THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. Resolution to Approve Student Organization University Logo Use Policy, 3356-6-04
[📄 Resolution to Approve - Student Organization University Logo Use policy.pdf](#)
2. Resolution Recognizing the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Receipt of the Horizon League McCafferty Trophy
[📄 Resolution Recognizing The McCafferty Trophy.pdf](#)
[📄 YSU wins 2022-2023 McCafferty Trophy.pdf](#)

C. Investment Committee

CHAIR PETERSON

IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE AS LISTED IN THIS AGENDA?

HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR DECLARES THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. Resolution to Amend the Youngstown State University Non-Endowment Asset Allocation Guidelines
[!\[\]\(633dd45d48d71eb51a85c6dd83ee51e9_img.jpg\) Resolution to Amend - YSU Non-Endowment Asset Allocation Guidelines.pdf](#)
2. Resolution to Modify Investment of the University's Non-Endowment and Endowment Funds Policy, 3356-3-10
[!\[\]\(bdddf9191a284aa0945448444083c5b0_img.jpg\) Resolution to Modify - Investment of the University's Non-Endowment & Endowment Funds policy.pdf](#)

D. Finance and Facilities Committee

CHAIR PETERSON

IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE AS LISTED IN THIS AGENDA?

HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR DECLARES THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. Resolution to Modify Budget Transfers Policy, 3356-3-11.1
[!\[\]\(8d139a66f540002704b5c70b7fe6cc7a_img.jpg\) Resolution to Modify - Budget Transfers policy.pdf](#)
2. Resolution to Modify Acceptable Use of University Technology Resources Policy, 3356-4-09
[!\[\]\(c209541a4bc5f45e44bd7791f9477320_img.jpg\) Resolution to Modify - Acceptable Use of University Technology Resources policy.pdf](#)
3. Resolution to Modify Storage of Electronic Data Policy, 3356-4-09.2
[!\[\]\(8fd54d112e752061b5361c5bdf346185_img.jpg\) Resolution to Modify - Storage of Electronic Data policy.pdf](#)
4. Resolution to Modify Use of University Vehicles Policy, 3356-4-18
[!\[\]\(3525fd0bd3680f905a850c70520e38c7_img.jpg\) Resolution to Modify - Use of University Vehicles policy.pdf](#)
5. Resolution to Approve Changes to Tuition and Fees for the 2023-2024 Academic and Fiscal Year
[!\[\]\(3c3fba180f5a473bd1cb3c114e029235_img.jpg\) Resolution to Approve Changes to Tuition and Fees for the 2023-24 Academic and Fiscal Year.pdf](#)
6. Resolution to Approve the Annual Operating Budget for FY 2024
[!\[\]\(e4e94fc8df185dfabcff49964cc4dd39_img.jpg\) Resolution to Approve Annual Operating Budget for FY24.pdf](#)
7. Resolution to Approve Interfund Transfers
[!\[\]\(fdd6f407d8c5866c7bd62e139ad13d49_img.jpg\) Resolution to Approve Interfund Transfers.pdf](#)

8. Resolution to Approve the FY24 Annual Internal Audit Plan
[!\[\]\(83eb2aa26b610eb6a9dca7cf4702d681_img.jpg\) Resolution to Approve FY24 Annual Internal Audit Plan.pdf](#)

9. Report of the Audit Subcommittee

Trustee Seals provided a verbal report regarding the Audit Subcommittee.

E. University Affairs Committee

CHAIR PETERSON

IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AS LISTED IN THIS AGENDA?

HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR DECLARES THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. Resolution to Modify Vacation Leave, Professional/Administrative Staff and Department Chairpersons Not Covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement Policy, 3356-7-09

[!\[\]\(0b5e7e25e8775f7e7e80906ada4f0021_img.jpg\) Resolution to Modify - Vacation Leave, PA Staff & Dept. Chairpersons Not Covered by a Collective Barg. Agreement policy.pdf](#)

2. Resolution to Modify and Retitle Emeritus Status Policy, 3356-7-17

[!\[\]\(6bb0e4f14c4133b37d2887cb37e67ddd_img.jpg\) Resolution to Modify & Retitle - Emeritus Status policy.pdf](#)

3. Resolution to Authorize Conferral of Emeritus Status for Faculty and Administrators

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[!\[\]\(799877f5c2f906134441300079881630_img.jpg\) 2023 BOT EMERITUS SHEET - ADMINISTRATOR.pdf](#)

4. Resolution to Ratify Personnel Actions

[!\[\]\(7bc43b319a082987e20f7bf78f4bab80_img.jpg\) Resolution to Ratify Personnel Actions - Faculty & PA Staff including Athletics.undefined](#)

[!\[\]\(e50091943b385fe16d3277389202856f_img.jpg\) Faculty summary 4-15-2023.pdf](#)

[!\[\]\(4436e6b00b9d5e62c2a161129eb3e4d0_img.jpg\) Faculty report 4-15-23.pdf](#)

[!\[\]\(179f167ede0522ebb4ea025b3ad78ca7_img.jpg\) Professional Administrative summary 4-15-2023.pdf](#)

[!\[\]\(4a7b4ce770af8456e11a71f9565c8c2b_img.jpg\) Professional Administrative report 4-15-23.pdf](#)

[!\[\]\(e119fc79c8f448683d20ba4c873025a2_img.jpg\) Athletics summary 4-15-2023.pdf](#)

[!\[\]\(2088942ccfedc84a0a076c3fee3541aa_img.jpg\) Athletics report 4-15-23.pdf](#)

F. Institutional Engagement Committee

CHAIR PETERSON

IS THERE AN OBJECTION TO THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE INSTITUTIONAL ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE AS LISTED IN THIS AGENDA? HEARING NO OBJECTION, THE CHAIR DECLARES THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

1. Resolution to Modify Naming of University Facilities, Colleges and Programs, Policy 3356-5-15
[📄 Resolution Naming of University Facilities Colleges and Programs Final.pdf](#)
2. Resolution to Move Naming Recognition of the Larry E. Esterly Room
[📄 Resolution to Move Naming Recognition of the Larry E Esterly Room.pdf](#)
3. Resolution to Accept Gift of Real Estate
[📄 Resolution to Accept Gift of Real Estate for IE agenda June 2023 Final COMBO.pdf](#)

IX. Communications, Memorials, and News Updates

Interim President Lafferty recognized the following passings:

James Scanlon, former provost

Dorothy Lisko, former employee in Continuing Education & Human Resources

William Mays, sergeant with YSU Police Department

Bernard Leko, husband of Anna Leko, service desk technician in Information Technology

Christine Pullium, former employee in various departments across campus

Paul Dutton, YSU alum and former YSU trustee

Katie Sarkkinen, current STEM student

Yong Zhang, professor in Computer Science & Information Systems

Lee Hively Jr., donor and YSU Penguin Club member

Elizabeth "Betty" DeLuca, former YSU trustee

Richard Coppola, father of Sokolov Honors College employee, Carrie Clyde

William Countryman, former executive director of Enrollment Services

Gloria Jones, former adjunct faculty member in English and owner of Fireline, Inc.

Finn Smith, 8-month old son of swim coach, Brad Smith

Gail Gunger, mother of Board of Trustees member, Laura Lyden

Frank Gunger, STEM alumnus and father of Board of Trustees member, Laura Lyden

X. Unfinished Business

None


XI. New Business

CHAIR PETERSON WE WILL NOW CONSIDER NEW BUSINESS.

A. Presidential Search

The Board considered a resolution indicating its intent to conduct a national search for the next president and for that individual to begin in the position no later than Fall 2024 assuring that they will be involved in the development of the FY-25 budget. The resolution also identified trustees Chuck George (chair), Anita Hackstedde, Laura Lyden and Joseph Kerola as the

Presidential Search Guidance Committee with trustee Molly Seals serving as an alternate. The Board stated its intentions to identify Witt Kieffer as the search firm to assist with the search, for the Presidential Search Guidance Committee to serve as the Presidential Transition Committee and that there will be regular updates on behalf of the Board to the campus community regarding the institution and the status of the presidential search.

 [Resolution Related to the Presidential Search Search Firm, Timeline, and Communications.pdf](#)

Motion:

Motion moved by Michael Peterson and motion seconded by Anita Hackstedde.
Passed unanimously

XII. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Peterson made the following comments:

- The committees of the board had very engaged conversations yesterday across a wide range of topics
- We are pleased to learn of adjustments underway and being considered to attract students to YSU and to retain students at YSU – our primary objective is to provide a high-quality educational experience that is affordable, the two of which make a YSU degree highly valuable
- We approved the FY-24 budget as presented with the understanding and expectation that leadership will take necessary steps to assure the highest possible future senate bill six scores
- We are pleased to have heard from the presidential search guidance committee, the result of which was this board today passing a resolution pertaining to that process...YSU is well positioned to attract many candidates and we look forward to communicating to the campus regarding both YSU and the presidential search
- We all are aware that these are challenging times in higher education...we have positioned YSU to be more relevant to the community by committing to multiple pathways to a career via both degrees and industry and career advancing credentials
- Making such moves towards serving the region are highly desirable and we encourage leadership to continue taking such steps, such as creating a master's degree in data science and statistics
- Finally, the board looks forward to “refreshing” the plan for strategic actions to take charge of our future, as the guide towards a vibrant and sustainable Youngstown State University future state

XIII. Heritage Award Recognition

INTERIM PRESIDENT DR. HELEN LAFFERTY INTRODUCED THE RECIPIENTS OF THE HIGHEST RECOGNITION BY THE UNIVERSITY, THE HERITAGE AWARD.

Joseph Mosca and the late Syretha Cooper were recognized as the recipients of the 2023 Youngstown State University Heritage Award.

The Heritage Award, established in 1981 as a means of recognizing former faculty and professional/administrative staff who have made major contributions to the University during their years of service, is the most prestigious honor at YSU. Mosca's and Cooper's names have been etched on the Heritage Wall on campus.

Cooper worked in the department of Social Work from 1969 to 1996 as assistant professor, professor and chair. Cooper was the first African American to chair the Social Work department. Cooper's honors and awards include Who's Who Among Black Americans, the McGuffey Centre Hall of Fame Award in Education, Outstanding Teacher of the Year, YSU Black United Students and the Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, Region 4 Teacher of the Year. The Dr. Syretha F. Cooper Memorial Scholarship in Social Work was founded in her memory and continues her legacy of helping students.

Mosca served YSU from 1989 to 2019 as assistant professor, associate professor, assistant to the dean, chair, associate dean, dean of the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, and finally, interim provost and vice president of Academic Affairs. Mosca's awards include the Edna K. McDonald Cultural Awareness Award, the Watson Merit Award and the Distinguished Professorship and Distinguished Service Award. He is a licensed independent social worker and has served as a board member for Meridian Services, Mahoning County Mental Health, Fish Samaritan House and the Ohio Children's Trust Fund.

XIV. Dates and Times of Upcoming Regular Meetings of the Board

CHAIR PETERSON

THE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES, UNLESS OTHERWISE ADJUSTED, ARE SET FOR REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - 10 am

Thursday, December 7, 2023 - 10 am

Thursday, March 7, 2024

Thursday, June 6, 2024

Thursday, September 19, 2024

Thursday, December 5, 2024

XV. ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR PETERSON:

GIVEN THERE IS NO FURTHER BUSINESS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I WILL DECLARE THAT THIS MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FOYER FOR A RECEPTION RECOGNIZING THE HERITAGE AWARD RECIPIENTS.