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Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the President’s Suite, Room 310 of University Hall on the Bowling Green campus, for an Executive Session: Daniel Keller, Chair; Marilyn Eisele, Drew Forhan, Linda Forte, Ava Harter, Betty Montgomery, David O’Brien, Geoffrey Radbill, and Richard Ross.

Mr. Keller called the meeting to order on Thursday, June 27, 2019, at 4:42 p.m. A quorum was noted. Mr. Keller made a motion – pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Open Meetings Act, Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 – to enter into executive session to discuss matters concerning employment and evaluation of public employees. Ross seconded. Roll call was taken and the motion was approved.

Without objection, the Board agreed to recess at 6:00 p.m. The Board reconvened on Friday, June 28, 2019, at 7:40 a.m.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Mr. Keller reconvened the meeting and announced that the Board met in executive session, at which no action was taken. Roll call was taken.

Session adjourned at 8:34 a.m.
Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Room 308 at the Bowling Green campus on June 27, 2019: Daniel Keller, Chair; Marilyn Eisele, Leah Fishman, Drew Forhan, Linda Forte, Ava Harter, Betty Montgomery, David O'Brien, Geoffrey Radbill, Dick Ross, and Remington Schneider.

Also present: Rodney Rogers, President; Patrick Pauken, Secretary to the Board; Joe Whitehead, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs; Sherideen Stoll, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Thomas Gibson, Vice President for Student Affairs and Vice Provost; Mike Ogawa, Vice President for Research and Economic Engagement; William Balzer, Vice President, Faculty Affairs and Strategic Initiatives; Cecilia Castellano, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Michael Stokes, General Counsel, Interim; Viva McCarver, Chief Human Resources Officer; Dave Kielmeyer, Chief Marketing and Communications Officer; Jennifer McCary, Chief Diversity and Belonging Officer; Dr. Bruce Meyer, Associate Vice President for Capital Planning and Campus Operations; Bob Moosbrugger, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics; media representatives; and a number of observers.

Mr. Keller called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (seven trustees).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rodney Rogers welcomed the newly appointed undergraduate and graduate Trustees and highlighted accomplishments through a year in review video.

MINUTES

No. 50-2019 Ms. Eisele moved and Ms. Montgomery seconded that the minutes of the May 2-3, 2019, meeting be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Instructional, General and Special Fee Revisions

No. 51-2019 Ms. Harter moved and Mr. Forhan seconded that:

WHEREAS, boards of trustees at public colleges and universities in Ohio are responsible for establishing the fees to be charged for instructional and other educational services; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio’s biennial budget (H.B. 166) for Fiscal Year 2020 and 2021 has not yet been completed and signed into law by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the University is tentatively expecting an increase of $1.8 million (2.3 percent) in support from State Share of Instruction for Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, based on our current best judgment and need to be financially prudent and prepared;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed instructional and general fee schedules, and special fee revisions, for the Bowling Green and Firelands campuses for Fiscal Year 2020 (fall) as presented and more completely described in the background to the resolution or to the extent permitted by Ohio law.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Ms. Harter, Mr. Keller, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, and Dr. Ross. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.
WHEREAS, an annual budget is prepared to provide a financial plan to guide the University for the next fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the University’s unrestricted Educational and General (E & G) Budgets reflect expected state appropriations in Fiscal Year 2020 of $75.6 million ($1.8 million or 2.3 percent increase over prior year) for the Bowling Green Campus; and $4.4 million (flat funding over prior year) for the Firelands Campus; and

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green E & G Budget provides $204.1 million from total tuition and general fees ($3.8 million or 1.9 percent increase over prior year) reflecting the anticipated impact of the Falcon Tuition Guarantee Plan related tuition increase, the increase for continuing students (not included in a Falcon Tuition Guarantee Plan) and modest enrollment increases; and

WHEREAS, the Firelands E & G Budget reflects $8.1 million from total tuition and general fees ($315 thousand or 4.0 percent increase over prior year) reflecting the anticipated impact of the Falcon Tuition Guarantee Plan related tuition increase; and

WHEREAS, both campus budgets include merit compensation pools, promotion/tenure, a market adjustment pool, and associated benefits, as well as modest additions, reductions or reallocations in operating expenses as described more fully in the background to the resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green Campus Educational and General Budget with total expenditures of $304,302,803 as fully described in the detailed budget provided in the BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book have been proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Firelands Campus Educational and General Budget with total expenditures of $12,872,069 as fully described in the detailed budget provided in the BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book have been proposed; and

WHEREAS, the General Fee and related Auxiliary Budgets with total revenues of $38,875,102 as fully described in the detailed budgets provided in the BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book have been proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Miscellaneous Auxiliary Budgets with total revenues of $9,826,153 as fully described in the detailed budgets provided in the BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book have been proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Residence Hall Budget with total revenues of $37,737,420 as fully described in the detailed budget provided in the BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book have been proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Dining Hall Budget with total revenues of $25,732,359 as fully described in the detailed budget provided in the BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book have been proposed; and

WHEREAS, the combined, total revenues for Bowling Green State University of $429,345,906 as fully described in the detailed budget provided in the BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book have been proposed;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Fiscal Year 2020 Educational and General Budgets, the General Fee and Related Auxiliary Budgets, the Miscellaneous Auxiliary Budgets, the Residence Hall Budget, and the Dining Hall Budget as fully described in the detailed budgets provided in the proposed BGSU FY 2020 Proposed Budgets Book for the Bowling Green and Firelands Campuses.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Ms. Harter, Mr. Keller, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, and Dr. Ross. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.
Approval of Revision of the Academic Charter
No. 53-2019 Mr. Forhan moved and Ms. Harter seconded that:

WHEREAS, in Fall 2016, at the request of then President Mary Ellen Mazey, Bowling Green State University’s Faculty Senate formed an ad hoc committee to review the Academic Charter for internal consistency and for compliance and consistency with University policies;

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee on Charter Revision was comprised of members of the Faculty Senate Committee on Amendments and Bylaws, the president of the BGSU Faculty Association, the Vice President for Faculty Affairs and Strategic Initiatives, and the Secretary to the Board of Trustees;

WHEREAS, to guide its work, the ad hoc committee invoked Article XIV.F of the Academic Charter and the Charter Revision process;

WHEREAS, after extensive study and work, the ad hoc committee proposed several editorial amendments for currency and clarity; several substantive amendments that refine and improve the work of Faculty Senate and its committees; and additional amendments that bring the Charter into alignment with current policy and practice;

WHEREAS, the ad hoc committee presented its proposed revisions at University-wide forums, held in February and March 2019, pursuant to Article XIV.F;

WHEREAS, the Faculty Senate approved the proposed Charter revision on April 2, 2019; and

WHEREAS, in a process pursuant to Article XIV.F of the Academic Charter, a vote of all full-time faculty was held, with an overwhelming majority voting in favor of the proposed Charter Revision; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revision of the Academic Charter.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of Revision of the Graduate Student Senate Constitution
No. 54-2019 Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Eisele seconded that approval be given to the revised Graduate Student Senate Constitution.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Board of Trustees 2020-2021 Meeting Schedule
No. 55-2019 Ms. Eisele moved and Ms. Montgomery seconded that:

approval be given to the Proposed Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings for 2020-2021, as listed below.

September 24-25, 2020
December 10-11, 2020
March 4-5, 2021
May 20-21, 2021
June 24-25, 2021

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Election of Officers for Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees
No. 56-2019 Dr. Ross moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

approval be given to the election of the following persons as officers of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for 2019-2020:
All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Keller provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on September 26-27, 2019, on the Bowling Green Campus.

PASSING OF THE GAVEL

Mr. Keller continued the tradition of “passing of the gavel” to give Trustees the opportunity to highlight accomplishments and efforts of programs and individuals at Bowling Green State University.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:29 a.m., Dr. Ross moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that the meeting be adjourned.