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**MINUTES**  
Board of Trustees  
Bowling Green State University  
Trading and Simulation Lab  
Robert W. and Patricia A. Maurer Center  
July 31, 2020

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, and per a March 13, 2020, statement issued by Ohio Attorney General, Dave Yost, The Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees met for a special meeting on July 31, 2020. Meeting face-to-face in Room 100 of the Robert W. and Patricia A. Maurer Center: Betty Montgomery, Chair; David O'Brien, Vice Chair. Meeting electronically: Marilyn Eisele, Drew Forhan, Ava Harter, Russell Martin, Estee Miller, George Miller, Geoff Radbill, Dr. Richard Ross, Remington Schneider, Amy Shore, and Howard Traul.

Also present in Room 100 of the Maurer Center: Rodney Rogers, President; Patrick Pauken, Secretary to the Board; Pam Conlin, Vice President for University Advancement; and Al and Carol Schmidthorst, donors and friends to BGSU. A number of observers attended the meeting online.

Ms. Montgomery called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (nine trustees).

Ms. Montgomery noted that, pursuant to a statement issued by Ohio Attorney General, Dave Yost, public university boards of trustees are permitted to meet electronically in order to practice appropriate physical distancing in this time of a COVID-19 declared emergency in Ohio. Trustees, President Rogers, members of the President's Cabinet, and members of the BGSU community are able to participate in the meeting via live-stream. Ms. Montgomery thanked those who joined the meeting. She then introduced President Rogers.

**PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Rogers offered an update on BGSU's preparations for fall semester. BGSU has launched "Design My BGSU," an advising initiative that will allow students to design their schedules to accommodate a variety of formats: hybrid (a combination of face-to-face and online learning), remote (online, but in synchronous, real time), and online (online, fully asynchronous). There will be face-to-face experiences, but they will look different. We have leveraged technology, modified spaces for physical distancing and COVID-capacity, and increased cleaning and sanitizing. Faculty are working diligently and innovatively to accommodate students and modify their teaching.

President Rogers also reported that he and Michael Aspacher, Mayor of Bowling Green, are working together with landlords, business owners, and restaurants and bars to reduce the risk of COVID throughout the Bowling Green community.

President Rogers ended his remarks by recognizing Al and Carol Schmidthorst, whose historic and transformative gift today names the College of Business. President Rogers reviewed their past gifts to the BSGU and thanked for their deep and long-term generosity.

**UPDATE ON COMPREHENSIVE CAMPAIGN**

Chair Montgomery introduced Pam Conlin, Vice President for University Advancement, to give a report on the *Changing Lives for the World* campaign. Vice President Conlin noted that, in report to Board in February, the campaign commitment was \$191 million. The University plans to hold an announcement of the increased commitment total at Homecoming, and will remain focused on the Campaign's fundraising priorities through the Campaign-end on December 31, 2020. Vice President Conlin concluded her report by announcing that, with the historic commitment from Al and Carol Schmidthorst and other donors during this global pandemic, the Campaign has surpassed its \$200 million goal, six months prior to its scheduled conclusion in December.

## ACTION ITEM

### Approval of Naming of Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business

No. 1-2021      Mr. O'Brien moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, Allen (Al) Schmidthorst grew up on a farm in the Cincinnati area and attended Bowling Green State University in the mid-1950s before beginning his business career;

WHEREAS, Al and his wife, Carol, own AWS Properties, a business that provides comprehensive services for office, retail and leisure properties;

WHEREAS, Al is a seasoned entrepreneur with holdings in hotels, motels, restaurants and real estate management and is known as a leader in the hotel and restaurant industry;

WHEREAS, Al received an honorary doctorate of business administration from BGSU in 2017;

WHEREAS, Al and Carol are long-standing, passionate supporters of BGSU;

WHEREAS, they provided lead gifts to the University for the Schmidthorst Pavilion and Schmidthorst Heritage Hall featuring the Cochrane Cunningham Athletic Archives, both located in the Stroh Center;

WHEREAS, they have also supported WBGU-TV Public Broadcasting Fund, the Falcon Club Scholarship and Success Fund, BRAVO! Scholarship for the Arts Fund, the Student-Athlete Academic Support Services Fund, the Men's Basketball Enhancement Fund, the Men's Golf Enhancement Fund and the Stadium Fund;

WHEREAS, in recognition of their contributions, they are members of The Presidents Club, the Falcon Club and Leadership Circle;

WHEREAS, Al and Carol Schmidthorst have provided a transformational gift for the University and the College of Business;

WHEREAS, in recognition of this generous gift commitment, BGSU and BGSU Foundation, Inc. will endow and name the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business; and

WHEREAS, the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business, the first college to be endowed at BGSU, will transform the College of Business and Bowling Green State University by providing resources in perpetuity to educate and directly empower current and future students to be the next generation of business and community leaders serving the public good.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the generosity and support shown by Al and Carol Schmidthorst, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approve the naming of the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Ms. Harter, Sheriff Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O'Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. Mr. Traul abstained. The motion was approved with nine affirmative votes.

Chair Montgomery thanked the Schmidthorsts for their generous gift. They offered a few remarks.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Montgomery asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Brien moved and Ms. Eisele seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.