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Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union at the Bowling Green campus on May 5, 2021: Betty Montgomery, Chair; Marilyn Eisele, Drew Forhan, Linda Forte, Russell Martin, Estee Miller, David O’Brien, Geoffrey Radbill, Remington Schneider, and Amy Shore. George Miller and Richard Ross attended virtually.

Also present: Rodney Rogers, President; Patrick Pauken, Board Secretary; Joe Whitehead, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs; Cecilia Castellano, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Outcomes; Pam Conlin, Vice President for University Advancement; Sue Houston, Vice President for Partnerships and Chief of Staff; Natalie Jackson, General Counsel; Jennifer McCary, Chief Diversity and Belonging Officer; Michael Ogawa, Vice President for Research and Economic Engagement; Alex Solis, Deputy Chief of Staff and University Spokesperson; Sherideen Stoll, Vice President for Finance and Administration; and a number of observers.

Ms. Montgomery called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (seven trustees).

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Rodney Rogers began his remarks by reflecting on COVID’s impact. He thanked faculty and staff for their hard work to put students first. He thanked Ms. Conlin and her team on the successful conclusion of the Changing Lives for the World campaign, discussed planning for fall 2021, recognized Dr. Highhouse and Dr. Min, and noted that a new strategic plan will be rolled out in the coming weeks.

**MINUTES**

No. 20-2021 Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Eisele seconded that the minutes of December 10 and 11, 2020, meetings be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Eisele, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, reported that the committee had four action items for Board consideration.

**Approval of Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration**

No. 21-2021 Ms. Eisele moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Department of Public and Allied Health at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) currently administers a healthcare administration specialization under its applied health science degree;

WHEREAS, based on the evolving needs of medical support and care to a wide range of populations, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), U.S. Department of Labor, projects employment growth for healthcare administration professionals to grow 18 percent from 2018 to 2028, much faster than the average for all occupations;

WHEREAS, there is a projected increase in demand for health services managers as a result of the baby-boom population needing more medical care as they age and a rising need to replace managers who retire over the next decade;

WHEREAS, as medical technologies continue to improve, demand in medical group practice management is projected to grow;

WHEREAS, widespread use of electronic health records (EHRs) will likely increase demand for managers with knowledge of health information technology (IT) and informatics systems;
WHEREAS, the range of these needs and evolving trends demonstrate a need for qualified professionals who can fill a litany of health care administration occupations;

WHEREAS, a survey of current students in BGSU’s Healthcare Specialization revealed that the majority of them would favor a specific degree in healthcare administration over the current HCA specialization;

WHEREAS, a new Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration (BSHCA) is being proposed;

WHEREAS, the BSHCA is designed to prepare students to work in management and administration in hospitals, clinics and other organizations providing health care services;

WHEREAS, the new degree will replace the health care administration specialization and will be aligned with Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) national certification standards;

WHEREAS, learning outcomes for the proposed BSHCA cover areas such as the United States health care system; socio-cultural factors associated with the distribution and etiology of health and disease; management and leadership skills in planning, operations, and finance; ethics, law, and policy; health information data and technology; and social justice and health equity;

WHEREAS, the new degree will include courses from academic units across the university, including Biological Sciences and Political Science Departments, and the Schmidthorst College of Business;

WHEREAS, the degree would benefit the wider community by preparing entry-level healthcare professionals who have the appropriate knowledge, skills, and professional competencies;

WHEREAS, the BSHCA is designed to prepare students to work in management and administration in hospitals, clinics and other organizations providing health care services;

WHEREAS, their roles include aspects of finance, budgeting, billing, human resources management, facilities management, marketing, and quality measurement and improvement;

WHEREAS, in addition, holding a BSHCA will allow students to pursue further education at the graduate level;

WHEREAS, the Department of Public and Allied Health offers a Master of Health Services Administration (MHSA) degree program;

WHEREAS, the BSHCA would provide a natural feeder to the MHSA program, providing a pool of well-prepared applicants in possession of the core values and knowledge of health care administration;

WHEREAS, yearly admitted students to the new program are estimated to gradually grow in number to 35, equating to up to 140 full-time students enrolled at any one time;

WHEREAS, students currently enrolled in the specialization will have the choice to move to the new degree or continue in the specialization.

WHEREAS, once the new degree is approved then all incoming students will be required to enroll in the BSHCA; and

WHEREAS, the BGSU Faculty Senate approved the proposed Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration at its meeting on December 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.
Approval of Doctor of Physical Therapy

No. 22-2021 Ms. Eisele moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, according to the American Physical Therapy Association, “Physical therapy is a dynamic profession with an established theoretical and scientific base and widespread clinical applications in the restoration, maintenance, and promotion of optimal physical function”;

WHEREAS, physical therapists are leaders in the community in the fields of rehabilitation, health promotion, and wellness;

WHEREAS, projections suggest that demand for physical therapists in the United States will outstrip supply under most assumptions;

WHEREAS, demand for physical therapy will come, in part, from the large number of aging baby boomers, who are staying more active later in life than their counterparts of previous generations;

WHEREAS, more recently, there has been a rapid increase in the utilization of physical therapy services both in person and through remote technologies to manage the debilitating effects of pandemic survivors;

WHEREAS, physical therapists care for patients in hospitals, private practices, outpatient clinics, home health agencies, schools, sports and fitness facilities, work settings, and nursing homes;

WHEREAS, BGSU has partnered with Evidence in Motion (EIM) to offer a 2-year, hybrid Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) program;

WHEREAS, EIM’s vision is to reimagine healthcare education by reinventing how education is delivered to increase access, reduce student debt, and improve outcomes;

WHEREAS, EIM prepares healthcare professionals to be active lifelong learners who work collaboratively to deliver superior patient care and solve the most complex challenges of health care;

WHEREAS, BGSU’s program will be one of several universities in partnership with EIM, allowing BGSU to collaborate with university partners for research, scholarship of teaching and learning, and best-practice discussions;

WHEREAS, using an accelerated hybrid learning model, the two-year program combines online learning activities and interactions, hands-on laboratory immersion sessions, along with a collaborative clinical education experience;

WHEREAS, the DPT’s evidence-based curriculum is designed to progress students from foundational scientific knowledge to application, analysis, and synthesis of information using the cognitive, affective, and psychomotor domains;

WHEREAS, the 6-month terminal clinical education internship in this program prepares graduates for entry-level practice and serves as a foundation for post-professional residency opportunities in several specialties within PT practice;

WHEREAS, this flexible educational model allows students to live anywhere in the country and commute to Detroit greater metro area twice each academic term to participate in an onsite immersive laboratory experience;

WHEREAS, this model addresses many of the contemporary challenges facing physical therapy education, such as lack of qualified faculty, difficulty in scaling programs given “brick and mortar” facility constraints, demand and competition for quality clinical education sites, inability to meet the education and healthcare needs of rural communities, and the projected unsustainable cost of historical PT education models;

WHEREAS, the innovative learning experience provided by the hybrid curriculum will serve the region’s post-traditional, adult students, supporting this underserved student population and establishing BGSU as an emerging leader in health professions curricular innovation;
WHEREAS, students graduating from the program will earn the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree, which is the current standard for entry-level professional practice required for physical therapy in the United States;

WHEREAS, the Doctor of Physical Therapy program will be housed in the School of Physical Therapy, which is an administrative unit within the College of Health and Human Services of Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, the School of Physical Therapy will have 12 full-time faculty, 1 part-time faculty, and approximately 10 adjunct faculty to support a total of 200 students (2 cohorts) per year;

WHEREAS, the BGSU Faculty Senate approved the proposed Doctor of Physical Therapy program at its meeting on December 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Doctor of Physical Therapy.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Distinguished Research Professor – Dr. Scott Highhouse

No. 23-2021 Ms. Eisele moved and Mr. Forhan seconded that:

WHEREAS, Dr. Scott Highhouse earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Akron in 1987; and master’s and doctoral degrees in industrial-organizational psychology from the University of Missouri, Saint Louis, in 1989 and 1992, respectively;

WHEREAS, Professor Highhouse joined the faculty at Bowling Green State University in 1996 as an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology;

WHEREAS, following his promotion to Associate Professor in 1998 and Professor in 2004, he was named an Ohio Board of Regents Eminent Scholar for his noteworthy achievements in the field of Industrial/Organization (I/O) Psychology;

WHEREAS, Professor Highhouse’s research area focuses on the applying studies on judgment and decision-making to the hiring of personnel;

WHEREAS, as Chair Michael Zickar states, “he has been a fierce advocate for using objective methods to counter subjective hiring practices that bring in error and biases into the hiring process”;

WHEREAS, contributing to his field, Professor Highhouse has published 87 peer-reviewed journal articles, 16 book chapters and edited or authored 4 books;

WHEREAS, the impact of his work is reflected in his citation h-index of 49, and i10 index of 83, both in the 99th percentile of all professors in the field of psychology;

WHEREAS, these data affirm that he has regularly published in the highest visibility journals throughout his career;

WHEREAS, he is founding editor of the journal Personnel Assessment and Decisions, and he has been Associate Editor of two other journals;

WHEREAS, he has also attracted approximately $200,000 in extramural funds supporting his research activities;

WHEREAS, Dr. Highhouse is a Fellow in the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, the American Psychological Association, and the Association for Psychological Science;
WHEREAS, Professor Highhouse has mentored 21 Ph.D. students, seven of whom are tenured or tenure-track faculty in psychology departments or MBA programs nationwide, and fourteen of whom are currently employed in the private sector;

WHEREAS, the external evaluators have provided additional insights into Highhouse’s outstanding career;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ann Marie Ryan, University Distinguished Professor of Psychology at Michigan State University, writes, “Dr. Highhouse is preeminent in applying decision-making research from the cognitive sciences to the applied context of personnel decisions about employees…. His work stands out as providing insight not only into what decision makers are doing in those contexts, but in how to improve their decisions”;

WHEREAS, Dr. Alicia Grandey, Liberal Arts Professor of I/O Psychology at Penn State University, provides an important perspective on the broader reach of Dr. Highhouse’s research: “I do not study the same area of research as Dr. Highhouse, and thus it might be reasonable for me not to know his specific studies. And yet, I not only know of his work, but I have used it repeatedly in my undergraduate and graduate training”;

WHEREAS, Professor Grandey adds that “I would like to point out how rare it is nowadays that a scholar stays at one university for two decades. Dr. Highhouse is an important linchpin of the BGSU I-O program and an important part of its high prestige in our field, helping recruit the best students and faculty”;

WHEREAS, the nomination of Dr. Scott Highhouse as a Distinguished Research Professor has been supported and endorsed by his department chair; his dean, Dr. Dale Klopf; the Distinguished Research Professor Committee; the Council of Deans; and Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Joe B. Whitehead.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of Dr. Scott Highhouse as a Distinguished Research Professor.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Distinguished Research Professor – Dr. Hokey Min

No. 24-2021 Ms. Eisele moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, Dr. Hokey Min earned a bachelor’s degree from the Hankuk University of Foreign Studies in Seoul, Korea, in 1978; and an M.B.A. from Yonsei University in Seoul, Korea, in 1980;

WHEREAS, Dr. Min earned an M.S. in business administration from the University of South Carolina in 1982; and then earned a master of arts and Ph.D. in management sciences from the Ohio State University in 1986 and 1987, respectively;

WHEREAS, Professor Min joined the faculty at Bowling Green State University in 2006 as the James R. Good Chair in Global Supply Chain Strategy and as a full professor of Operations and Supply Chain Management;

WHEREAS, Dr. Min initiated breakthrough research on healthcare supply chain management, closed-loop supply chains, global logistics, supply chain technology (including artificial intelligence applications to supply chain management), supply chain risk management, and supply chain benchmarking;

WHEREAS, long before the COVID-19 outbreak, Dr. Min initiated innovative research on the control of chronic Malaria outbreaks in Sub-Saharan Africa after foreseeing the similar problems across the world;

WHEREAS, he is currently working on the surveillance, contact tracing, and medicine supply distribution associated with the COVID-19 outbreak control using Artificial Intelligence;
WHEREAS, further contributing to his field, Professor Min has published 207 peer-reviewed journal articles, 6 book chapters, 2 monographs, 51 proceedings papers and authored 3 books;

WHEREAS, the impact of his work is reflected in his citation h-index of 59, and i10 index of 143;

WHEREAS, Professor Min was identified by SCOPUS as one of the top 100,000 most influential scientists in the world (out of close to 7 million people);

WHEREAS, reflecting the respect his work has received nationwide, Professor Min has been awarded $3.3 million in extramural funds to support his scholarship;

WHEREAS, Dr. Min has made 93 peer reviewed presentations at national and international conferences, made 67 invited presentations in the practitioner-oriented professional meetings;

WHEREAS, he served as the President of the 2013-2014 Midwest Decision Sciences Institute;

WHEREAS, Dr. Min was the Editor and a Charter Member of the Editorial Advisory Board for International Journal of Logistics: Research and Applications, and serves on the editorial review board for 11 different academic journals;

WHEREAS, in 2018, he was recognized with Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Award for his career-long contributions to the field;

WHEREAS, Professor Ceyhun Ozgur, Research Professor of Information and Decision Sciences at Valparaiso University, states that Dr. Min was one of only ten people to be recognized as a fellow of the Midwest Decision Sciences Institute, and that his two textbooks in Supply Chain Management and his two reference books on the healthcare supply chain and business analytics are widely known and well received by his colleagues nationwide;

WHEREAS, the impact of his work on public health are congruent with BGSU’s stated commitment to serving the public good; and

WHEREAS, the nomination of Dr. Hokey Min as a Distinguished Research Professor has been supported and endorsed by his department chair; his dean, Raymond Braun; the Distinguished Research Professor Committee; the Council of Deans; and Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Joe B. Whitehead.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of Dr. Hokey Min as a Distinguished Research Professor.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Ms. Eisele reported that the committee also heard an update from Academic Affairs and Student Affairs, presented by Dr. Whitehead, Ms. Castellano, and Dr. Ogawa.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS/FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Forhan, Chair of the Financial Affairs/Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee had eight items for Board consideration.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Residence Hall Room Rates

No. 25-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, boards of trustees at public colleges and universities in Ohio are responsible for establishing the fees to be charged for roomrates and related ancillary services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves an average roomrate to be effective for the fall semester of Fiscal Year 2022.
The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Mr. Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval Fiscal Year 2022 Meal Plan Rates

No. 26-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, boards of trustees at public colleges and universities in Ohio are responsible for establishing the fees to be charged for meal plans;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves a meal plan rate to be effective for the fall semester of Fiscal Year 2022.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Mr. Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of Fiscal Year 2022 Academic Special Course Fee Revisions

No. 27-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the University’s Academic Programs provide students with a worthwhile educational experience; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the unique and increasing costs related to providing these enhanced instructional experiences continue to be adequately funded;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the special fees as listed on Schedule A effective for the fall semester of Fiscal Year 2022 (or as otherwise noted) 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, Mr. Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of Falcon Heights and Centennial Hall Building Envelope Maintenance

No. 28-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of $1,287,239 have been identified from Residence Life – Renewal and Replacement Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the planned scope of work includes performing manufacturer stipulated EIFS cleaning and repairs; applying new caulking and sealants to all exterior windows, doors, and building control joints; reconstructing roof scuppers and downspouts to improve water flow; and repairing roof copings and membrane flashings as required; and

WHEREAS, the planned work will commence March 2021 and conclude August 2021; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction will follow all applicable state laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the Falcon Heights and Centennial Hall Building Envelope Maintenance as more fully described in the background to the resolution.
Approval of ITS Master Plan Related Infrastructure – Design Services Only

No. 29-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of $548,680 have been identified from Series 2020 Debt (Master Plan 2.0); and

WHEREAS, the planned scope of work includes Design Services for the purpose of planning and estimating the construction work necessary to execute the improvements described above for the ITS Master Plan Related Infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, the planned work is expected to commence April 2021 and conclude January 2022; and

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction will follow all applicable state laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the ITS Master Plan Related Infrastructure – Design Services Only.

Approval of Administration Building Demolition

No. 30-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of $1,341,241 have been identified from State Capital and $584,692 have been identified from Series 2020 Debt (Master Plan 2.0); and

WHEREAS, the planned scope of work includes the design, estimation, bidding and demolition of the Administration building; and

WHEREAS, the planned demolition will begin in late 2021 and expected project completion is late fall 2022; and

WHEREAS, the eventual re-development of the site currently occupied by the Administration building will be designed and presented at a future Board of Trustees meeting for consideration;

WHEREAS, the design, bidding, and construction will follow all applicable state laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the Administration Building Demolition as more thoroughly described in the background to the resolution.

Approval of Master Tax Exempt Lease and Replacement of Wireless Access Points

No. 31-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Ms. Eisele seconded that:

WHEREAS, Section 3345.11 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes the University to, among other things, acquire, by purchase, lease, lease-purchase, lease with option to purchase or otherwise, equip, furnish,
reconstruct, alter, enlarge, remodel, renovate, rehabilitate, improve, maintain, and repair auxiliary facilities and education facilities; and

WHEREAS, replacing certain Cisco Wireless Access Points and related equipment and supporting infrastructure (the “Project”) is necessary, and in the best interests of Bowling Green State University (the “University”); and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the University has determined that it is in the best interests of the University to finance a portion of the project ($2,903,392) for acquiring the Network Hardware through the use of a Master Tax-Exempt Lease-Purchase Agreement (the “Agreement”) with Hewlett-Packard Financial Services Company (“HPFSC”) and to fund the remaining portion of the project ($1,796,609) with ITS-Reserves for the purpose of project network hardware installation and any project contingencies;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Sections 3345.11 of the Ohio Revised Code, and such other provisions of state and federal law as may be applicable, the President and the Vice President for Finance and Administration, or either of them, after review by the Office of General Counsel, be and each of them hereby is, alone or in combination with each other, delegated such authority as may be necessary to sign, execute, deliver, approve and perform the Agreement, and all such other necessary documents incidental to such Agreement to include but not be limited to: (a) an escrow agreement between the University and the lender; and

(b) property schedule(s) for the Project, to be attached to the Master Agreement; and

(c) other agreements, instruments, documents, certificates, and representations necessary or appropriate to complete the development, construction, and financing of the Project, including but not limited to a federal income tax compliance certificate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution by any of the aforementioned officers of the University of any of the documents, agreements, instruments and certificates contemplated above shall be conclusive evidence that such action was authorized by this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement with HPFSC be set at a sum not to exceed the purchase price as described in the final property description (Exhibit 1) agreement – currently estimated purchase price of $2,903,392; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University’s obligations under the Agreement are subject to an annual appropriation as may be set forth in any and all of the documents signed or executed in connection with the Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Agreement be designated as a “qualified tax-exempt obligation” for purposes of Section 265(b)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the project design, bidding, and construction associated with the network hardware installation will follow all applicable state laws and regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the actions of the President, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and other employees of the University, up to and including the date of this Resolution, in taking any preliminary actions in connection with the transactions described in this Resolution, are hereby ratified, confirmed and approved.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Mr. Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of Additional Namings for the Robert W. and Patricia A. Maurer Center

No. 32-2021 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, Scott T. Beaverson earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting 1999 from BGSU;
WHEREAS, Scott is currently the global sales and marketing controller for O-I. Previously, he was the senior manager – audit at EY;

WHEREAS, Holly G. Beaverson earned a bachelor’s degree in English in 2003 from BGSU. Holly had a long career at Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities as a skill development specialist and recently retired;

WHEREAS, Scott and Holly met at BGSU and are Falcon Flames;

WHEREAS, Scott and Holly have supported BGSU through gifts to the EY Department of Accounting and MIS Fund, the Men’s Chorus Fund, the Men’s Rugby Alumni Society, the Schmidthorst College of Business, the O-I Employee Scholarship, and The Excellence Fund for BGSU;

WHEREAS, the Beaversons’ generosity is acknowledged through membership in The Presidents Club and Leadership Circle giving societies;

WHEREAS, in recognition of a gift the University has received from Scott and Holly in support of the Maurer Center, the Scott and Holly Beaverson Collaboration space will be named;

WHEREAS, Joseph E. Hoffman earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration majoring in sales management in 1983 from BGSU;

WHEREAS, while a student, he was a member of Delta Sigma Pi Theta Pi fraternity;

WHEREAS, Joe is currently the CEO of Timco Rubber Products, Inc. where he has held a number of positions in his 31 years with the company;

WHEREAS, Lynn M. Hoffman earned an associate’s degree in business in 1984 and a bachelor’s degree in journalism in 1986 from BGSU;

WHEREAS, while a student, she was a member of the Delta Zeta sorority;

WHEREAS, Lynn and Joe met at BGSU and are Falcon Flames;

WHEREAS, Joe and Lynn have supported BGSU through gifts to the Schmidthorst College of Business, the Schmidthorst College of Business Student Ambassadors, the Women’s Golf Enhancement Fund, and The Excellence Fund for BGSU;

WHEREAS, the Hoffmans’ generosity is acknowledged through membership in The Presidents Club and Leadership Circle giving societies;

WHEREAS, the University has received a gift from the Hoffmans in memory of Joe’s sister, Caroline, who attended BGSU in the 1980s;

WHEREAS, in recognition of the Hoffmans’ gift, the Caroline E. Hoffman Office will be named;

WHEREAS, Philip C. Ridolfi earned his bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1977 from BGSU;

WHEREAS, Mr. Ridolfi is president of Ridolfi & Associates and previously served as CEO for NAS Recruitment Innovation;

WHEREAS, Kaye M. Ridolfi is the associate vice president of development at Case Western Reserve University;

WHEREAS, Phil and Kaye have supported BGSU with gifts to the Schmidthorst College of Business, the Student Union Capital Improvement Endowment, The Excellence Fund for BGSU and the Alumni Fund;

WHEREAS, the Ridolfis’ generosity is acknowledged through membership in The Presidents Club, Leadership Circle and 1910 giving societies; and
WHEREAS, in recognition of Phil and Kaye’s gift to the Maurer Center, the Kaye and Phil Ridolfi Family Study Hub will be named.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the contributions of Scott and Holly Beaverson, Joe and Lynn Hoffman, and Kaye and Phil Ridolfi, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of the following spaces in the Robert W. and Patricia A. Maurer Center:

- Scott and Holly Beaverson Collaboration Space
- Caroline E. Hoffman Office
- Kaye and Phil Ridolfi Family Study Hub

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Mr. Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Mr. Forhan reported that Ms. Sheri Stoll provided an update on CARES and HEERF funding to date and presented on four informational items: Comparative Senate Bill 6 Financial Ratios, the University Investment Schedule through December 31, 2020; Capital Projects Status Report through December 31, 2020; and E&G Expenditure Report through December 31, 2020.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Ms. Eisele, Acting Chair of the Audit committee, reported that the only action item before the committee was the approval of minutes from the December 11, 2020, meeting. Discussion items on the agenda included Single Audit Results by Plante Moran; a review of the Internal Audit Charter; a summary of fraud hotline statistics; a report on current audit findings and a corrective action update; and an Audit Committee training topic.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Joint Development Committee Vice Chair, Mr. Forhan, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from December 10, 2020. Discussion items included a Changing Lives for the World campaign report and a University Advancement update.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Joint Investment Committee Vice Chair, Ms. Eisele stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from December 10, 2020. The committee reviewed the Market Environment Report, the Market Performance and December 31, 2020 Investment Schedule.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Governance Committee Chair, Mr. Radbill, reported that the committee had two items for Board action.

Approval of Amendment to the Board of Trustees Bylaws – Diversity and Belonging Committee

No. 33-2021 Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Eisele seconded that:

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University values diversity as essential to improving the human condition;

WHEREAS, diversity and inclusion immeasurably enriches all that we do to engage, understand, and respect individuals;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of its strategic plan, BGSU aims to support all individuals to build a quality learning community that fosters diversity and inclusion, collaboration, creativity, and excellence;

WHEREAS, to be a strong, thriving, competitive university, BGSU must ensure that all students, faculty, and staff have the opportunity to achieve excellence in their work;
WHEREAS, with the leadership of our Division of Diversity and Belonging, BGSU is committed to advancing a culture that values diversity and inclusion through a comprehensive strategy and diversity plan that focuses on the recruitment, retention, and success of a diverse student body, faculty, staff and administration;

WHEREAS, in furtherance of good governance and effective board operation, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees periodically undertakes a self-evaluation of the functioning, strengths, and weaknesses of the Board, identifies specific areas for update and improvement;

WHEREAS, as part of its most recent self-evaluation, the Board considered the establishment of a new committee dedicated to the work of diversity and belonging and to the implementation of the related elements of the University’s strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, in December 2020, the Board of Trustees convened an ad hoc Committee on Diversity and Belonging and desires to make this committee permanent with an amendment to the Board of Trustees Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, as presented in the attached document

All signed in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Trustees commended the work of Ms. Jennifer McCary and the Division of Diversity and Belonging for their work on a strategic plan for diversity and belonging at BGSU and for their work in recruiting and graduating a diverse student body.

National Trustee: Ms. Ava Harter

No. 34-2021 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. O'Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, Ms. Ava Harter serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Legal Officer at the Whirlpool Corporation in Benton Harbor, Michigan;

WHEREAS, previously, she served as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Owens Corning in Toledo, Ohio;

WHEREAS, Ms. Harter holds a Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University School of Law, a Master's in Sociology from the University of Nebraska, and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Northwestern University;

WHEREAS, in June 2018, Ohio Governor John Kasich appointed Ms. Harter to the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for a nine-year term;

WHEREAS, as a BGSU Trustee, Ms. Harter made valuable contributions to the University’s strategic plan and to the Board’s governance;

WHEREAS, Ms. Harter resigned her governor-appointed trusteeship when she relocated to Michigan for her new role; and

WHEREAS, the BGSU Board of Trustees wishes to appoint Ms. Harter to a National Trustee position, in order to continue working with Ms. Harter and to benefit from her knowledge, experience, and insight.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, in recognition of Ms. Ava Harter’s professional credentials and accomplishments, as well as her contributions to the Bowling Green State University community, appoint Ms. Harter to a three-year term as a National Trustee, effective March 6, 2021.
The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Mr. Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Ms. Montgomery stated that there was one additional item for Board action. Ms. Montgomery introduced Ms. Stoll to provide background on the item.

**Approval of Expanded and Restated Park Avenue Building Renovation**

No. 35-2021 Ms. Eisele moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees approved a proposed renovation of the Technology Building on February 22, 2019 utilizing $10,400,000 in state capital funds (HB 529); and

WHEREAS, a contractor was competitively selected following space programming and initial design work and a contract was executed; and

WHEREAS, as design work progressed the inherent physical limitations of the existing Technology building became too significant to overcome cost-effectively and the renovation was placed on hold; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2019 the Board of Trustees approved a modest addition (9,000-12,000 sq ft) to the Park Avenue Building to provide space for the Construction Management Program to physically join the Architecture program utilizing $5,200,000 of the previously approved funding from the Technology Building renovation described above; and

WHEREAS, as space programming work has progressed in Park Avenue, it has become evident that the initially-planned modest addition described above will be insufficient to accommodate all of the functional and instructional laboratory needs of Construction Management and an additional 10,000-13,000 square feet will be necessary to fully replace all space functions currently provided in the Technology Building; and

WHEREAS, the contractor previously selected to perform the Technology Building renovation work described above remains under contract and is prepared to perform the expanded addition and restated scope of work in the Park Avenue building within the original $10,400,000 estimate; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes that the future of the Technology Building remains undetermined and unfunded at the present time; and

WHEREAS, the bidding for the sub-contracted work is expected to commence immediately upon Board of Trustees approval;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the expanded and restated Park Avenue renovation as described above and confirms approval to redirect $10,400,000 previously approved for the renovation of the Technology Building to be utilized for the expanded and restated Park Avenue renovation.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Eisele, Mr. Forhan, Mr. Martin, Ms. Montgomery, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, and Ms. Shore. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Montgomery thanked the Bowling Green and Firelands communities for all of their work moving Bowling Green State University forward and reported that the next meeting will be held on May 21, 2021 on the Bowling Green campus.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:48 p.m., Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Eisele seconded that the meeting be adjourned.