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MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
April 20, 2022

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in Room 308 of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union at the Bowling Green campus on April 20, 2022: David O'Brien, Chair; Joshua Auten, Marilyn Eisele (via Zoom), Drew Forhan, Linda Forte (via Zoom), Russell Martin (via Zoom), Estee Miller, Geoffrey Radbill, Richard Ross, Amy Shore (via Zoom), and Howard Traul.

Also present: Dr. Rodney Rogers, President; Dr. Patrick Pauken, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; members of the President's Cabinet, constituent representatives, members of the media, and a number of observers.

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (seven trustees).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In his report, President Rodney Rogers offered updates on the University's progress on Strategic Objective #1 – Driving Public Good by Redefining Student Success. Today's transformational gifts are "stakes in the ground" as write BGSU's next chapter. In furtherance of Strategic Objective #1, BGSU will provide all students with a toolkit for the college experience, community engagement, and career development. The Life Design program integrates a design-thinking framework, a life design coach for all students, and a connection with BGSU's alumni network. President Rogers thanked the donors for their gifts and for helping BGSU to create public good.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Naming of Michael and Sara Kuhlin Hub for Career Design and Connections

No. 16-2022 Dr. Ross moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Michael E. Kuhlin earned a bachelor's degree in journalism–public relations from Bowling Green State University in 1968;

WHEREAS, Sara B. Kuhlin attended BGSU and worked in the Office of Financial Aid;

WHEREAS, in 1971, they were married in Prout Chapel and became Falcon Flames on the campus of the University they loved;

WHEREAS, Sara passed in 2013;

WHEREAS, as a student, Mr. Kuhlin was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity; a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership honor society; and was selected as the Outstanding Greek Man in 1968;

WHEREAS, after graduation, he worked in the Office of the Dean of Students as a residence hall director and was the assistant director in the Office of Career Planning and Placement;

WHEREAS, after leaving BGSU, Mr. Kuhlin had a notable career in corporate communications and retired as the senior director of corporate contributions for SBC/Ameritech in Chicago;

WHEREAS, Mr. Kuhlin previously served on the BGSU Foundation Board of Directors from 2006 to 2010 and is completing a current term, which began in 2016;

WHEREAS, he has served as board chair for three years and is the current immediate past chair. He also serves as a member of the Student Affairs Leadership Council;

WHEREAS, the Michael & Sara Kuhlin Center is named in recognition of their earlier financial support;

WHEREAS, the state-of-the-art facility is home to the School of Media and Communication and opened in the fall of 2016;

WHEREAS, in 2005, Mike and Sara established the Mike and Sara Kuhlin Scholarship for Exceptional Student Leadership to support highly-engaged student leaders;

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of his contributions, Mr. Kuhlin is a member of The Presidents Club, 1910 Society and Leadership Circle donor recognition societies;

WHEREAS, in recognition of a transformational gift commitment from Michael E. Kuhlin, it is most fitting to name the Michael and Sara Kuhlin Hub for Career Design and Connections; and

WHEREAS, this gift will transform the institution's ability to support students as they plan and prepare for their lives after Bowling Green State University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the leadership, generosity, and contributions of Mr. Michael E. Kuhlin, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of Michael and Sara Kuhlin Hub for Career Design and Connections.

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

Mr. Kuhlin addressed the Board, thanking them for embracing and designing the Life Design program, and thanking Mr. Geoffrey Radbill for the partnership they have had throughout the process. Mr. Kuhlin reviewed the program's highlights, from the student's first-year through graduation and career development, and praised the program for its whole-university, whole-student approach. He concluded his remarks by asserting that Life Design transforms students' lives and maintains BGSU's relevance as a driver for public good.

Approval of Naming of Geoffrey H. Radbill Center for College and Life Design

No. 17-2022 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Geoffrey H. Radbill earned his bachelor's degree in finance from Bowling Green State University in 1968;

WHEREAS, he attended the MBA program at the College of Insurance, now affiliated with St. John's University - New York, and Columbia University Graduate School's Marketing and Financial Development programs;

WHEREAS, in 2004, Mr. Radbill retired as the senior vice president and chief operating officer after 36 years with AXA US, previously Equitable Life Assurance Society, a global financial services company;

WHEREAS, since retiring, Mr. Radbill has worked on special projects for the New York City - Southern New York Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society and, in December 2011, was elected to the Multiple Sclerosis Board, appointed to its executive committee and named donor relations committee chair;

WHEREAS, as a student, Mr. Radbill was a member of the Zeta Beta Tau fraternity, serving as the president, treasurer, and a member of the Interfraternity Council;

WHEREAS, in 2018, he was appointed as a National Trustee to the BGSU Board of Trustees; WHEREAS, Mr. Radbill serves on the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidhorst College of Business Finance Department Advisory Council, Department of Finance Insurance Advisory Board, and served on the BGSU Foundation Board;

WHEREAS, in 2006, Mr. Radbill was honored by the BGSU Alumni Association as a BGSU Accomplished Graduate and named a One-Hundred Most Prominent Alumni during BGSU's Centennial Celebration;

WHEREAS, he has supported the Bowen-Thompson Student Union renovation project, established numerous scholarships in finance, insurance, accounting and management and is a charter and continuing member of BGSU's Insurance and Risk Management Institute;

WHEREAS, through his generosity, Mr. Radbill is acknowledged as a member of The Presidents Club, 1910 Society and Leadership Circle donor recognition societies;

WHEREAS, in recognition of a transformational gift commitment from Mr. Radbill, it is most fitting to name the Geoffrey H. Radbill Center for College and Life Design; and

WHEREAS, his gift will transform the institution's ability to support students as they plan and prepare for their lives after Bowling Green State University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the leadership, generosity, and contributions of Mr. Geoffrey H. Radbill, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of Geoffrey H. Radbill Center for College and Life Design.

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

Mr. Radbill addressed the Board, thanking them for their support. He thanked his partner, Jan, Vice President Pam Conlin and her advancement team, Provost Joe Whitehead and Vice Provost Glenn Davis, as well as Mr. Kuhlin and the partnership they formed through decades of friendship. Mr. Radbill remarked that Life Design and its vision match what is inside his heart for BGSU. He concluded by stating that Life Design will, indeed, be transformational for BGSU.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr. O'Brien thanked Mr. Kuhlin and Mr. Radbill, noting that these gifts are more than mere financial commitments, but rather commitments to student experience and success for the long term. President Rogers added his thanks once again, stating that we are honored that our donors have invested in the student experience as they have.

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:06 a.m., Mr. Forhan moved and Dr. Ross seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.