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**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES**

May 19, 2022, at 4:00 p.m.

Room 308, Bowen-Thompson Student Union

Bowling Green Campus

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met for an Executive Session in the Room 308 of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union on the Bowling Green campus: David O'Brien, Chair; Willa Ebersole, Marilyn Eisele, Drew Forhan, Linda Forte, Ava Harter, Russell Martin, Geoffrey Radbill, Richard Ross, Amy Shore, and Howard Traul.

Mr. O'Brien called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. A quorum was noted. Mr. O'Brien 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: (1) pending and imminent court action and (2) the purchase and sale of property. Ms. Shore seconded. Roll call was taken and the motion was approved.

At the conclusion of the executive session, Mr. O'Brien reconvened the meeting and announced that the Board met in executive session, at which no action was taken. A quorum was noted. Mr. O'Brien moved and Dr. Ross seconded that the board come out of executive session. The motion was approved.

Session adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

**MINUTES**  
Board of Trustees  
Bowling Green State University  
May 20, 2022

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union at the Bowling Green campus on May 20, 2022: David O'Brien, Chair; Joshua Auten, Willa Ebersole, Marilyn Eisele, Drew Forhan, Linda Forte, Ava Harter, Russell Martin, Estee Miller, Geoffrey Radbill, Richard Ross, Amy Shore, and Howard Traul.

Also present: Dr. Rodney Rogers, President; 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 1:34 p.m. Ms. Zawodny called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (eight trustees).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Rodney Rogers provided a University update on the end of the academic year and congratulated the 2,579 BGSU students who officially graduated in April. He also recognized the faculty members receiving tenure and promotion. He highlighted recent events including a visit from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, the results of One Day, and the appointments of three new academic deans.

**MINUTES**

No. 33-2022 Dr. Ross moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that the minutes of March 3 and 4, 2022 and April 20, 2022 be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Ms. Shore, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee had six items for Board consideration.

Approval of Promotion and Tenure Recommendations

No. 34-2022 Ms. Shore moved and Mr. Forhan seconded that approval be given to the 2022-23 Promotion and Tenure Recommendations, as submitted.

**Promotion to Professor**

***College of Arts and Sciences***

H Casey Cromwell, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology  
Vipaporn Phuntumart, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences  
Timothy Pogacar, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures  
Farida Selim, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Physics & Astronomy  
Theodore Rippey, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures

***College of Education and Human Development***

Travis Heggie, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies  
Jonathan Bostic, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Teaching & Learning  
Sherri Horner, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Educational Foundations, Leadership & Policy

***Firelands***

Elsy Kizhakethalackal, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Applied Science

***College of Health and Human Services***

Adam Watkins, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Human Services

**Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor**

***College of Arts and Sciences***

Abby Braden, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology  
Julia Halo, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences  
Allison Hoag, M.F.A., Assistant Professor, School of Art  
Ganming Liu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Earth, Environment and Society  
Yanqin Lu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Media and Communication  
Jenjira Yahirun, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
Min Yang, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures

***College of Education and Human Development***

Christy Galletta Horner, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Educational Foundations, Leadership & Policy  
Elizabeth Holman, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Family and Consumer Sciences  
Kristina LaVenja, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Educational Foundations, Leadership & Policy  
Thomas Roberts, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Teaching and Learning  
Jared Rose, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Counseling and Special Education

***Firelands***

Patricia Prunty, Ed.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Humanities

***University Libraries***

David Lewis, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Special Collections

***College of Musical Arts***

Caroline Chin, M.M., Assistant Professor, Department of Music Performance Studies  
Ryan Ebright, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory  
Emily Pence Brown, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Music Education  
Daniel Piccolo, D.M.A., Assistant Professor, Department of Music Performance Studies  
Brian Snow, D.M.A., Assistant Professor, Department of Music Performance Studies

**Promotion to Teaching Professor*****College of Arts and Sciences***

Holly Bird, M.A., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Peter Blass, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Chemistry  
Amy Cook, M.A., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Bradley Felver, M.F.A., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Bryan Gattozzi, M.F.A., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Heather Jordan, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Ethan Jordan, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Amy Wagner, M.S., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Biological Sciences  
Jessica Zinz-Cheresnick, M.F.A., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English

***Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business***

Katharine Sobota, M.A., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Economics

**Promotion to Clinical Professor*****College of Health and Human Services***

Margaret Adams, Ed.D., Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Human Services

**Promotion to Associate Teaching Professor*****College of Arts and Sciences***

Philip Beskid, M.S., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Media and Communication  
Jessica Birch, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Cultural and Critical Studies  
Daniel Current, M.A., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Tiffany Knoell, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Cultural and Critical Studies  
Anastasiia Kryzhanivska, M.A., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Ekaterina Mejiritski, M.S., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Chemistry

Marissa Saneholtz, M.F.A., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Art  
Siobhan Shay, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Chemistry  
Casey Stark, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of History  
Travis Worst, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Chemistry

***Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business***

Alisa Suelzer, M.B.A., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Accounting/MIS

***College of Education and Human Development***

Jessica Kiss, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies

John Zibbel, M.Ed., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Family and Consumer Sciences

***College of Health and Human Services***

Catherine Pape, M.S.C.J., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Human Services

***College of Musical Arts***

Christopher Witulski, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory

***College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering***

Mikhail Shilov, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Engineering Technologies

**Promotion to Associate Clinical Professor**

***College of Health and Human Services***

Matthew Molnar, M.S.W., Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Human Services

Sharon Schaeffer, M.P.H., Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Public and Allied Health

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

**Approval of Emeriti Faculty**

**No. 35-2022** Ms. Shore moved and Dr. Ross seconded that:

approval be given to the emeritus status of the following faculty members who have retired or will be retiring by the end of the summer term, as recommended by the appropriate department, the college dean, the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives, the Senior Vice President and Provost, and the University President.

**Professor Emeriti**

Savilla I. Banister, School of Teaching and Learning  
Daniel J. Brahier, School of Teaching and Learning  
Lewis P. Fulcher, Department of Physics and Astronomy  
Ruth Wallis Herndon, Department of History  
Steven P. Lab, Department of Human Services  
Scott O. Rogers, Department of Biological Sciences  
Dennis J. Wojtkiewicz, School of Art  
Jill Zeilstra-Ryalls, Department of Biological Sciences

**Associate Professor Emeriti**

Katharine K. Dailey, BGSU Firelands Humanities  
Jean Marie Gerard, School of Family and Consumer Sciences  
Todd C. Waggoner, Department of Engineering Technologies  
James F. Zeigler, Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems

**Teaching Professor Emeriti**

Ruthy Behare Light, School of Art  
Cynthia Jo Mahaffey, Department of English  
John C. Moor, BGSU Firelands Humanities  
Holly J. Myers, School of Earth, Environment and Society  
Gordon C. Ricketts, School of Art

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

#### Approval of University Libraries Reconfiguration Proposal

No. 36-2022 Ms. Shore moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, for several years, the University Libraries (UL) has been discussing the mission and strategic focus of its departments and programs;

WHEREAS, a major shift from print to electronic resources, the continued evolution of technological processes, a stagnant collections budget, provided opportunities to realign processes and position responsibilities;

WHEREAS, in addition, there are strategic areas that need growth, such as scholarly communications and open access initiatives, to keep abreast of activities embraced by peer academic libraries and user expectations for research in digital formats;

WHEREAS, with these considerations in mind, the UL engaged in a transparent series of communications to develop a more efficient faculty departmental structure to support cross-departmental collaboration and workflow efficiencies;

WHEREAS, in addition, the new structure proposed will provide an enhanced level of support for teaching, learning, and research at BGSU;

WHEREAS, the details of the proposed reorganization/reconfiguration are outlined in the materials accompanying this resolution;

WHEREAS, as this proposal is implemented, the UL Dean will work collaboratively with all stakeholders to develop detailed communication and process planning documents.

WHEREAS, these documents will be shared throughout the organization to keep everyone informed, to gather feedback, and to ensure all parts of the proposal and associated timeline is completed;

WHEREAS, in addition, within a year of completion, an assessment piece will be developed and deployed to evaluate the implementation of the plan focusing on continuous improvement and adjustments to facilitate BGSU and UL strategic initiatives;

WHEREAS, the proposed reconfiguration received letters of support from UL department chairs, UL faculty, the director of the Learning Commons, and the manager of the UL Budget;

WHEREAS, meetings were held with all affected stakeholders (individuals, departments, or units), the process for feedback was explained, and all feedback was welcomed, acknowledged, and received;

WHEREAS, specifically, the UL Dean met with the three faculty departments (Collections and Technical Services (CATS), Library Teaching and Learning (LTL) and Special Collections (SC)), head librarians, department chairs, library faculty, Library Information Technology Services, the UL Budget Office, Access Services, the Associate Dean, the Management Advisory Group, Expanded Management Advisory Group, and the leadership of the UL constituent groups (faculty, administrative staff, and classified staff);

WHEREAS, UL employees had multiple opportunities to express thoughts, concerns, and ideas on moving forward;

WHEREAS, this proposal – “Review, Rethink, and Reimagine” – was created by reviewing and synthesizing all

feedback received and represents many UL voices;

WHEREAS, extensive review of the proposed reconfiguration included review and consideration by the Division of Finance and Administration, Undergraduate Council, and Graduate Council; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on February 1, 2022, the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate unanimously approved the proposed reconfiguration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the University Libraries Reconfiguration Proposal.

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

#### Consideration of Auto-Adopt Textbook Policy

No. 37-2022 Ms. Shore moved and Ms. Eisele seconded that:

WHEREAS, The Ohio General Assembly enacted uncodified law section 733.20 in HB 110 of the 134th session on June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, Section 733.20 states:

- (A) In furtherance of the State of Ohio’s intent to improve affordability in higher education, and in recognition of the positive achievements of the Ohio Faculty Council’s October 2017 resolution supporting textbook affordability initiatives, the State of Ohio hereby tasks Ohio’s institutions of higher education with evaluating their respective implementation of textbook affordability initiatives.
- (B)(1) Consistent with requirements in Title I, Section 133 of the federal “Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008,” institutions of higher education receiving federal financial aid shall disclose required and recommended textbooks not later than the time at which students can first begin to register for a course.
- (2) Prior to academic year 2022-2023, the administration of each state institution of higher education, as defined in section 3345.011 of the Revised Code, shall work collaboratively with the institution’s faculty senate, or equivalent body, to consider adopting a formally recognized textbook auto-adoption policy.
- (C) Not later than August 15, 2022, the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education shall adopt a resolution or otherwise formally vote to affirm or decline adoption of the policy. If the board of trustees adopts the policy as agreed upon by the administration and faculty senate, the state institution shall formally transmit a copy of its resolution to the Chancellor of Higher Education.

WHEREAS, as a result of enactment of Section 733.20, each state institution of higher education is required to convene the institution’s faculty senate, or equivalent body, to consider adoption of a formally recognized textbook auto-adoption policy;

WHEREAS, not later than August 15, 2022, Section 733.20 states the board of trustees of each state institution of higher education must adopt a resolution or otherwise formally vote to affirm or decline adoption of the textbook auto-adoption policy;

WHEREAS, after consultation with the Faculty Senate Executive Committee, Bowling Green State University’s Division of Academic Affairs determined that the University’s existing policy on selection of textbooks and other instructional materials – 3341-3-70 – achieves the goals outlined in the pertinent provisions of HB 110 and Section 733.20; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of the auto-adopt textbook policy as proposed by HB 110, BGSU will enhance enforcement of its existing Selection of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials Policy (3341-3-70).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees affirms Bowling Green State University's Selection of Textbooks and Other Instructional Materials Policy (3341-3-70) meets the requirement of HB 110, Section 733.20.

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

Appointment of Dr. Jennifer Percival as Dean of the Schmidthorst College of Business, and as a Full Professor with Tenure in the Department of Management

No. 38-2022 Ms. Shore moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Jennifer Percival as Dean of the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business and approve the appointment of Dr. Percival as a full professor with tenure in the Department of Management.

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

Appointment of Dr. Ellen Schendel as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and as a Full Professor with Tenure in the Department of English

No. 39-2022 Ms. Shore moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Ellen Schendel as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and approve the appointment of Dr. Schendel as a full professor with tenure in the Department of English.

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

The committee received updates from Dr. Joe Whitehead on objectives 1-3 of the Strategic Plan; Ms. Cecilia Castellano on enrollment; Dr. Michael Ogawa on recent research and economic engagement activity; and Dr. John Lommel on BGSU's preparation for the Higher Learning Commission accreditation visit this fall.

## **FINANCIAL AFFAIRS/FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

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

Approval of Life Design Renovation in Math Science Building

No. 40-2022 Mr. Forhan moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, local funds in the amount of \$5,000,000 have been identified from the deferred maintenance fund for the purpose of designing, renovating and equipping the third floor space in the Math Science Center for the new Life Design program; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees previously approved \$454,120 at the June 24, 2021 meeting to proceed with the Architect and Engineering professional services required to plan, design and deliver the project; and

WHEREAS, the work to be performed includes renovations to Math Science 318 and connecting spaces, creating student-focused coaching and meeting spaces, office space for Life Coaches, physical enhancements to the second and third floor corridors, renovations to the building's south façade improving functionality and aesthetics (including adding natural lighting), and providing a new branded entrance to access the Life Design space from the exterior; and

WHEREAS, work is planned to begin in June of 2022 and targeted for completion in spring of 2023; and



WHEREAS, any future gifts realized from donors for naming opportunities will be used to reimburse local funding provided by the University; 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 authorizes the Vice President for Finance and Administration to proceed with the project as described above.

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

#### Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Instructional and General Fee Revisions

No. 41-2022 Mr. Forhan moved and Ms. Shore 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. 110) for Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 permitted an increase of 2.0 percent to in-state, undergraduate instructional and general fees; and

WHEREAS, the state of Ohio’s biennial budget (H.B. 110) for Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023 permits a university to increase tuition and general fees for the incoming cohort of the Tuition Guarantee Program by the average rate of the consumer price index (CPI) for the previous 36-month period (2.6 percent) plus any additional amount the General Assembly authorizes (2.0 percent); and

WHEREAS, based on our current, best judgment and the need to be financially prudent and prepared, the University has proposed the tuition and general fee increases as presented in the attached background and schedules;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed instructional and general fee schedules, for the Bowling Green and Firelands campuses for Fiscal Year 2023 (effective fall 2022 semester) as presented and more completely described in the background and attached schedules to the resolution.

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

#### Approval of Fiscal Year 2023 Administrative Fee Revisions

No. 42-2022 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the University should provide students, faculty and staff with an appropriate level of administrative support services; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the increasing costs related to providing parking services and student legal services continue to be adequately funded to ensure the long term viability of the services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Administrative Fee Revisions as described and presented in the attached background effective for the fall 2022 semester on the Bowling Green Campus.

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

Approval of Naming of the Schmeltz Family Fountain

No. 43-2022 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, William (Bill) and Peggy Schmeltz have been associated with the BGSU Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business since 1944 when Bill enrolled;

WHEREAS, as a student, Bill was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon;

WHEREAS, Bill completed his bachelor's degree at the University of Toledo and later earned an MBA from Harvard University and a doctoral degree from Case Western Reserve University, and returned to BGSU to teach accounting;

WHEREAS, he spent 30 years at BGSU as an accounting professor, a department chair and the Dean of the college;

WHEREAS, he taught generations of students and was often recognized for his outstanding knowledge and dedication to his students. Bill passed away in April of 2014;

WHEREAS, he retired as a Trustee Professor Emeritus;

WHEREAS, Peggy earned a bachelor's degree in journalism in 1950 and a master's degree in education in 1970 from BGSU;

WHEREAS, as a student, she was a member of the Chi Omega sorority;

WHEREAS, Peggy served as a member of the Board of Directors of the BGSU Foundation, Inc. from 1996 to 2003, and was inducted into the Paul J. Hooker Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership Hall of Fame in 2017;

WHEREAS, Peggy was appointed to Better Investing's board of directors after serving as the chair of the board, president, regional coordinator and director of training for the National Investors Association Advisory Board;

WHEREAS, prior to her appointment to the board, she served as a member of the Individual Investors Advisory committee of the New York Stock Exchange;

WHEREAS, Peggy has been a director of Eagle Capital Growth Fund, Inc. and served as a Trustee of National Association of Investors Corporation (NAIC) and was an adult education teacher and a lecturer of various NAIC chapters;

WHEREAS, she has made countless guest speaker appearances on the topic of investing for chapters, conventions, and local organizations in more than 35 states;

WHEREAS, for many years, her volunteer work was with the Wood County Hospital Gift Shop, Girls Scouts, United Way, and Easter Seals;

WHEREAS, Bill and Peggy provided support to more than a dozen different areas at BGSU including the Dean William Schmeltz Scholarship, the William Schmeltz Teaching Professorship, the Robert W. and Patricia A. Maurer Center Building Fund, and the Peggy L. Schmeltz Business Scholarship;

WHEREAS, through her generosity, Peggy is acknowledged as a member of The Presidents Club and Leadership Circle donor recognition societies; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the generous gift from Peggy Schmeltz, it is most fitting to name the Schmeltz Family Fountain, a water feature in the University Gateway project, in William and Peggy Schmeltz's honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the leadership, generosity, and contributions of William and Peggy Schmeltz, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of Schmeltz Family Fountain.

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

Mr. Forhan reported that Ms. Sheri Stoll provided an annual update on Advisory Retirement Plan Committee Progress; Market Performance and University Investment Schedule through March 31, 2022; Capital Projects Status Report through March 31, 2022; and E&G Expenditure Report through March 31, 2022.

### **AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Ms. Harter, Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, reported that the committee had one item to present for approval.

#### **Approval of Revision to Audit Committee Charter of the Board of Trustees**

No. 44-2022 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

the revision to the Audit Committee Charter contained within the Board Policy Manual of the Board of Trustees be approved as written.

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees has provided for the governance of the Board by creation of a Board Policy Manual; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved a change to the Audit Committee name at the December 9, 2021 revising it to Audit and Risk Management; and

WHEREAS, risk management is an important and relevant issue in public higher education;

WHEREAS, the committee name change and the broadened committee responsibilities of risk management necessitated a revision to the committee charter contained in the Board’s Policy Manual;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revisions to the Audit Committee Charter and other associated references in the Board Policy Manual as presented in the redline version attached.

All signed as affirmative. Motion carried.

Ms. Harter reported that the committee heard a report from the external auditor; an annual update on Enterprise Risk Management and Insurance from Dr. Sickler; a summary of fraud hotline statistics; and an Audit Committee training topic.

### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Joint Development Committee Chair, Mr. Radbill, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2022. Discussion items included a University Advancement update, Foundation Board report, and a discussion of upcoming engagement activities.

### **DIVERSITY AND BELONGING COMMITTEE**

Ms. Forte, Chair of the Diversity and Belonging Committee, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2022. The Committee also heard from a panel of students on their perspective on diversity and belonging at Bowling Green State University.

### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Dr. Ross, Chair of the Joint Investment Committee, reported that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from March 3, 2022. The committee also reviewed the Market Performance and March

31, 2022, Investment Schedule and heard a special presentation on the Uses and Impact of BGSU Investments.

## GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Radbill, Chair of the Governance Committee, stated that the Committee had two items to present for approval.

### Approval of National Trustee: Mizell Stewart III

No. 45-2022 Ms. Eisele moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, Mr. Mizell Stewart III is a 1994 journalism graduate of Bowling Green State University and completed the Advanced Executive Program, a joint program of the Kellogg School of Business and the Medill School of Journalism, at Northwestern University;

WHEREAS, Mr Stewart earned a master's degree in Executive Leadership and Organizational Change from Northern Kentucky University, where he received the Distinguished Student Award;

WHEREAS, his service to BGSU continued through membership on the Board of Student Publications and the Journalism Alumni Advisory Board;

WHEREAS, he serves on the Board of Directors of the BGSU Alumni Association and was inducted into BGSU's Journalism Alumni Hall of Fame in 2007;

WHEREAS, in more than three decades as a journalist, Mr. Stewart has been an award-winning reporter, top newsroom editor in three states, radio and television broadcaster and corporate news executive;

WHEREAS, he is passionate about developing the next generation of newsroom leaders, community service and advancing the critical role journalists play in a democratic society;

WHEREAS, today, Mr. Stewart is Vice President of News Performance, Talent & Partnerships for Gannett and the USA TODAY Network, the largest local-to-national news network in the United States;

WHEREAS, he is the founder of Emerging Leaders, LLC, a leadership development consulting firm focused on mid-career professionals;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart is a member of the adjunct faculty of the Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Florida, where he was the founding co-director of the Leadership Academy for Diversity in Digital Media;

WHEREAS, in each of these roles, Mr. Stewart has devoted himself to career professional development of current and aspiring journalists throughout the country;

WHEREAS, his prior roles include Chief Content Officer of Journal Media Group, Vice President / Content of the newspaper division of the E.W. Scripps Company and senior leadership posts at the *Akron Beacon Journal*, *Evansville Courier & Press*, and *Tallahassee Democrat*.

WHEREAS, he also worked as a reporter and editor at the *Dayton Daily News* and *Springfield News-Sun*;

WHEREAS, a true multiplatform journalist, Mr. Stewart also was an on-air personality at WNIN-TV in Evansville, Ind. and WIOT-FM in Toledo, Ohio;

WHEREAS, a four-time Pulitzer Prize juror, Mr. Stewart helped lead the team at *The Sun Herald* in Biloxi, Miss. that won the 2006 Pulitzer Gold Medal in Public Service for its coverage of Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, he is a past president of the American Society of News Editors, now the News Leaders Association, and the current president of the News Leaders Association Foundation;

WHEREAS, he is a frequent speaker and teacher on local journalism, leadership, newsroom diversity and community service at national journalism conferences and at colleges and universities throughout the U.S.;

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication recognized Mr. Stewart with the Gerald R. Sass Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism and Mass Communication

Education;

WHEREAS, he was part of the Knight Commission on Trust, Media and Democracy, an initiative of the Knight Foundation and the Aspen Institute;

WHEREAS, he is a board member of the National Press Club Journalism Institute and Journalism Funding Partners; and

WHEREAS, his past community service includes the Indiana Debate Commission, the Board of Visitors at the University of Evansville, the Evansville African American Museum, WNIN Public Broadcasting, the Akron Press Club, Leadership Tallahassee, Young Actors Theatre in Tallahassee, Fla. and the Florida First Amendment Foundation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, in recognition of Mr. Mizell Stewart's professional accomplishments, national reach, and contributions to the Bowling Green State University community, appoint Mr. Stewart to a three-year term as a National Trustee, effective May 21, 2022.

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

#### Approval of Election of Officers for Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees

No. 45-2022 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

approval be given to the election of the following persons as officers of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for 2022-2023:

Chair, Marilyn Eisele  
Vice-Chair, Drew Forhan  
Secretary, Patrick Pauken

### **CONSTITUENT GROUP REPORTS**

The following representatives updated the Board on recent activities of their constituent groups and introduced the incoming president or chair for the upcoming academic year: Victor Senn, Administrative Staff Council, Gretchen Avery, Classified Staff Council, Dr. Robyn Miller, Faculty Senate, Ikpemesi Ogundare, Graduate Student Senate and Alex Chiarelott, Undergraduate Student Government.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Eisele provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on June 23, 2022, on the Bowling Green Campus.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:15 p.m., Ms. Shore moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.