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## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes 2023-05-05

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**MINUTES**  
Board of Trustees  
Bowling Green State University  
May 5, 2023

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 5, 2023: Marilyn Eisele, Chair; Joshua Auten, Judy Budi, Willa Ebersole, Drew Forhan, Ava Harter, Russell Martin, David O'Brien, Geoffrey Radbill, Richard Ross, Mikayla Russ, Mizell Stewart III, and Howard Traul II.

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.

Ms. Eisele called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (eight trustees).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Rodney Rogers provided updates on recent events and accomplishments including the recent celebration of the Michael and Sara Kuhlín Hub for Career Design and Connections, ribbon cutting for Kokosing Hall, results of BGSU One Day, and College Decision Day. He congratulated the faculty promoted and the 2,604 spring BGSU graduates. He concluded by recognizing Chair Eisele and Josh Auten for their dedicated service to the Board of Trustees.

**MINUTES**

No. 40-2023 Mr. O'Brien moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that the minutes of February 23 and 24, 2023 be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Ross, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, reported that the Committee had four items for Board consideration.

Approval of Tenure Recommendations

No. 41-2023 Dr. Ross moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

approval be given to the 2023-24 Promotion and Tenure Recommendations, as submitted.

**Promotion to Professor**

***College of Arts and Sciences***

Richard Anderson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology  
Beatrice Guenther, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures  
Mihai Staic, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics  
Liangfeng Sun, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy  
Hans Wildschutte, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences

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

Margaret Brooks, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Management

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

Hyeyoung Bang, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Policy  
Laura Landry-Meyer, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Family and Consumer Sciences  
Judith Jackson May, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Educational Foundations, Leadership and Policy  
Timothy Murnen, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Teaching and Learning  
Brooks Vostal, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Counseling and Special Education

***Firelands***

Theodore Bach, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Humanities  
Stephanie Walls, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Natural and Social Sciences

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

Hee Soon Lee, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Human Services  
Mary-Jon Ludy, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Public and Allied Health

***College of Musical Arts***

Gregory Decker, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory  
Arne Spohr, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory

**Promotion to Teaching Professor**

***College of Arts and Sciences***

Joseph Celizic, MFA, Associate Teaching Professor, Department of English  
Thomas Edge, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, School of Cultural and Critical Studies

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

Kristi Borchardt, M.Ed., Associate Teaching Professor, School of Counseling and Special Education

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

Kirk Kern, MBA, Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Marketing  
Ruth White, MBA, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Marketing

**Promotion to Clinical Professor**

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

Staci Freeworth, Ph.D., Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Public and Allied Health  
Laura Schrock, MS, Associate Clinical Professor, Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

**Tenure**

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

Stephanie Thurmond, DPT, Associate Professor, School of Physical Therapy

**Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor**

***College of Arts and Sciences***

Abhishek Bhati, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science  
Michael Decker, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science  
Joseph Furgal, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry  
Ryoko Okamura, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures  
Angélica Vázquez-Ortega, Ph.D. Assistant Professor School of Earth, Environment and Society

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

Yuhang Xu, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Statistics and Operations Research

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

Su Yun Bae, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Family and Consumer Sciences

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

Jonathan Kershaw, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Public and Allied Health  
Kerri Knippen, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Public and Allied Health  
Lauren Maziarz, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Public and Allied Health  
Vivian Miller, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Human Services

**Promotion to Associate Teaching Professor**

***College of Arts and Sciences***

Jasmine Crighton, MA, Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Media and Communication  
Stephen Crompton, MFA, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Theatre and Film  
Nicholas Dee, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures  
Kevin Neves, Ph.D. Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Biological Sciences  
Robert Sloane, MA, Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Cultural and Critical Studies  
Rachel Walsh, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of English

Sean Williams, MA, Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Media and Communication

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

Matthew Clark, M.Ed., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Teaching and Learning

Meggan Hartzog, M.Ed., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies

Andrea Hoerig, M.Ed., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Teaching and Learning

Dawn Thompson, M.Ed., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Teaching and Learning

**Promotion to Associate Clinical Professor**

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

Amanda Joost, MLS, Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Public and Allied Health

**Promotion to Associate Practitioner Professor**

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

Jennifer Wagner, MPH, Assistant Practitioner Professor, Department of Human Services

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

**Approval of Emeriti Faculty**

**No. 42-2023** Dr. Ross moved and Mr. Traul 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**

Nancy K. Kubasek, Department of Economics

Richard N. McGrath, Department of Applied Statistics and Operations Research

Michael Y. Ogawa, Department of Chemistry

Linda A. Rich, Department of Library Teaching and Learning

Maria L. Rizzo, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Steven M. Seubert, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Nancy E. Spencer, School of Human Movement, Sport, and Leisure Studies

Eric A. Worch, School of Teaching and Learning

**Associate Professor Emeriti**

Khani Begum, Department of English

Cynthia D. Bertelsen, School of Teaching and Learning

Steven E. Boone, Department of Theatre and Film

Joseph T. Chao, Department of Computer Science

Michael B. Ellison, Department of Theatre and Film

Irina G. Stakhanova, Department of World Languages and Cultures

Sue Carter Wood, Department of English

**Teaching Professor Emerita**

Stacey A. Dudley, School of Teaching and Learning

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

**Appointment of Dr. Cheryl Bracken as a Professor with Tenure in the School of Media and Communication**

**No. 43-2023** Dr. Ross moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Cheryl Bracken as Director of the School of Media and Communication and approve the appointment of Dr. Bracken as a professor with tenure in the School of Media and Communication in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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

Appointment of Dr. James Metcalf as a Professor with Tenure in the Department of Biological Sciences

No. 44-2023 Dr. Ross moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. James Metcalf as the Charles B. Smith – Peggy J. Hollingsworth Endowed Chair in Biological Sciences and approve the appointment of Dr. Metcalf as a professor with tenure in the Department of Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences.

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

Dr. Ross reported that the committee received updates on enrollment, partnerships, and research and economic engagement activity.

**FINANCIAL AFFAIRS/FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Martin, Vice Chair of the Financial Affairs/Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee had three items for Board consideration.

Approval of Parking Lots 15 and P Upgrades

No. 45-2023 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$1,150,000 from Parking Services Renewal and Replacement Reserves have been identified; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project upgrades will combine Parking Lot 15 and a portion of connected Parking Lot P into a single dedicated on-campus residential parking lot with additional spaces to support student parking; and

WHEREAS, the planned work will also include the required milling, resurfacing, and sidewalk improvements to Lot P as well as a small expansion to Lot P to accommodate parking for the increased faculty/staff/visitor needs of the Tucker Telecommunication Center; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project also includes the demolition of Lot B which previously served the needs of now-demolished Social Philosophy Building; and

WHEREAS, the proposed schedule for this work is the summer of 2023; 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 more fully described in the background.

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

Approval of Renewal of Limited Authority to Invest in Real Property

No. 46-2023 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Forhan seconded that:

WHEREAS, the University has opportunity from time to time to consider acquisition of real property near or adjacent to campus; and

WHEREAS, the University's scheduled Board meetings do not always coincide with or provide the ability to timely respond to real property acquisition opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby grants limited authority to invest in real property near or adjacent to campus to the Vice President for Finance and Administration with concurrence by the President up to an aggregate of \$2,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

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

Approval of Naming of the Roger Mazzarella Rugby Field

No. 47-2023 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Roger G. Mazzarella graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology in 1973 and a master's degree in physical education and health in 1975 from BGSU;

WHEREAS, He retired from Bowling Green City Schools where he taught biology and astronomy;

WHEREAS, as a student, Roger Mazzarella came to BGSU as a walk-on split end with the freshman football team;

WHEREAS, a chance encounter with the BGSU Rugby Football Club's second practice prompted him to switch teams, and he is now in his 44th year with the club;

WHEREAS, he was also a resident advisor and worked for the BG-News;

WHEREAS, Roger is the presently the director of rugby for BGSU responsible for the scheduling, recruiting and administrative duties after a 20-year career as the head coach for the BGSU Rugby Football Club;

WHEREAS, when he became the rugby coach in 1985, the team immediately secured three straight Midwest championships and three final four finishes at the National Collegiate Rugby Championships;

WHEREAS, in his 23 years as coach, Roger posted a 1,285 - 216 - 47 record for an .856 winning percentage. He has also captained or coached the club to twenty-six straight Mid-American Conference championships, eight national championship appearances and sixteen Ohio or Michigan Collegiate Conference titles;

WHEREAS, in addition to his playing and coaching career, Roger has held the offices of Midwest and Ohio president, Midwest and Ohio secretary, a US Board of Directors seat and is currently head of collegiate rugby in Michigan and Commissioner of Mid-American Conference Club Rugby;

WHEREAS, he also is finishing his 38th year as a referee;

WHEREAS, he is married to Dr. Martha Mazzarella '95, retired lecturer for the BGSU sociology department;

WHEREAS, they are Falcon Flames and members of The Presidents Club, Carillon and Leadership Circle donor recognition societies;

WHEREAS, the University has received gifts from alumni and supporters of the rugby program to support enhancements, beautification and operations of the rugby field; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their support, it is fitting that the Roger Mazzarella Rugby Field, be named in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the generous support of alumni and supporters of BGSU's rugby program, and in honor Mr. Roger Mazzarella's decades of spirit, leadership, and contribution to the BGSU Rugby Football Club, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of the Roger Mazzarella Rugby Field.

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

Mr. Martin reported that Ms. Sheri Stoll provided an update the Advisory Retirement Plan Committee Progress; Market Performance and University Investment Schedule through March 31, 2023; Capital Projects Status Report through March 31, 2023; and E&G Expenditure Report through March 31, 2023.

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

Mr. Traul, Chair of the Audit and Risk Management Committee reported that the only action item before the committee was the approval of minutes from the last meeting. Discussion and information items on the agenda included a presentation on Audit Planning for FY 2023 Year End from Ashley Schade, of Plante Moran; the Annual Enterprise Risk Management and Insurance Update from Dr. Stephanie Sickler; 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 Chair, Mr. Radbill, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from February 2023. Discussion items included a University Advancement update noting fundraising progress and strategy and engagement activities as well as a Foundation Board report.

#### **DIVERSITY AND BELONGING COMMITTEE**

Mr. Martin, Vice Chair of the Diversity and Belonging Committee, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from the February meeting. The Committee also heard a presentation from Dr. Katie Stygles focusing on diversity and belonging updates and anticipated changes in Title IX.

#### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Stewart, member of the Governance Committee, stated the committee had two items for Board approval.

##### Approval of National Trustee: Dr. Thomas Shehab

No. 48-2023 Mr. Forhan moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas Shehab graduated summa cum laude from Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in 1990 with a degree in biology;

WHEREAS, he is the recipient of myriad awards, including the President’s Award for the Outstanding Scholar-Athlete at BGSU (1990) and the BGSU Athletic Department Distinguished Alumnus Award (2003);

WHEREAS, Dr. Shehab earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Wayne State University and performed his residency, chief residency, and fellowship training at the University of Michigan Medical Center;

WHEREAS, he received his master’s degree in medical management from the Heinz School of Management at Carnegie Mellon University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shehab now works in the field of health care investing;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shehab joined Arboretum Ventures, an Ann Arbor, Michigan-based health care venture-capital firm, in 2014 as a principal, and became a managing director in 2017;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shehab draws upon his extensive clinical, health care administration and operational experience to invest in medical device and IT-enabled health care companies that focus on improving patient outcomes while decreasing health care costs;

WHEREAS, he also provides strategic support to Arboretum’s portfolio companies, and served as chief medical officer for ArborMetrix;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shehab has served as board director for Aira Tech, nVision Medical and Lucina, and is a board observer for PEAR Therapeutics and ArborMetrix;

WHEREAS, prior to joining Arboretum, Dr. Shehab spent 12 years as a physician executive and practicing physician specializing in gastroenterology;

WHEREAS, he was involved in a number of entrepreneurial health care-related ventures and held multiple senior leadership roles;

WHEREAS, most recently, he served as chief of staff for more than 1,000 physicians at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor and as the chair of medicine for Integrated Health Associates, a multi-specialty group of more than 300 providers;

WHEREAS, during his career, he has served operational and board of director roles in single specialty, multispecialty and integrated delivery network settings;

WHEREAS, he has been engaged as a board member or adviser for several health care- and innovation-focused organizations, including the Cleveland Clinic Medical Device Advisory Council, the Center for Machine Learning and Health at Carnegie Mellon University, and the Michigan Venture Capital Association; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, in recognition of Mr. Thomas Shehab's professional accomplishments, national reach, and contributions to the Bowling Green State University community, appoint Mr. Thomas Shehab to a three-year term as a National Trustee, effective May 6, 2023.

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

#### Election of Officers

No. 49-2023 Mr. O'Brien moved and Mr. Martin seconded that:

approval be given to the election of the following persons as officers of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for 2023-2024:

Chair, Drew Forhan  
Vice-Chair, Amy Shore  
Secretary, Patrick Pauken

All signed in the affirmative. Motion carried.

### **INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Forhan, Chair of the Joint Investment Committee, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from the February meeting. The Committee also participated in a special topic discussion related to liquidity led by Blue Rose Capital Advisors and reviewed Market Performance and March 31, 2023 Investment Schedules.

Chair Eisele stated that the final item for approval is the Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings.

#### Proposed 2024-2025 Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings

No. 50-2023 Ms. Budi moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

approval be given for the Proposed Board of Trustees Schedule of Meetings for 2024-2025, as listed below.



September 26-27, 2024  
December 5-6, 2024  
February 20-21, 2025  
May 1-2, 2025  
June 19-20, 2025

All signed in the affirmative. Motion carried.

### **CONSTITUENT GROUP REPORTS**

The following representatives updated the Board on recent activities of their constituent groups including accomplishments of the 2022-2023 academic year: Stephanie Brinkman, Administrative Staff Council; Gretchen Avery, Classified Staff Council; Dr. Robyn Miller, Faculty Senate; Amanda Taylor, Graduate Student Senate; and Emily Jerome, Undergraduate Student Government.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Forhan thanked Ms. Eisele and Mr. Auten for their service to the Board of Trustees and dedication to Bowling Green State University. He provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on June 22, 2023, on the Bowling Green Campus.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:09 p.m., Ms. Ebersole moved and Dr. Ross seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.