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MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
May 3, 2024

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met the McMaster Room, 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at the Bowling Green campus on May 3, 2024: Drew Forhan, Chair; Judy Budi, Willa Ebersole, Phillip Greenberg, Ava Harter, Cole Nemeth, Dave O'Brien, Geoffrey Radbill, Dr. Richard Ross, Mikayla Russ, Dr. Thomas Shehab, Amy Shore, 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.

Mr. Forhan called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (nine trustees).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rodney Rogers expressed his appreciation for those who attended the historic gift announcement from Bob and Ellen Thompson. He also updated the Board on the 309th commencement ceremonies, enrollment outlook, BGSU One Day, and the recent activities Bowling Green State University hosted for the total solar eclipse.

MINUTES

No. 28-2024 Dr. Ross moved and Mr. Traul seconded that the minutes of February 22 and 23, 2024 be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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

Approval of Promotion and Tenure Recommendations

No. 29-2024 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. O'Brien seconded that:

approval be given to the 2024-25 Promotion and Tenure Recommendations, as submitted.

Promotion to Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Neil Baird, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of English
Cynthia Ducar, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures
Lisa Hanasono, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Media and Communication
Marco Nardone, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Physics and Astronomy
Alexis Ostrowski, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry
Kimberly Rogers, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Anita Simic Milas, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Earth, Environment, and Society
Kevin Vallier, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy

College of Education and Human Development

Brigid Burke, Ph.D., Associate Professor, School of Inclusive Teacher Education

College of Health and Human Services

Stephanie Thurmond, ScD, Associate Professor, School of Physical Therapy
Wendy Watson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Human Services
Stephanie Wladkowski, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Human Services

Firelands

Raymond Schuck, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Humanities

Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business

Liuling Liu, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Finance

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Remy Attig, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures

Joshua Boston, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

Ilyoung Ju, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Media and Communication

Heidi Nees-Carver, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Theatre and Film

Michaela Walsh, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Cultural and Critical Studies

Benjamin Ward, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Dominic Wells, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science

College of Education and Human Development

Ashley Ajemigitse, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, School of Inclusive Teacher Education

College of Health and Human Services

Lori Brusman-Lovins, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Human Services

Jeanelle Sears, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Human Services

Jordan Wilfong, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Human Services

University Libraries

Maureen Barry, MS, Assistant Professor, Department of Library Teaching and Learning

Edith Scarletto, MS, Assistant Professor, Department of Library Teaching and Learning

Tenure

University Libraries

Angela Pratesi, MLS, Associate Professor, Department of Special Collections

Promotion to Teaching Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Michelle Heckman, MA, Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Luis Moreno, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, School of Cultural and Critical Studies

Kim Waterfield, MFA, Associate Teaching Professor, School of Art

College of Education and Human Development

Robyn Miller, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, School of Inclusive Teacher Education

Patrick Vrooman, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, School of Inclusive Teacher Education

College of Musical Arts

Megan Rancier, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory

Firelands

Jaclyn McLean, M.Ed., Associate Teaching Professor, Natural and Social Sciences

Subhalakshmi Nagarajan, Ph.D., Associate Teaching Professor, Natural and Social Sciences

Promotion to Associate Teaching Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Justin Donhauser, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Philosophy

Lesnny Marquina Hervias, MA, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of World Languages and Cultures

Tianyi Song, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Computer Science

Xiaofen Zhang, Ph.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

College of Education and Human Development

Arthur Lewandowski, Ed.D., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Inclusive Teacher Education

Nathan Peters, M.S., Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Applied Human Development

Paul Standinger, MA, Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Applied Human Development

Megan Thompson, MA, Assistant Teaching Professor, School of Inclusive Teacher Education

College of Musical Arts

Justin Johnston, DMA, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory
Ariel Kasler, MM, Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Music Performance Studies

Firelands

Carol Puder, M.Ed., Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Applied Sciences

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

Appointment of Dr. Douglas Bujakowski as an Associate Professor with Tenure in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics

No. 30-2024 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. O’Brien seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Douglas Bujakowski as an associate professor with tenure in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics 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, Mr. Forhan, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. O’Brien, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes.

Appointment of Dr. Joseph Zhang as Professor with Tenure in the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems (AMIS)

No. 31-2024 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Joseph Zhang as a professor with tenure in the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems (AMIS) in the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business.

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

Appointment of Dr. Wael Mokhtar as Dean of the College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering and as Professor with Tenure in the School of Engineering

No. 32-2024 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Wael Mokhtar as Dean of the College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering and as Professor with Tenure in the School of Engineering.

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

Approval of Emeriti Faculty

No. 33-2024 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Budi 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

Kenneth W. Borland, School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership, and Foundations
Hanfeng Chen, Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Raymon Kresman, Department of Computer Science
Craig L. Zirbel, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Teaching Professor Emeritus

Martin S. Anderson, Applied Sciences BGSU Firelands

Associate Professor Emeriti

Allan Emery, Department of English
Deborah Houck Schocket, Department of World Languages and Cultures
Benjamin P. Greene, Department of History
David D. Hampton, School of Inclusive Teacher Education
Jane Schoonmaker Rodgers, Department of Music Performance Studies
Ewart C. Skinner, School of Media and Communication
Yu Zhou, School of Earth, Environment and Society

Associate Teaching Professor Emeritus

Gregory L. Walterhouse, Department of Political Science

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

Approval of Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program

No. 34-2024 Ms. Ebersole moved and Dr. Ross seconded that:

WHEREAS, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ “Occupational Outlook Handbook,” employment of Occupational Therapists is projected to grow 14 percent from 2021 to 2031, much faster than the average of 5.3% for all occupations;

WHEREAS, Ohio had 6,075 licensed Occupational Therapists in 2020 and is projecting a need for 6,893 occupational therapists by the year 2030, representing a 13.5 % increase;

WHEREAS, there is an average of 434 total annual job openings for Occupational Therapists in Ohio;

WHEREAS, the Midwest region projects a similar need across multiple states;

WHEREAS, these data make a compelling case for a hybrid program that will attract students from Midwest who can commute to the Bowling Green area for the immersive labs;

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University (BGSU) is proposing to facilitate access to occupational therapy education to students on a national scale by developing a hybrid Doctor of Occupational Therapy Program (OTD);

WHEREAS, similar to BGSU’s Doctor of Physical Therapy program, the OTD will use an accelerated hybrid learning model whose curriculum combines online learning activities and interactions, hands-on laboratory immersion sessions, along with a collaborative clinical education experience;

WHEREAS, this flexible educational model allows students to live anywhere in the country and commute to Bowling Green State University twice each academic term to participate in an onsite immersive laboratory experience;

WHEREAS, the OTD delivers a contemporary and evidence-based curriculum using faculty and contributors that are dedicated educators, clinicians, researchers, and leaders in the Occupational Therapy profession;

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

WHEREAS, the curriculum for this accelerated program is based on two foundational documents developed by the American Occupational Therapy Association – the *Occupational Therapy Curriculum Design Framework* and the *Guide to Occupational Therapy Practice*;

WHEREAS, the OTD Program is a total of 100 credits taken over the equivalent of six academic semesters of full-time enrollment;

WHEREAS, students graduating from the program will earn the Doctor of Occupational Therapy degree, which is one of two current standards for entry-level professional practice required for occupational therapy in the United States;

WHEREAS, the inaugural cohort will begin in August 2025, with a new cohort each August;

WHEREAS, enrollment for the inaugural cohort is 60 students, with 70 students in year two, and 80 students in year three and subsequent years;

WHEREAS, the OTD will be housed in the School of Physical Therapy, which is an administrative unit within the College of Health and Human Services;

WHEREAS, the OTD will have 13 full-time faculty to support a total of 160 students (two cohorts) per year;

WHEREAS, the BGSU OTD will apply for Candidacy to the *Accreditation Council of Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)* in August 2024;

WHEREAS, the BGSU Faculty Senate approved the proposed Doctor of Occupational Therapy program at its meeting on February 27, 2023.

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

All signed in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of 2024-2026 Completion Plan Report

No. 35-2024 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) sec. 3345.81 requires, not later than June 30, 2014, and at least once every two years thereafter, each institution of higher education to adopt an institution-specific strategic completion plan designed to increase the number of degrees and certificates awarded to students;

WHEREAS, ORC sec. 3345.81 states that the plan shall be consistent with the mission and strategic priorities of the institution, include measurable student completion goals, and align with the state’s workforce development priorities;

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2014, Bowling Green State University’s Board of Trustees adopted its first Strategic Completion Plan;

WHEREAS, the 2024-2026 Campus Completion Plan is consistent with the mission and priorities of BGSU and includes an update on our progress in meeting degree completion goals, as well as new initiatives in support of students’ academic success;

WHEREAS, both quantitative and qualitative metrics are used to document progress toward completion goals;

WHEREAS, institutional goals for 2024-2026 include continued increases in fall-fall retention of first-time/full-time undergraduate students, four-year full-time graduation rate, six-year full-time graduation rate; and a decrease in the average number of credit hours earned upon completion of the bachelor's degree;

WHEREAS, several divisions on campus, including the Office of Academic Assessment, the Office of Student Engagement, and Residence Life, conduct a variety of assessment initiatives, such as focus groups and surveys on topics that include academic advising, Life Design, and experiential learning, to examine factors that impede or enhance persistence and completion; and

WHEREAS, BGSU is focusing on four primary areas that are closely aligned with the objectives found in our strategic plan, *Forward*, to improve retention and completion outcomes for students: enhancing the orientation of new first-year students; enhancing personalized, holistic, and data-informed student support; enhancing pedagogy and improving the classroom experience; and enhancing financial support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby adopts the attached, 2024-2026 BGSU Campus Completion Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this updated plan be forwarded to the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

All signed in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Ms. Ebersole reported that the Committee heard updates from Provost Joe Whitehead, Vice President Cecilia Castellano, Dr. Ali Askandarian, and Vice President Glenn Davis.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS/FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. O'Brien, Vice Chair of the Financial Affairs/Facilities Committee, reported that the Committee had five items for Board consideration.

Approval of Campus Master Plan 2024

No. 36-2024 Mr. O'Brien moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees recognizes that planning for the University's long term development of the Bowling Green campus and physical environment is a valuable and critical requirement for accomplishing the University's mission and Strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the fall of 2022, the Office of Planning, Construction and Campus Operations, through collaboration with the Executive Planning Committee, a Master Planning Committee and numerous campus and community constituents, has worked with professional consultants to gather, analyze and evaluate facility condition data, space utilization data, and the educational adequacy of each campus academic facility; and

WHEREAS, their work included creating campus master plan objectives (more fully described in the background to the resolution) that reflect current and future needs and expectations for enrollment and retention, research, classroom utilization and scheduling, academic strategy, educational adequacy, and utilization, and

WHEREAS, a long-term plan has been developed that identifies specific projects and capital investment priorities for the next ten to fifteen years in certain academic facilities, housing and dining facilities, and other physical facilities such as Athletic venues and other student-focused and community-use spaces (as described in more detail in the background to the resolution);

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of trustees hereby adopts the proposed Bowling Green State University Campus Master Plan 2024 as described more fully in the background to the resolution.

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

Approval of Kohl Hall Renovation

No. 37-2024 Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, Residence Life renewal and replacement reserve funds in the amount of \$9,550,951 have been identified to fund the planned renovations for the existing Kohl Hall; and

WHEREAS, the current Kohl Hall was completed in 1938 with an addition in 1962 and has experienced limited improvements to the interior and exterior; and

WHEREAS, Kohl Hall, as an important part of residence life, will remain in active use for the foreseeable future and this renovation is essential to the current and long-term viability of residence life; and

WHEREAS, the previously approved Kohl air conditioning project will require the building to be shutdown during the FY2025 fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project scope includes an update (modernize) to the building’s interior aesthetics, adding 40 additional residence rooms to the lower level, modernize the student restroom experience throughout the building including carpeting and paint, providing pod-style restrooms throughout the building, creating a single reception desk, eliminating two unneeded classrooms and several offices on the lower level, and relocating the shared kitchenette and large lounge to the lower level; and

WHEREAS, the 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 approves the Kohl Hall Renovation as more fully described in the background to the resolution.

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

Approval of Jerome Library Roof and Building Envelope Restoration

No. 38-2024 Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, state capital funds in the amount of \$3,684,450 have been identified to fund the planned restoration to the exterior and roof of Jerome Library Building; and

WHEREAS, the current Jerome Library Building was completed in 1965 although numerous improvements and upgrades have been executed from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Board has previously approved design services of \$277,200 at the September 2023 Board of Trustee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the condition of the exterior of the building has deteriorated and is in need of major restoration including work on the building tower façade to ensure a secure and weather tight building envelope, brick repointing and sealing, full window replacement, new caulking, replacement of joint sealants to all exterior doors, skylights, and building control joints, reconstruction of roof scuppers and downspouts to improve water flow; and repairing roof copings and membrane flashing as required to ensure a secure and weather tight building envelope; additional scope for penthouse roof replacement may be included; and

WHEREAS, the 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 approves the Jerome Library Roof and Building Envelope Restoration as more fully described in the background to the resolution.

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

Approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Instructional and General Fee Revisions

No. 39-2024 Mr. O’Brien moved and Mr. Traul 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. 33) for Fiscal Year 2024 and 2025 permits a university to increase tuition and general fees for the incoming cohort of the Tuition Guarantee Program by 3.0 percent for both the Bowling Green and Firelands campus incoming cohort; and

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 2025 (effective fall 2024 semester) for all student categories as presented and more completely described in the background and attached schedules to the resolution.

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

Approval of the Naming of the Mo and Jon Stansbery Court

No. 40-2024 Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, Jon E. Stansbery earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting in 1983 and an MBA in 1984 from Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stansbery retired from Marathon Petroleum Corporation after 34 years of employment;

WHEREAS, Maureen (Mo) Stansbery retired from Marathon Petroleum Corporation where she was an information technology analyst;

WHEREAS, Jon and Mo are steadfast supporters of BGSU athletic teams;

WHEREAS, they are widely known for recruiting fans to attend volleyball games;

WHEREAS, their ever-expanding volleyball fan base has enhanced the experience of student-athletes and their families;

WHEREAS, in 2017, they were presented with the Volleyball Supporters of the Year Award;

WHEREAS, through their philanthropic giving, they established the Jon and Mo Stansbery Volleyball Scholarship at BGSU and supported the Volleyball Enhancement Fund, Ice Hockey Enhancement Fund, Women's Basketball Enhancement Fund, the Athletic Fitness and Weight Room, the Falcon Club Scholarship and Success Fund, the Student Emergency Fund, BGSU One Day, and The Excellence Fund for Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, they are recognized as members of The Presidents Club, Leadership Circle and Carillon donor recognition societies as well as the Champion's Circle of the Falcon Club;

WHEREAS, Jon and Mo Stansbery have made a generous gift to name the Taraflex Volleyball Playing Surface in the Stroh Center; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of this gift, it is fitting to name it the Mo and Jon Stansbery Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the generous gift made by Jon and Mo Stansbery to name the Taraflex Volleyball Playing Surface in the Stroh Center, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of the Mo and Jon Stansbery Court.

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

Mr. O’Brien reported that Ms. Sheri Stoll gave presentations on the following informational items: Annual Update on the Advisory Retirement Plan Committee Progress; Market Performance and University Investment Schedule through February 29, 2024; Capital Projects Status Report through March 31, 2024; and the E&G Expenditure Report through March 31, 2024.

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 22, 2024. Discussion items included a University Advancement Report from Vice President Pam Conlin, a Foundation Board report, BGSU One Day, and fundraising growth for the future.

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Stewart, Chair of the Governance Committee, reported that the Committee had two items for Board consideration.

Approval of National Trustee: Mr. Paul Hooker

No. 41-2024 Mr. O’Brien moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul J. Hooker graduated from Bowling Green State University (BGSU) in 1975 with a bachelor of science degree in business administration;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker is the retired CEO of SFERRA Fine Linens, a luxury bedding, bath and home decor store based in Edison, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker grew annual sales in SFERRA Fine Linens from \$250,000 when he bought the business in 1977 to over \$30 million in 2013 when he sold a majority stake of the company;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker raises awareness of the challenges of young athletes with special needs. He has inspired a new generation of citizens by partnering with colleges and universities to match student mentors with people who face disabilities;

WHEREAS, in 1990 Mr. Hooker, along with his wife Margo, founded a not-for-profit sports program for children with disabilities, now named RallyCap Sports;

WHEREAS, RallyCap Sports has assisted hundreds of families with programs in basketball, soccer, Little League softball, golf, flag football, and tennis;

WHEREAS, RallyCap Sports has programs at many colleges and universities across the Midwest and Northeast, with the Bowling Green State University chapter being the first and largest chapter;

WHEREAS, in addition to the direct athletics and recreational work done through RallyCap Sports, Mr. Hooker raised more than \$200,000 for a one-acre playground for children with special needs in Colts Neck, New Jersey, along with a second sensory-rich playground in Long Branch, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, these facilities provide one of the most fundamental and satisfying needs every child has: the need for play;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker served as a member of BGSU's Foundation Board from February 2019 through June 2022, serving as the Board's Development Committee Chair;

WHEREAS, he was a member of BGSU's Changing Lives for the World Campaign Steering Committee;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker has supported the Alumni Laureate Scholars and the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business Building Fund (naming of the Sister Mary Noreen Gray, R.S.M. Student Services Hub);

WHEREAS, the Paul J. Hooker Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership in the Schmidthorst College of Business at Bowling Green State University is one of 20 centers worldwide recognized by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business;

WHEREAS, it is also Northwest Ohio's premier resource for entrepreneurial education, featuring a week-long Entrepreneurship Week (E-Week) each April and bringing entrepreneurial leaders from around the country to campus;

WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Hooker was named a top 100 graduate in the first 100 years of Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hooker was inducted into the Entrepreneurial Leadership Hall of Fame in 2012;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, in recognition of Mr. Paul J. Hooker's professional accomplishments, national reach, and contributions to the Bowling Green State University community, appoint Mr. Paul J. Hooker to a three-year term as a National Trustee, effective May 4, 2024.

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

Election of Officers for Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees

No. 42-2024 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

approval be given to the election of the following persons as officers of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for 2024-2025:

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

A voice vote was called, and the motion carried.

Mr. Stewart reported that members also discussed committee structures and assignments, a board self-evaluation, new trustee orientation, and mentors for new trustees.

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Ms. Shore, Chair of the Joint Investment Committee, stated that the only action item before the committee was approval of meeting minutes from the February meeting. The Committee also discussed a review of Market Performance and February 29, 2024 Investment Schedule, asset allocation follow-up from the February 2024 meeting and a special topic discussion on committee survey preparation.

Approval of the Proposed Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Bowling Green State University Faculty Association – Contract Periods July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027

No. 43-2024 Mr. Forhan moved and Ms. Ross seconded that:

WHEREAS, the University and the Bowling Green State University Faculty Association (BGSU-FA) have been engaged in negotiations for the purpose of concluding a Collective Bargaining Agreement;

WHEREAS, the University and the BGSU-FA negotiating teams reached a tentative agreement that was ratified by the BGSU-FA membership in May 2024;

WHEREAS, the proposed tentative agreement is attached to and included in this resolution;

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the proposed tentative agreement and has determined that it is both reasonable and equitable to the parties; and

WHEREAS, the Board expresses its appreciation to all concerned parties for their efforts to bring this matter to a successful resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to its authorities under Chapter 3341 and Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code, the attached Collective Bargaining Agreement is hereby approved and ratified by the Board for the term 12:01 a.m. July 1, 2024 through 12:01 a.m. July 1, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate officers and managers of the University are hereby authorized and directed to execute and to deliver the Collective Bargaining Agreement to the lawful representatives of the BGSU-FA and, upon full execution of the same, to timely deliver a copy of the Agreement to the State Employment Relations Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby ratifies and confirms any and all actions taken by the officers and managers of the University and their representatives prior to the date of this Resolution to negotiate the Collective Bargaining Agreement and to present it to the Board for its consideration.

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

CONSTITUENT GROUP REPORTS

The following representatives updated the Board on recent activities of their constituent groups: Zachary Schmidt, Administrative Staff Council; Pam Keppler, Classified Staff Council; Dr. Robyn Miller, Faculty Senate; David Fisher, Graduate Student Senate; and Emily Jerome, Undergraduate Student Government.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Forhan provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on June 20, 2024, on the Bowling Green Campus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:52 p.m., Ms. Shore moved and Mr. Traul seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.