

**University of Cincinnati**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Summary of Actions Taken at the Regular Meeting Held**

**April 21, 2026**

The following is a list of recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees at their Regular Meeting held on April 21, 2026, and filed in the Office of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations are listed under the committee(s) that initially reviewed and approved them.

**A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

**26.04.21.01** Approval of Amendment of Board Rule 50-1-03: Colleges and Divisions: Faculties of Colleges and Divisions and Their Powers – #3 of G&IA

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees amend Board Rule 50-1-03 for the purpose of adopting a curricular approval process developed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.457.

**26.04.21.02** Approval of Academic Appointments

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments of faculty and academic administrators. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

**Emeritus Status**

Wlodzimierz Bryc, PhD

Professor Emeritus  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of Mathematical  
Sciences Effective April 30, 2026

Laura Conforti, PhD

Professor Emerita  
College of  
Medicine  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Effective May 5, 2026

Bernadette Dietz, PhD

Professor Emerita UC Clermont College  
Department of Social Sciences  
Effective May 1, 2026

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Wen-Ben Jone, PhD	Associate Professor Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Effective May 1, 2026
Ronald Leslie, PhD	Professor Emeritus UC Clermont ollege Department of Social Sciences Effective May 1, 2026
Drew McAvoy, PhD	Professor – Educator Emeritus College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Dept of Chemical and Environmental Engineering Effective August 15, 2026
Nancy Oliver, JD	Professor of Practice Emerita College of Law Effective September 1, 2026
Erik Powell, MD	Associate Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine Effective March 3, 2026
Claudia Skutar, PhD	Associate Professor Emerita UC Blue Ash College Department of English and Communication Effective May 9, 2026
Laura Woollett, PhD	Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Effective March 1, 2026

**Endowed Chair / Professorship Appointment**

Satish Madala, PhD	The Mary Sue Butler Endowed Professorship in ILD and Rare Lung Disease Research College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine Effective July 1, 2026 – August 31, 2031
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**Unit Head Appointments**

Mohamed Ahmed, PhD, PE

Unit Head  
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering  
and Construction Management  
Effective June 1, 2025 – August 14, 2030

Junhang Dong, PhD

Unit Head  
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
Department of Chemical and Environmental  
Engineering  
Effective June 1, 2025 – August 14, 2030

Milind Jog, PhD

Unit Head  
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences  
Department of Mechanical, Materials and  
Industrial Engineering  
Effective May 1, 2025 – August 14, 2030

Katherine Sorrels, PhD

Unit Head  
College of Arts and Sciences  
Department of History  
Effective January 1, 2026 – August 14, 2030

**Unit Head/Chair Reappointments**

Michael Archdeacon, MD

Chair  
College of Medicine  
Department of Orthopaedic Surgery  
Effective September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2031

Melissa DelBello, MD

Chair  
College of Medicine  
Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral  
Neuroscience  
Effective September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2031

Melissa Setser, DNP, RN

Unit Head  
UC Blue Ash College  
Department of Nursing  
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David Steward, MD

Chair  
College of Medicine  
Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck  
Surgery  
Effective September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2031

**Chair Extensions**

Alex B. Lentsch, PhD

Chair  
College of Medicine  
Department of Environmental and  
Public Health Sciences  
Effective September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2028

Umberto Tachinardi, MD

Chair  
College of Medicine  
Department of Biostatistics, Health Informatics  
and Data Sciences  
Effective September 1, 2027 – August 31, 2029

**New Hires**

Rudolph Buchheit, PhD

Professor with Tenure  
College of Engineering and Applied Science  
Department of Mechanical, Materials and  
Industrial Engineering  
Effective June 1, 2026

Michael Conger, PhD

Associate Professor with Tenure  
Lindner College of Business  
Department of Management  
Effective August 15, 2026

**Recommendations for Tenure or Promotion**

**From Instructor of Clinical to Assistant Professor of Clinical**

College of Medicine

Anthony Capria	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Effective 09/01/26
Joanna Lin	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Effective 09/01/26

**26.04.21.03** Approval of New Academic Courses

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve new academic courses pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.457 as amended by Ohio House Bill 96 – 136th General Assembly.

**26.04.21.04** Approval of Academic Unit Name Change in the College of Arts and Sciences From the Department of Geology To the Department of Geosciences

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an academic unit name change in the College of Arts and Sciences *from* the Department of Geology *to* the Department of Geosciences.

**26.04.21.05** Approval of Degree Name Change FROM Human Development and Community Engagement TO Human and Community Development – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a degree name change in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services *from* Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Community Engagement *to* Bachelor of Science in Human and Community Development.

**26.04.21.06** Approval of Degree Name Change FROM Master of Science in Exercise and Sport Science TO Master of Science in Exercise Science - College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a degree name change in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services *from* Master of Science in Exercise Sport Science *to* Master of Science in Exercise Science.

**26.04.21.07** Approval of New Degree – Associate of Applied Science in Data Science – UC Blue Ash and UC Clermont

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Associate of Applied Science in Data Science, a joint effort between UC Clermont and UC Blue Ash.

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**26.04.21.08** Approval of New Degree – Bachelor of Music in Music Performance –  
College-Conservatory of Music

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Bachelor of Music in Music Performance in the College-Conservatory of Music.

**26.04.21.09** Approval of New Degree – Master of Science in Applied AI for  
Cybersecurity – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human  
Services

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Master of Science in Applied AI for Cybersecurity in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services.

**26.04.21.10** Approval of New Degree – PhD in Exercise Science – College of  
Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the PhD in Exercise Science in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

**26.04.21.11** Approval of New Degree – Master of Science in Integrative Health –  
College of Medicine

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Master of Science in Integrative Health in the College of Medicine.

**26.04.21.12** Approval of New Graduate Certificate – Applied Digital Humanities –  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the graduate certificate in Applied Digital Humanities in the College of Arts & Sciences.

**26.04.21.13** Approval of New Graduate Certificate – Film Scoring –  
College-Conservatory of Music

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the graduate certificate in Film Scoring in the College-Conservatory of Music.

**26.04.21.14** Approval of New Graduate Certificate – Community Development – College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the graduate certificate in Community Development in the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning.

**26.04.21.15** Approval of New Graduate Certificate – Applied AI in Finance – Lindner College of Business

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the graduate certificate in Applied AI in Finance in the Lindner College of Business.

**26.04.21.16** Approval of Dissolution of Academic Unit Status of Hoxworth Blood Center – College of Medicine

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the dissolution of academic unit status for the Hoxworth Blood Center in the College of Medicine.

**B. Finance and Administration Committee**

**26.04.21.17** Approval of HR – Recruitment, Selection, and Appointment of Classified Staff - #1&2 of G&IA

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees adopt new Board Rules 30-21-07 and 30-21-08 for the purpose of aligning the recruitment, selection and appointment of classified staff to those of unclassified staff.

**26.04.21.18** Approval of Authorization to Refund Outstanding Debt

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve issuing General Receipts Obligations to refund existing outstanding General Receipts Obligations through June 30, 2028.

**26.04.21.19** Approval of General Receipts Obligations Authorization for New Debt Authority for Approved Capital Projects

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve authorization to issue General Receipts Obligations for approved capital projects, not to exceed \$500,000,000. This is a request for new debt authority, which extends to and through June 20, 2028.

**26.04.21.20** Approval of YMCA Renovation Project

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an additional \$10,000,000 for the initial construction phase of the renovation of the YMCA building.

**26.04.21.21** Approval of STEM Academic Facility Project

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an additional \$30,500,000 to fund the initial construction phase of the new STEM Academic Facility on the current Crosley Tower site.

**26.04.21.22** Approval of Naming Recommendation: John and Carrie Hayden Community Learning Center

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the name *John and Carrie Hayden Community Learning Kitchen*.

**26.04.21.23** Approval of Naming Recommendation: Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Reading Room

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the name *Judge Nathaniel R. Jones Reading Room*.

**C. Governance and Internal Affairs Committee**

**26.04.21.24** Approval of New Board Rule 30-21-07 Employment: opt out of certain provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code on classified staff

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve to adopt new Board Rule 30-21-07 for the purpose of opting out of specified provisions of the Ohio Administrative Code and replace them with institutional rules for recruitment, selection and appointment of classified staff.

**26.04.21.25** Approval of New Board Rule 30-21-08 Employment: recruitment, selection, and appointment of classified staff

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve to adopt new Board Rule 30-21-08 for the purpose of aligning the recruitment, selection and appointment of classified staff to those of unclassified staff.

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**26.04.21.26** Approval of Amendment of Board Rule 50-1-03: Colleges and divisions:  
Faculties of colleges and divisions and their powers

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees amend Board  
Rule 50-1-03 for the purpose of adopting a curricular approval process  
developed pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.457.

**D. Non-Committee Items**

**26.04.21.27** Approval of recommendation to appoint the Executive Vice President for  
Academic Affairs and Provost

**Synopsis:** It is recommended that the Board of Trustees appoint Rudolph  
“Rudy” Buchheit as the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and  
Provost.

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