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Official Proceedings of the

Three Hundred and Fifty-Second Meeting of the Board of Trustees

(A Regular Meeting)

April 18, 2017

The Three Hundred and Fifty-Second Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati was opened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, in the Annie Laws Building of the University of Cincinnati. Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. The proceedings of the Board, when not otherwise provided for by its bylaws, are governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Thomas D. Cassady, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Mr. Cassady asked that roll be called.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Thomas D. Cassady, William C. Portman, III, Margaret K. Valentine, Ronald D. Brown, Geraldine B. Warner, Kim Heiman, Phil Collins, Rodney Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Mischell

ALSO PRESENT: Neville G. Pinto, President;
Robert F. Ambach, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance;
William Ball, Senior Vice President for Health Affairs, Dean College of Medicine;
Peter Landgren, Interim Provost & Senior Vice President Academic Affairs;
Lori Ross, General Counsel
Ryan Hays, Executive Vice President;
Ryan Makinson, Graduate Student Trustee;
Kamree Maull, Undergraduate Student Trustee;
Mitchell Phelps, Student Body President;

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Sally Moomaw, Faculty Senate Chair;
Mike Bohn, Director of Athletics;
Bleuzette Marshall, Vice President for Equity and
Inclusion
Debra Merchant, Senior Associate Vice President
for Student Affairs;
Greer Glazer, Chair, Council of Deans;
Robert Fealy, Chair, UC Foundation;
Rebecca Leugers, Faculty Representative;
Greg Loving, Faculty Representative;
Greg Vehr, Vice President Government Relations
and University Communications;
Nicole Blount, Executive Assistant to the Board of
Trustees;
and the public

(Prior to the Board Committee Meetings and the Regular Board Meeting, Chairman Cassady began the proceedings at approximately 8:31 a.m.)

Mr. Cassady:

Good morning everyone. I'd like to call this meeting to order. Trustee Tom Mischell is not able to be here today and is excused from this meeting. I want to thank Dr. Larry Johnson again for his hospitality. I saw him earlier. We appreciate being here in your college and I appreciate you hosting us.

It's hard to believe that the academic year is already drawing to a close....Commencement day is only 11 days away on April 29. This year, because of the renovations under way at Fifth Third Arena, Commencement will return to Nippert Stadium for the first time since 1984. There will be a morning ceremony with Doctoral Hooding and Master's Recognition, with approximately 1,500 graduates. The afternoon ceremony combines all undergraduates into one ceremony with about 4,300 graduates expected to participate.

I can tell you that in 1976 I personally participated in a commencement at Nippert and it went fairly quickly because they would just call the colleges to stand so I was a member of the

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College of Arts and Sciences. You stood up they would say congratulations and that your diploma is hereby conferred, and we sat back down and moved on to the next college.

This year, President Pinto is going to shake all 4,300 hands so that's a little different. There are probably a couple of people in the audience that might remember Representative Barbara Jordan was our speaker. She was a congresswoman on the House of Judicial Affairs Committee that impeached President Nixon as was a fabulous orator and became very famous being on that Committee.

Well, I'm sure it will be a good time and the students really wanted to be able to shake hands and have a moment. It is time now where we have some goodbyes and some hellos. Let's start with a hello.

Welcome to Rodney Williams

Mr. Cassady:

I'd like to welcome our newest Trustee, Rodney Williams to the table. Welcome, Rodney. [APPLAUSE] Rodney was appointed to the Board on March 10, 2017 by Governor John Kasich. Rodney comes to the board with a great deal of knowledge. He is CEO and Co-Founder of LISNR, leads one of the most disruptive companies in the IoT (Internet of Things) space and the world of mobile connectivity. LISNR is an ultrasonic inaudible technology; a communication protocol that sends data over audio. As the CEO of LISNR, Rodney has grown the company from a single idea to a promising global standard, with over +40 industry awards, most notably a Cannes Gold Lion in Mobile Software Innovation and a 2017 CES Honoree in Mobile Software.

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He has also been honored by Ad Age's Top 40 under 40, Upstart100, and selected as Black Enterprise's Tech Entrepreneur of the Year. As an alum of the R/GA Accelerator powered by Techstars and named to the 2015 and 2016 CNBC Disruptor 50 Lists, Rodney is an innovative and out-of-the-box strategic thinker, always looking for new ways to connect consumers more effectively with technology.

Rodney has achieved many honors and has earned four degrees in Finance and Economics, including an MBA from Howard University, by the age of 24. Outside of Rodney's pursuit professionally, he's a celebrated speaker, mentor, and advisor to many. Rodney currently sits on the board of two venture capital funded startups (Wyzerr & Solofunds) and is currently the youngest member of the Howard University School of Business, Board of Advisors; a position gained after raising over \$250k in an effort to bring better technology resources to the university. When Rodney is not leading or assisting, he's teaching and was most recently chosen to be a Forbes contributing author - covering innovation, entrepreneurship, leadership and disruptive technologies. Welcome. We are glad to have you.

And now, to a good-bye. Our former Student Government President Mitchell Phelps has spent the past year providing great leadership to our undergraduates. It went fast; extraordinary fast, but it was a year of change. I, for one, am grateful that I had the opportunity to meet and work with you, Mitchell. It's been a pleasure.

Mitchell is a 4th-year out of 5 student majoring in Marketing, International Business, Entrepreneurship. His professional goals are to gain knowledge and experience in the brand strategy spectrum of marketing and eventually pursue an entrepreneurial journey and become a leader in an existing organization within a brand management function.

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This summer he will be interning with Procter and Gamble as an Assistant Brand Manager in Fabric and Home Care. Currently, within the Lindner College of Business he takes part in the Carl H. Lindner Honors-PLUS Program (LHP) and Business Fellows Program. Also, Mitchell is a member of the University Honors Program. This year Mitchell has received two awards. The first being the *Student Trailblazer Award* presented by the UC African American Alumni Affiliate. And the second being the *PACE Engagement Award* presented by the Lindner College Business Fellows Program.

Mitchell, please come forward to accept a memento for our appreciation for your service. Thank you again, Mitchell. [APPLAUSE] I told him it's gone so fast and he said, "Well, I'll be back and how many years will it take me to get back on the board?" [LAUGHTER] We'd be glad to have you, Mitchell.

Mr. Phelps:

Thank you. I appreciate it.

Mr. Cassady:

You are welcome to say anything if you'd like.

Mr. Phelps:

I have a little bit in my report, but thank you to everyone around the table and the audience as well. There are very familiar faces I've been able to work with throughout the year. I really appreciate it. I've seen a lot of growth personally throughout this year and a lot of growth within the organization and student government. I've appreciated the partnerships around the table and abroad. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

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Mr. Cassady:

And now for another hello. We also welcome the new president of the Undergraduate Student Government, Bashir Emlemdi. Welcome, Bashir. Bashir was inaugurated last Friday at the Main Street Stride by President Pinto. Vice President Dana Drage was also sworn in, along with several Senators. Welcome, Bashir. We look forward to your report later in our meeting. Nice to have you at the table.

Mr. Emlemdi:

It's nice to be here. Thank you.

Mr. Cassady:

And now, it's time for the President's Report.

President Pinto:

Thank you, Chairman Cassady, and good morning everybody. Thank you for being here. I'd like to open first again by welcoming the two new faces to the table here. Rodney Williams-- I had an opportunity to meet with him and had a wonderful meeting. I'm glad to have you on board. And, particularly share your excitement about innovation and entrepreneurship and looking forward to working with you.

And, Bashir Emlemdi, welcome. I look forward to working with you. And with that I have to sag way into Mitchell Phelps and thank him for all he has done in my transition to this position. You know your first impressions of the university are often the people of the university. You didn't know this, but weighing heavily on you was as a representative of the

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students, I was evaluating even though I had been here previously what our student body was like now and you were a model student and leader. Thank you very much for your leadership and I look forward to welcoming you back on campus long before you become a trustee.

I just want to start off with some very good news. Tomorrow, a many of you probably know, we recognize the accomplishments of our faculty. This is a student centered, faculty driven institution. We are focused on our students and our faculty and there is nothing more pleasing than the Faculty Awards Celebration that we have at the Great Hall. If you are available, it will be at 3:00 pm tomorrow. We will recognize 16 all university faculty award winners along 16 Fellows of the Graduate School, and 5 new Fellows of the Academy of Teaching and Learning. These faculty and their colleagues have worked hard this year with our students. They have truly been student centered and so the next part of my report is a focus on the accomplishments of our students and there is nothing more than validating students in national competitions. And so today I just want to go through some of the prestigious national awards that our students have won.

For the first time since the Goldwater Awards were established, three University of Cincinnati students have won the Goldwater Award, all in the same year. It is a testament to the quality of our students, our Honors Program, and to our Office of Nationally Competitive Awards led by Interim Director, Theresa Cully. Thank you for guiding our students toward these major accolades. I will read out the names of the Goldwater Scholars and I may butcher the first name, but I'm going to try:

Madeline Lembruggen
Courtney Stockman
Rickey Terrell

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Last week it was also announced that we have a Truman Scholarship Foundation winner. One of our Presidential Leadership Medalist, Cincinnati native, Mohamed Elzarka has won the 2017 Truman Scholarship. The scholarship is dedicated to public service. Mohamed has an interest in neurobiology and public health. He is passionate about addressing barriers to health care and is member of Student Government. He developed a mental health curriculum for first year students. He also created the mental health ambassadors—a peer support system within each college.

In addition to the Goldwater and the Truman scholars, this year we have 5 students who have won Fulbright Awards. We also have a road scholar finalist presidential leadership medalist, Julianna Madzia, a neurobiology major in Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies.

I also want to share a tidbit; you can ponder when you look up at the night sky. UC alumnus, Kevin Wagner, leads a team that has discovered a new planet, one that is 1,300 times the size of earth. It is known as Scorpion 1B and has three suns. How about that for a Bearcat?

And now I shift to today's presentation. We will learn about our university's community impact. Greg Vehr, our Vice President for Governmental Relations and University Communications worked with the Provost Office and the Economic Center to commission a study on our impact through service and volunteerism. Greg will be joined by three of our students, al biomedical engineering students—Jacob Knorr, Ian Rawdon, and Michael Fitzgerald. Greg, the floor is yours.

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Presentation Greetings

Mr. Vehr:

Thank you, Mr. President. I am Greg Vehr, the Vice President for Communications, Governmental Relations. Good morning to all of you and let me just say that it is a complete honor for me to be up here really representing all of the faculty, students, and staff of this great university who volunteer so much time and energy toward the community, the region, the city, but well beyond that. Those efforts are reflected in the report that you are going to see or that is at your table for the trustees. It is entitled, "*The Impact of the University of Cincinnati's Volunteer Activities.*" This is not an economic impact statement. It is a pilot project study of the economic value of UC volunteerism. It is conducted by the Economic Center and we now have data that indicate the significance of UC's community service role. Thanks and recognition go to Provost Peter Landgren, Sr. Vice Provost Eileen Stempel whose office joined mine in sponsoring this research, and to Julie Heath, Brad Evans, and Christopher Nicak of the Economic Center for doing the research. I also want to thank President Pinto whose office has been very supportive of this effort.

Now let me get to the nitty gritty. The study was conducted for the 2015-16 academic year. During that year, nearly 715,000 total volunteer hours were donated which had an estimated financial impact of more than 8.5 million dollars. The total number of hours donated by students, faculty, and staff equals nearly 90,000 work days and as you can see from the slide, 344 full time jobs. There's more detail and a lot more information in the report, which is available through the Economic Center. Now I'd like to introduce Peter Landgren who will introduce our special student presenters.

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Mr. Landgren:

Thank you for introducing this and really last year it was great that we did this study on how our faculty, staff, and students not only impact our university community but as an urban serving university impact our region. I'd like to tell you more about what EnableUC is all about:

EnableUC provides affordable 3-D printed prosthetic devices to those in need locally, regionally, and beyond. The group also works to find new ways to apply 3-D printing to various medical problems.

First, I would like to recognize the faculty and administrators who have provided support to EnableUC. I'm not sure if they are all here today:

- **Dr. James Lin**, *Associate Professor in the CEAS Department of Biomedical, Chemical, and Environmental Engineering, the Dane Miller Chair of Biomedical Engineering, and Director of the CEAS Skeletal Tissue Evaluation and Engineering Laboratory* – Faculty advisor, provided space for EnableUC to operate.
- **Dean Allen Arthur**, *CEAS Associate Dean, Undergraduate Affairs* – Assisted EnableUC in finding space and funding for them to do their work.
- **Dr. Nicole Ausmer**, *Director of UC Student Activities and Leadership Development* – Provided minor grant funding for EnableUC's first printer.
- **Matt Batie**, *Clinical Engineer at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center* – Provided printing services before EnableUC had in-house capabilities.

President Pinto has already introduced **Jacob Knorr** - President and Founder, **Ian Rawdon** - 3D Printing Chair, and **Michael Fitzgerald** - Patient Relations Chair, we will allow to talk about EnableUC.

The following highlights were then presented regarding the EnableUC Program:

(The Power Point presentation is on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees)

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EnableUC Mission

- Utilize 3D printing to bridge the gap between engineering and medicine
- Enable students to design, build, and implement solutions that directly benefit patients with disabilities
- Provide functional and cost effective devices that enable patients to overcome disabilities

EnableUC Process

- Identify need through medical community and social media (i.e., Shriners Hospitals, Cincinnati Children's)
- Attain patient info and determine feasibility of current designs; scale prototypes
- If new design required, form project groups and begin design process
- Print and assemble parts, refine if necessary
- Fit patient with 3D printed device
- Follow-up

Current Projects

- Prosthetic Hands and Arms (built for less than \$20 each)
- Brachial Plexus Project (for nerve injury in the arm)
- Touro OT Collaboration (in collaboration with Touro University; designed and printed patient-custom devices)
- Myoelectric Development (robotic hand)

Upcoming Projects

- Collaboration with Shriner's Hospital
 - Multiple hand patients
 - Brachial plexus patients
 - Patients with bilateral amputations above the elbow
- Hope to work with UC Occupational Therapy Program

Estimated Financial Contribution

- Created 46 devices to date (35 assistive devices; 11 prosthetic devices)
- Cost of body powered prostheses range from \$4,000-\$20,000)
- Estimated Financial Contribution to the Community over two years: \$61,500

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Student Impact

- We are providing our students with the unique opportunity to make a direct impact in the life of someone with a disability.
- Through workshops in 3D printing and CAD, students receive valuable experience for future roles in industry or graduate school.
- Attain needed funding for a more advanced printer to expand our capabilities and meet the needs of the Shriner's collaboration
- Expand impact to the global scale for medically underserved areas such as Palestine and Guatemala

Following the presentation, the students were available to address comments/questions.

Mrs. Warner:

How much does one of the 3D printers cost?

Mr. Fitzgerald:

A typical 3D printer can range anywhere from \$600 and up. The one that we want right now is probably around \$3,000 for the materials and printer. That's what we are really looking for right now.

Mrs. Valentine:

Are you looking to design new 3D printers?

Mr. Fitzgerald:

Not necessarily. I think that we can get a lot of what we need from what's commercially available right now. A lot of the development that we put into our organization is trying to develop new devices that can address needs that are critical right now.

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Ms. Moomaw:

If I had a child that needed a hand, what would I normally have to pay to get something for my child?

Mr. Fitzgerald:

So again, the cost of a user driven prostheses can be anywhere from \$4,000 - \$20,000. If you take the alternative for a robotic hand, that can go into the six figure number. We are really trying to create an open source cost effective alternatives to those kinds of numbers.

With that, I'd like to thank you again for your attention. We now have a very special guest. One of our most recent patients whose name is Ella. She will be coming up to the front of the room to demonstrate her use of her hand. Ella and her family drove all the way from Dayton, so let's give them a hand. [APPLAUSE]

President Pinto:

I want to thank Ella's parents, Phillip and Heather. Thank you for coming and bringing your daughter here. They drove down as was announced from Dayton and I'm sure Ella had far more interested things to do than be stuck this morning in a room full of grown-ups. Thank you, Ella for coming down.

That concludes our report, Chairman Cassady.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you very much, President Pinto. These mission moments that we've had since you've become President have been absolutely inspiring and being able to do that, especially for

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the people that work so hard here in the room, this is why we do it. It's inspirational and we really appreciate you feeding our souls with that.

We will now proceed with our committee meetings.

THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Proceedings of the Board committee meetings are contained in the respective committee meeting minutes, which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, and Governance and Internal Affairs Committee meetings began at 9:00 am, and concluded at 9:30 am.

Mr. Cassady:

There being no further business, we will now call our regular meeting to order.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was convened at 9:30 a.m. and, as noted on the first page of these minutes, roll call was taken.

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Cassady:

Are there any additions, corrections, or deletions to the February 21, 2017 Minutes that were presented? Seeing none, may I have a motion and a second to approve the Minutes?

A motion was called from Mrs. Valentine, and a second by Mr. Brown.

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Mr. Cassady:

All those in favor say “aye.” All opposed say “nay”. Thank you. The Minutes are approved.

Approval of the Items Recommended by the Board Committees

Listed below are the items recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, and the Governance and Internal Affairs Committees at their respective meetings held on April 18, 2017 prior to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Recommendation

17.04.18.01

Academic Appointments

Synopsis:

Appointments of Faculty and Academic administrators

Emeritus Status

Nancy Batchelor, MSN

Associate Professor – Clinical Emerita
 College of Nursing
 Effective July 1, 2017

Robert Brinkmeyer, MBA

Assistant Professor Emeritus
 Department of Human Services
 College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services
 Effective May 1, 2017

Charles Casey-Leininger, PhD

Associate Professor - Educator Emeritus
 Department of History
 McMicken College of Arts & Sciences
 Effective June 1, 2017

Edmund Choi, PhD

Associate Professor Emeritus
 Department of Molecular Genetics,
 Biochemistry & Microbiology
 College of Medicine
 Effective July 1, 2017

Wendy Eisner, PhD

Professor Emerita
 Department of Geography
 McMicken College of Arts & Sciences
 Effective May 1, 2017

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Oscar Fernandez, MFA	Associate Professor Emeritus School of Design College of Design, Architecture, Art, & Planning Effective August 15, 2017
Lee Fiser, BMus	Professor Emeritus Department of Performance Studies College-Conservatory of Music Effective May 1, 2017
Mary Henderson Stucky, MM	Professor Emerita Department of Performance Studies College-Conservatory of Music Effective June 1, 2017
Debra Howard, MAEd	Associate Professor Emerita Department of Business & Economics UC Blue Ash College Effective August 15, 2017
Susan Jacob, MD	Adjunct Assistant Professor Emerita Department of Family & Community Medicine College of Medicine Effective April 3, 2017
Edna Kaneshiro, PhD	Professor Emerita Department of Biological Sciences McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Effective September 1, 2017
Jennifer Kelley, PhD	Associate Professor Educator Emerita Department of German Studies McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Effective May 1, 2017
Young Kim, PhD	Professor Emeritus Department of Physics McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Effective May 1, 2017
Ben Terry Lusk, MM	Associate Professor Emeritus Department of TAPAA - Opera College-Conservatory of Music Effective August 15, 2017
Piotr Milewski, DMA	Associate Professor Emeritus Department of Performance Studies College-Conservatory of Music Effective June 1, 2017
Bea Opengart, MFA	Associate Professor - Educator Emerita Department of English & Comparative Literature McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Effective May 1, 2017

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Allen Otte, MM	Professor Emeritus Department of Performance Studies College-Conservatory of Music Effective June 1, 2017
Beverly Reigle, PhD	Associate Professor College of Nursing Effective September 1, 2017
Steven Rogstad, PhD	Professor Emeritus Department of Biological Sciences McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Effective July 1, 2017
Robert Rost, PhD	Associate Professor Emeritus Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering College of Engineering and Applied Sciences Effective May 1, 2017
Frederick Ryckman, MD	Professor - Clinical Emeritus Department of Surgery College of Medicine Effective July 1, 2017
Jodi Shann, PhD	Professor Emerita Department of Biological Sciences McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Effective July 1, 2017
Victor Warner, PhD	Dean Emeritus Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy Effective January 1, 2018

Academic Unit Head Appointment

Marc Cahay, PhD	Academic Unit Head Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Systems College of Engineering and Applied Science Effective February 13, 2017 – August 14, 2022
Angie Woods, PhD	Academic Unit Head Department of Foreign Language UC Blue Ash College Effective August 15, 2017 – August 14, 2022

Academic Unit Head Reappointment

Richard Harknett, PhD	Academic Unit Head Department of Political Science McMicken College of Arts & Sciences Effective July 1, 2017 – August 14, 2022
Todd Herzog, PhD	Academic Unit Head Department of German Studies

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McMicken College of Arts & Sciences
 Effective August 15, 2017 – August 24, 2022

Jay Kim, PhD Academic Unit Head
Department of Mechanical and Materials Engineering
College of Engineering and Applied Sciences
Effective August 15, 2017 – August 24, 2022

Honxing Liu, PhD Academic Unit Head
Department of Geography
McMicken College of Arts & Sciences
Effective August 15, 2017 – August 14, 2020

Krista Sigler, PhD Academic Unit Head
Department of History, Philosophy, and Political Science
UC Blue Ash College
Effective August 15, 2017 – August 14, 2020

Appointment with Tenure:

Susan Powell Mantel, PhD Professor with Tenure
Department of Marketing
Lindner College of Business
Effective May 30, 2017

RECOMENDATIONS FOR PROMOTION AND TENURE

From Instructor-Clinical to Assistant Professor-Clinical

College of Medicine

Muhammad Zafar Internal Medicine Effective September 1, 2017

From Assistant Professor-Clinical to Associate Professor-Clinical

College of Medicine

Maria Indihar Internal Medicine Effective September 1, 2017

17.04.18.02 **Report of Duplicate Programs to the Ohio Department of Higher Education**

Synopsis: Initial Report on Duplicate Programs for the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

17.04.18.03 **Unit Reorganization/Merger in the College of Allied Health Sciences Department (Rehabilitation Sciences and Nutritional Sciences merge into Department of Rehabilitation, Exercise, and Nutrition Sciences)**

Synopsis: Merger of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences and Nutritional Sciences in the College of Allied Health Sciences.

17.04.18.04 **Unit Name Change in the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences (Department of Electrical Engineering and Computing Systems to**

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Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science)

Synopsis: Unit name change within the College of Engineering and Applied Science

Finance and Administration Committee Recommendations

17.04.18.05 Recommendation to Approve French Hall West (HVAC)

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$7.5 Million of local funds for the Design and Construction of a new four pipe HVAC system for the faculty office areas (original dormitory wings) of French Hall West to be phased over several semesters.

17.04.18.06 Recommendation to Approve Molecular Studies (Phase 1)

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$5 Million for the Design and Construction of Phase 1 renovations and repairs to the roof and parapets of the Yontz Center.

17.04.18.07 Recommendation to Approve Rhodes Hall (Roofing and Fire Protection Systems)

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$8.0 Million for the design and construction of a new roofing system and fire protection (sprinkler) system for Rhodes Hall. These proposed improvements were approved for funding in the FY17-18 State biennium.

17.04.18.08 Sale of Real Property to the Ohio Department of Transportation

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the sale of certain real property to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for grading and construction of a new bridge.

Governance and Internal Affairs Committee

17.04.18.09 Statement of Expectations

Synopsis: Approval of the Board Statement of Expectations

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Consideration of Action Items

Mr. Cassady:

The full Board has been present at the Committee Meetings held today and has received the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs, Finance and Administration, and Governance and Internal Affairs Committee.

May I now have a motion to approve all of the recommended items, please?

Upon motion moved by Mrs. Warner, a second by Mrs. Heiman, and roll call vote was taken.

AYE: Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman; Ronald D. Brown; Margaret K. Valentine; Geraldine B. Warner; Kim Heiman; Phil Collins, and Rodney Williams.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Tom Mischell

Mr. Cassady:

All items have been approved.

Unfinished Business and New Business

Mr. Cassady:

Is there any unfinished business to come before the board? Seeing none, we will go to the reports of the Board of Trustees representatives beginning with Graduate Student Trustee, Ryan Makinson.

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Graduate Student Trustee Report

Mr. Makinson:

Good Morning Chairman Cassady, President Pinto, Trustees and guests. Overall, the graduate school community is having a strong spring semester. Since our last board meeting, the Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA) held a general assembly meeting on March 8th and April 5th. Content for the meetings included updates on GSGA initiatives, legislative matters and the GSGA executive board elections. It gives me great pleasure to announce and introduce to you our new GSGA president, Arunkumar Muthusamy. The graduate student body was thoroughly impressed by Arunkumar's current and previous dedication to the improvement of the graduate student experience at UC, and we are all looking forward to working with him in the upcoming academic year. During this time of transition, I would also like to thank the outgoing GSGA President (Daniel Ashwood) and Vice President (Sid Thatham) for their excellence and dedication during the past year leading the graduate student body.

Additionally, the graduate student body has been actively involved in philanthropy, community building, and intellectual development activities. These have included multiple grad cafes across campus, social events (such as a Karaoke Night at Catskeller), and events associated with National Public Health Week. Currently, many graduate students are participating in UC's Research Week, which includes poster sessions, keynote speakers, and other activities showcasing UC's cutting edge research and contributions to advance human health.

The graduate school community is also looking forward to graduation coming up on April 29th. The graduate school will be awarding 1419 masters degrees and 296 doctoral degrees.

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We are extremely proud of our graduates, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Lastly, the GSGA would like to congratulate many graduate students who were recognized at UC's All University Recognition Ceremony on April 9th. The award ceremony included the first annual Presidential Medal of Graduate Student Excellence Award, which recognizes a graduating student for his or her outstanding scholarship, leadership, character, and service towards the university. We are all very proud of this year's winners, including Kendra Leahy, Jessica Ross and Sid Thatham. The GSGA is also pleased to recognize the College of Conservatory of Music (CCM) Graduate Student Association for winning the Graduate Student Association of the Year award.

Thank you Chairman Cassady – that concludes my report.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you very much. We now call for the Undergraduate Student Report by Kamree Maull.

Undergraduate Student Report

Mr. Maull:

Good morning Chairman Cassady, President Pinto, and members of the Board. As we wind down the school year and graduation is so quickly approaching, I think I can speak for most seniors when I say that although we love our Bearcat community and all that it has done for us, we are extremely excited to be ending this chapter of taking exams, writing extensive research

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papers, and the like. We are also appreciative that the university was responsive in making sure that our needs were met in terms of having our names read at commencement.

At the last board meeting, Mitchell Phelps and I had mentioned the desire for the undergraduate student body to have greater access to upper level administration, specifically members of the Board of Trustees as it relates to some campus issues. Thank you, Chairman Cassady and Dr. Pinto for your presence at the Student Government Senate Meeting. It was received very well by many students and we hope we have many more opportunities to engage in the future. We also really appreciate you for ensuring that the satisfaction of the students is one of your top priorities.

Just a few weeks ago, members of our LGBTQ community held a demonstration on the front steps of TUC to voice their concerns about the current campus climate and how it affects their overall student experience. The LGBTQ community, in general, feel that their concerns have been largely overlooked and are seeking ways to truly partner with the university to enhance their day-to-day experiences on campus.

Lastly, the search for the new undergraduate student trustee has just ended, with our final interview ending yesterday. We had several very strong candidates apply, all of which had a thorough understanding of what the position entails, coupled with involvement in many affinity groups across campus and the willingness to challenge the status quo. The Search Committee will be creating a short list of three or so candidates within the upcoming days, which will be considered by Dr. Pinto before being sent to the Governor for further vetting. I am confident that any of the candidates who make it to the short list is more than equipped with the necessary tools to be successful in this position. So, you haven't quite gotten rid of me yet. I will be at the June meeting with the newly appointed Student Trustee.

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I'd also like to welcome Rodney Williams to the table as a new member of the board. With your experience, I know you will be a great addition to the board. And I'd also like to welcome Bashir as the newly elected Student Body President for undergraduate students. I've known Bashir for quite some time and have no reservations that he will do a great job in this role.

Thank you, this concludes my report.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you. Now, we move on to the Faculty Senate report by Sally Moomaw.

Faculty Senate Report

Ms. Moomaw:

Good morning Chairman Cassady, members of the Board, President Pinto, and guests. I want to start out by thanking Interim Provost, Peter Landgren for all of his work this year. I'm so impressed with your ability to bring everyone together which started at the very beginning of the year when I had just started as Chair, and faculty were experiencing issues interacting with the new Catalyst system. And you managed to pull everybody together along with the IT folks and I think that's so important. I've noticed throughout the year that no matter how many issues keep popping up, you always seem on top of them and always calm and steady, and problem solving so I wanted to express my appreciation.

The Senate continues to be busy. Most recently we have been having elections. We've elected members to dozens of university committees and I think this really shows that the university is committed to shared governance and so is the faculty who take their time to serve

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on these committees. We are currently running the election for the Chair Elect although I will still be here to trouble everybody for another year. So that election is in progress and also the next Board of Trustees representative.

Administration, faculty, and students all continue to ideas and concerns to the attention of the Faculty Senate which is much appreciated because it is our role. I would say the Information Technology Committee has been super active this year including interfacing with issues of Catalyst, meeting with all of the IT committees, and currently they are evaluating the e-learning program that has come from IT.

The Budget and Priorities Committee has met with Pat Kowalski, Vice President for Finance, and had very good interactions there. We are hoping that James Canfield who chairs that committee can arrange with Pat and also Bob Ambach to present to the Faculty Senate because I think the more we as faculty learn about the budget of the university the better. When you hear things on the news that sound alarming like budget cuts and you know they are going to affect us, frankly it's been really good for me to know how the university plans for that and is not cut off guard so that we're going to be able to continue to come and teach and do our thing. So, I am looking forward to that.

Finally, our Senate Academic Affairs Committee always remains very active and we recently passed three resolutions in support of students and advising. One of them was for under certain circumstances for students to be able to remove AP credit they may have with the university. When students come in and they've taken AP course work and they have that to go as credit, but then they may find out that they actually really need the university's Biology course to get them prepared to keep going forward in a timely way. And so if they can remove that credit and take it as a new course then they can use their scholarship dollars to pay for it.

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I want to thank Mitchell and say please don't be a stranger. I really enjoyed working with you and I'm looking forward to working with you Bashir.

Thank you, Chairman Cassady. This concludes my report.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you, Sally. We will now have the Student Government report with Mitchell Phelps and Bashir Emlemdi.

Student Government Report

Mr. Phelps:

Good morning, everyone. Once again, I just want to say thank you to the Chairman, President Pinto, and the board for the gift. I appreciate it. With this being my last report, I definitely wanted to report out to you. In the board book, you have our Annual Report that really displayed most of the initiatives; not all of the initiatives that our Student Government was able to accomplish this year.

I don't know if you all remember, but OneUC was the platform for the year. Throughout the year, I really think the OneUC tagline really became more of an internal communication tool of togetherness. We really wanted to make sure that we spearheaded something that said unity and equity for all students, faculty, and staff at the University of Cincinnati that really brought individuals together through our one community, one student body, and lastly our one bearcat.

The report you received had 32 pages in it and I wanted to really outline some of the things that we have done throughout the year and things that I'm proud of. Going into this position, I had a conversation with trustee Collins and he was a former Student Body President.

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One piece of advice he gave me and stuck with me was that this experience is a sprint. That kind of scared me at first, but it is truly rewarding at the end of this experience.

To outline a few things that I was very excited about and proud of:

- Our Mental Health Ambassadors Program—This was spearheaded by Mohamed Elzarka and this was a program that really got connected and was able to connect our counseling services to the students a little faster and a little easier.
- Turner Scholarship Program—We were able to grow that scholarship program not only for first year students, but enabled it for second years and above.
- We the Bearcats Petition Process—This is something similar to “We the People” level but this is a process for students to get really more connected, be able to see some of their issues arise, and for us to partner with students to get more advocacy for the issues they cared about.
- Women in Student Government Initiative—This was spearheaded by Vice President Brooke Duncan. We’ve seen a growth in the amount of women within our student government since I’ve been a freshman here and it has been absolutely amazing. We are making sure we are keeping that community as an underrepresented community within our student government organization and making sure it continues to empower our women there.
- Outreach to Blue Ash and Clermont Campuses—We made sure in keeping more inclusion with them as well. From a student level, there is lots of areas that we are not able to physically meet a lot, so we are making sure we are keeping that one community aspect there as well.

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- One Community—We were able to partner with Student Affairs on numerous projects. One specifically was the Meal Swipe Donation Program with the Food Pantry that was led by Dean Dan Cummins which was amazing. We were also able to collaborate with Vice President Merchant in Student Affairs in getting the Convocation student speakers this year which was something very exciting. Even in our DAAP College, we had our first Career Fair that was spearheaded by our student government within our DAAP College which was absolutely amazing. We had a mural on campus of National Girls and Women in Sports Day which was awesome. I think one of the biggest things we do for student government is advocacy. This year we were able to strongly advocate on behalf of minority representative groups on campus. Also very important was our Sexual Assault and Gender Based Violence advocacy work this year. It was extremely amazing and extremely important.

So those are a few things I just wanted to run by you. You can read the rest of them in the report and if you have not received the report, please reach out to me. It is also on our student government website as well. Moving forward, I wanted to introduce new Student President Bashir Emlendi and Vice President Dana Drage. I wanted to say good luck and let you know that it is a sprint so make sure you remember that.

As I'm exiting, a lot of people are asking me what is next. I'm a fourth year out of five years here so I will be around next year finishing up my degree in marketing, international business, and entrepreneurship. I will be working in town this summer and looking for full time employment after that which is exciting.

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Thank you all just once again for the continued support throughout the year. I think it is amazing that you have representatives from the student body and from faculty on this board. One thing that we really help out is that we expressed that challenge and then we are able to express gratitude at the end of the day. You truly do listen to what our concerns are as students, faculty, and other representatives of the university.

Thank you once again and with that I will pass the report on to the new Student Body President, Bashir Emlemdi.

Mr. Emlemdi:

Thank you, Mitchell. I'm looking forward to filling his very big shoes. I am humbled and honored to have the responsibility of representing the student voice both in avenues such as these but also in other areas working with many of you and many other administration, faculty, and staff at the university. Myself and Dana Drage want to express many thanks to many in this room who have helped us and have been good mentors and sharing some kind words. Also, Mitchell has been a wonderful mentor and I look forward to continuing everything that you've left.

In terms of Focuses of the Next Year--I and the rest of Student Government are looking forward to focusing on enhancing the student experience and continuing transparency, accountability, and making sure the student voice is heard by continuing many things that Mitchell and Brooke have done and building on it. We are adding a few other avenues for us to reach more students, continuing with the sexual assault reform and advocacy from our end to focusing on initiatives based on campus services, academics, and a few other things.

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I hope to continue to fill you in with all this stuff we work on and to work with many of you. Other than that, I just want to let you know that if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me. Myself and Dana have been working very closely to set ourselves up. This summer is going to be a nice sprint to go on into the future and I look forward to working with all of you. Thank you.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you very much, Bashir, and thank you Mitchel once again. We really appreciate the hard work that you've done to make our good and great university better.

I will now call for an Executive Session. The members of the board will not return to conduct further business after the Executive Session has concluded. Our next regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 20, 2017 at the Clermont College in the Student Activities Center. We look forward to having a visit at Clermont College. I think it's the first time that I as a board member will have attended a board meeting there. Thank you for being with us today. May I have a motion to move to Executive Session for the purpose of considering real estate and the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee; to consider matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes; and conferring with counsel concerning disputes involving the University?

Upon motion called by Mrs. Valentine, and a second by Mr. Brown, the board voted to enter Executive Session by the following roll call vote:

AYE: Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman; Ronald D. Brown; Margaret K. Valentine; Geraldine B. Warner; Kim Heiman; Phil Collins, and Rodney Williams.

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NAY: None

ABSENT: Tom Mischell

Mr. Cassady:

By the way, board members including our student trustees, I would appreciate it if you would sign our Statement of Expectations and get those to me so I can countersign. We will now proceed to Executive Session.

Executive Session Adjournment

With no further business for the Executive Session, Mr. Cassady called for a motion to adjourn at 11:30 am.

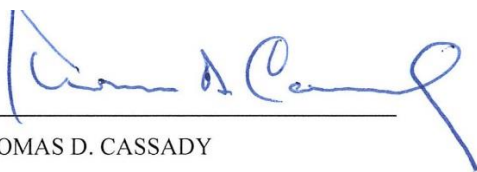
Upon a motion called by Mrs. Valentine and a second by Mr. Brown, roll call vote was taken.

AYE: Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman; Ronald D. Brown; Margaret K. Valentine; Geraldine B. Warner; Kim Heiman; Phil Collins, and Rodney Williams.

NAY: None


ABSENT: Tom Mischell

Meeting adjourned.



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