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The Three Hundred and Fifty-Fifth Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati was opened at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 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, Phil Collins, Kim Heiman, Tom Mischell, Geraldine Warner, Rodney Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

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; Alberto Jones, Undergraduate Student Trustee; Bashir Emlemdi, Student Body President; Sally Moomaw, Faculty Senate Chair;
Good morning, everyone. I’d like to welcome everyone and thank Dean Johnson again for your hospitality. We appreciate this room. It is very convenient for us. [APPLAUSE]. Summer has flown by and we are back in session for a new academic year as of yesterday, the day of the eclipse. Our first home game of the season is under our new football coach, Luke Fickell. It will be on Thursday, August 31 against Austin Peay and it will be the last one at our home until September 30 so I hope all of our bearcats will be in attendance.

I want to recognize a new face with us today, Alberto Jones. Welcome, Alberto. He is our newly appointed Undergraduate Student Trustee that was appointed by Governor Kasich on July 20, 2017. As a student in the College of Arts and Sciences, he also was nominated to serve as student member on the Marketing and Communication Advisory Committee. Alberto Jones is a third-year student at the University of Cincinnati studying Journalism. At UC, he is the co-founder and president of the revived Association of Black Journalists student organization. He is also a member of the United Black Student Association where he serves as the director of Noir, UC’s premier online ethnic magazine. Alberto also serves as president of the student chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists.

Professionally, he has enjoyed a few experiences including interning at WCPO- Channel 9. There, he worked as a digital intern and wrote long and short-form stories, including previews,
profiles, features, and breaking news articles. He also helped to manage social media accounts and live-tweeted events. In the Fall of 2017, he will begin an internship at WVXU-97.1 FM where he will work in the news department. I will appoint Alberto to the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, and Finance and Administration Committee. Welcome, Alberto. [APPLAUSE]

And now, it’s time for President Pinto’s report.

President Pinto:

Thank you, Chairman Cassady and good morning everybody. I appreciate everyone being here today. I also want to welcome Alberto Jones. Alberto is our new Undergraduate Student Trustee and I had the opportunity to meet Alberto during finals week and he came up to me while we were sharing Graeters Ice Cream with the students trying to reduce their stress level. I look forward to working with you.

This is a really special time of the year. It’s the start of the new academic year. It is actually my twenty-seventh new academic year at the University of Cincinnati. I had a little bit of a gap there but it’s my twenty-seventh and it’s better than ever. It is a tremendous time to be at UC. I look across to Dean Ball over there who started off the year actually with a wonder white coat ceremony in the College of Medicine. I think it was 75 students and it was just terrific. They come from all over the country for this terrific program; and yesterday it was an equivalent ceremony for the College of Nursing and I think we had about 197 students there who are now in their sophomore year now and starting to see patients, so they were all equally excited about that. Of course the big event was the new student convocation and Bashir was there as well inspiring our new students coming in to be great bearcats. This was on Friday and yesterday was the first day of classes.
Our new year began with UC expected to break enrollment records the fifth straight year even as declining enrollment has become the trend across the nation and the state. Our opening day enrollment is forecasted to top 45,120 which is the largest we have ever been in our history. The outgoing first year class also breaks a record at 5,450. We also have a historic high of 6,500 in the number of students living in UC housing on or near campus. I will not give you any more highlights as our Provost Peter Landgren and Caroline Miller who is largely responsible for bringing in our students will provide a deeper dive into our enrollment stats later in the meeting. I do want to recognize, however, enrollment management under the Provost and Caroline Miller for the superb job they have done in recruiting admissions. Join me in a round of applause. [APPLAUSE]

The start of the new school year also brought in 60 students from a joint co-op institute at Jon Ching University. They will be the first class in this program to take their fifth and final year here on the UC campus in our dual degree program. On agenda today, I do want to comment on the endowed chair that the board will vote on. Endowed chairs are such an important part of what allows UC to attract the very best and faculty. As I have said many times, it is terrific faculty, terrific students, and terrific staff that build great universities. This chair is named for a long time faculty member and his spouse who made a generous commitment to launch the Dr. R. Bruce and Barbara Bracken Endowed Chair of Surgery Urology. Dr. Bracken has been a respected and influential member of the UC Department of Surgery since 1981. He has provided exceptional care to his patients and shed his invaluable experience and wisdom with the residents he has instructed. Bruce and Barbara have been married for 51 years and have four grown children. Trained as a nurse, Barbara worked with Bruce in the UC Division of Urology for 19 years serving
as a research study coordinator. She is now retired. We are extremely grateful to them both for their commitment to the University of Cincinnati and to the future of surgical urology.

Not on the agenda today, but in between our last meeting and today’s meeting we welcomed our new CEO for the UC Research Institute and Chief Innovation Officer for the university. David Adams is here today so I would like to have him come forward and while he is doing that, I will tell you a little bit about him. He is a leader whose sole job will be to focus on the drive in UC’s innovation agenda. He comes to UC with a strong history of entrepreneurship and experience in multiple sectors. His primary role will be to develop a one-stop model for business engagement grounded in client relations, value creation, and operational excellence.

He most recently served as the Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Product Realization at the University of Louisville. He also stepped up when asked to do so at the University of Louisville and became its Interim Chief Administrative Officer this past year. He has held senior leadership roles in multiple sectors including manufacturing, distribution and transportation, technology, healthcare, education, and government including assisting then Indiana Governor, Mitch Daniels, in improving and merging the state’s 30 billion dollar benching systems. I’ve known David for about five or six years now and when he puts his mind to something, he gets it done. That’s sort of the summary of his life. I’m very happy to now be working with him at the University of Cincinnati. David, would you like to make a few comments?
Mr. Adams:

Thank you, President Pinto, and to all I just want to tell you I am so excited to be here. I’ve been here now a little over a month. This university has been tremendously open and engaging, and there is just so much excitement at this university and I am really proud to be here.

Having said that, I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for you and I want to thank you for your commitment and your conviction to innovation, to this position, to the activities around this, and to the 1819 Innovation Hub. Your tremendous leadership is going to enable us to do very extraordinary work. So, when you think about innovation and you think about this university, they are one in the same. If you think about Albert Sabin and the polio vaccine and also founding the co-op program, we’ve been doing innovation for a long time. So what’s changed? The pace and the rate of change is happening at an ever accelerated rate so what we are going to work to do here at the university is 1) accelerate, taking ideas from our faculty at getting into the marketplace. We are going to partner with organizations like Centrifuse and CincyTech, HCDC, and others to help us accomplish that goal. 2) We are going to also acclimate our students and get their critical thinking skills and their ideas and help get them into the marketplace as well because the environment they are getting ready to enter are skills that are extremely important.

So we are getting ready to connect our university with community. Likewise, this challenge around innovation is not unique to the university, but if I’m an entrepreneur or a small to mid-size organization, or a large organization, I’m facing challenges as well. With the strength of the university of over 6,600 faculty and 45,000 students, and all the physical resources we have, we have a unique opportunity to connect that community with the resources of this university. We are going to enable that through the 1819 Innovation Hub. It will be the front door for this university to connect our university with the community and to connect that community with our
university. We are going to do this in a meaningful way and not only enhance the opportunities for current students and faculty, but provide the opportunity for future students and faculty to provide them unique opportunities and unique learning experiences. The 1819 Innovation Hub beyond just being the front door, will also provide opportunities for organizations to physically locate with us, provide learning opportunities for students and faculty, and also be connected to a broader reach within the Uptown Innovation District that is being developed. This will help us strengthen this university and also give us the opportunity to strengthen the community.

So, again, I want to let you know I’m really excited to be here and be a part of this team and I think we have an opportunity to do some truly extraordinary things for this university and community. Thank you. [APPLAUSE]

President Pinto:

Thank you, David. And now, I have a treat for you. I have a treat every board meeting when we introduce our faculty and students, but you will see that this one is extra special. It features Dr. Peter Scheifele and students Brittany Hutton, Gwendolyn Sheehy, and Deema Rasul. They are going to tell us about Fetch Lab, part of the audiology program in the College of Allied Health Sciences. It is an internationally known animal hearing and bio-acoustic laboratory. Could I ask Dr. Scheifele to come forward please?

Presentation Greetings/Overview

Dr. Scheifele:

Thank you, President Pinto and Board of Trustees. We are honored to be here and tell you a little bit about Fetch Lab, what we do, and where we are going. I’m Dr. Peter Scheifele and a
few of my students are here and they are going to do most of the talking. I’m just going to open up a little bit for them and give you an overview of the lab itself.

Fetch Lab, which I have no responsibility for naming originally started out as a place where we could test puppies. People don’t realize but there are about 80 breeds of dogs in the United States and the United Kingdom in Canada who suffer congenital deafness. The largest one is Dalmatians. As a result of Disney’s 101 Dalmatians, breeders went crazy to breed Dalmatians for people and they weren’t watching what they were doing. Consequently right now 1 out of 5 Dalmatians are born deaf.

Generally on Fridays, there are puppies running around the College of Allied Health on the first floor with our team that is testing them and also doing other testing like hearing protection devices for dogs. Fetch Lab started out originally at UC and right now we actually have three Fetch Labs that all come under UC. We are the original one and I am the director. There was one that opened up at the University of Northern Colorado, and recently we opened up another one at the University of Akron. The directors of those labs are former students of ours or people that came for the animal audiology certificate. People don’t realize that there actually is no such thing as an animal audiologist until we came along. We are the only place on the planet that a person can go to get certified animal audiologists and we are getting people that are coming in from distance learning and from all over the world. We have students right now in South Africa, Russia, and all over the world trying to get this certificate and we have people that are out there now working with veterinarians in the same way that a human audiologist would work with an EMT. We have created a new veterinary subspecialty.

We also are the only place presently that actually fits dogs with canine hearing aids. So that’s kind of a new and different thing. We do a lot of canine work and a lot of the work we do
is with the Department of Defense. I am supposedly a retired ex-underwater demolition person in the Navy but when I came here in 2007 I settled into teaching, and in 2014 Uncle Sam knocked on the College of Allied Health’s door and said “This guy needs to go back and help us out.” So, we are responsible for the multipurpose special force canines that are leading our troops over in Afghanistan, Iraq, and other places around the world.

We also do a community service called Canine Core. Every year before Christmas, we have all of Cincinnati Police dogs, Search and Rescue, Cadabra dogs, and Counter Narcotics dogs that show up at Blue Ash and we test all of their dogs for free to make sure that over the year those dogs are on line and able to work well.

I could tell you lots of things about Fetch Lab but what you really want to hear is the students who are actually doing the work so I am going to turn this over to the students who are going to tell you about the work we are doing.

*Students presented highlights/experiences with the Fetch Lab program.*

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

*Following the presentation, Dr. Scheifele and the students were then available to address comments/questions.*

Dr. Scheifele:

I have one more comment regarding animals and their welfare. A lot of what we do has to do with conservation and something I think that we haven’t shared with a lot people is if you go and watch a movie that has an animal in it, they will usually tell you in the end that no animals have been harmed in the making of the movie. But, especially in westerns and other movies where there is gunfire and whatever, we are the people that actually set the bar for the people in
Hollywood that tells them how long they can keep an animal subjected to explosives and what kind of explosives they can use. That all came from Fetch Lab. So we are in Hollywood, too.

President Pinto:

Thank you. Are there any questions?

Mr. Cassady:

How many students do you have in the program?

Dr. Scheifele:

In Fetch Lab right now, we have 22 students at UC and then there is an additional 10 in Akron, and almost 20 in northern Colorado.

President Pinto:

Thank you for the presentation and I want to commend you for your choice of tie [LAUGHTER]. Thank you, Dr. Scheifele and thank you to the students. [APPLAUSE]

Finally, I'll just end by pointing to a page that you have that summarizes some of the activities and accomplishments of our faculty, staff, and students since the last meeting. I won’t go through all of this but this is just for your information. That concludes my report.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you, President Pinto, and thank you Dr. Scheifele and students. We have these little mission moments that we call them. We do a lot of volunteer work at the university often and
don’t get the opportunity to actually associate with students very often, so it really feeds the soul. We appreciate you doing that.

We will now proceed to 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 and Finance and Administration 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 June 20, 2017 and July 18, 2017 Minutes that were presented? Seeing none, may I have a motion and a second to approve the Minutes?

A motion was called from Mr. Brown, and a second by Mr. Mischell.
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 and Finance and Administration Committee at their respective meetings held on August 22, 2017 prior to the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Recommendation

17.08.22.01 Academic Appointments

Synopsis: Appointments of Faculty and Academic administrators

17.08.22.02 New Degree: Masters of Science in Biomedical Research

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the new Master of Science in Biomedical Research Technologies in the College of Medicine. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

Finance and Administration Committee Recommendations

17.08.22.03 Approval of UC Foundation/UC Agreement for Management of Investments

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an amended Agreement for Management of Investments ("agreement"), which governs the investing relationship between the University of Cincinnati ("UC") and the University of Cincinnati Foundation ("UCF"). UCF manages endowments for which it has fiduciary duty by commingling them with endowments for which UC has fiduciary duty in endowment fund A which is managed by UC. The agreement has been amended to 1) alter the termination period to avoid putting undue pressure on UC or UCF to liquidate investments at a loss; 2) establish a channel through which UCF can fulfill its fiduciary duty regarding spending policy; 3) reflect the creation of endowment fund C; and 4) update language in the agreement to reflect changes that have been made to the investment governance structure since the agreement was last amended in December, 2010.
17.08.22.04 Approval of Revision of Rule: 3361:10-55-01 Emergency Closures: Announcements Update


17.08.22.05 Approval of Natural Gas Supply Contract

Synopsis: This recommendation seeks approval of the Board of Trustees to enter into an agreement to procure natural gas for consumption by issuance of a purchase order.

17.08.22.06 Approval of Combustion Turbine Maintenance Agreement with Solar Turbines, Inc.

Synopsis: This recommendation seeks approval of the Board of Trustees to enter into a new maintenance agreement by issuance of a purchase order for $11,109,528.

17.08.22.07 Approval to Enter into Natural Gas Transportation Agreement with Duke Energy Ohio, Inc. Subject to Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Approval

Synopsis: This Resolution seeks approval and authorization by the Board of Trustees for the University of Cincinnati to enter into a Natural Gas Transportation Agreement to provide a stable, fixed cost to transport natural gas at below current Duke tariff rates for a five (5) year term subject to the approval of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

17.08.22.08 Approving of Naming Request: R. Bruce and Barbara Bracken Endowed Chair in Surgery Urology

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the name R. Bruce and Barbara Bracken Endowed Chair in Surgical Urology.

Non-Committee Items

17.08.22.09 Approval of the Recommendation to appoint Peter E. Landgren as Vice President for Advancement in Connection with his Appointment as President of the University of Cincinnati Foundation

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees appoint Peter E. Landgren to the position of Vice President for Advancement in connection with his appointment as President of the University of Cincinnati Foundation.

17.08.22.10 Approval of Vice President for Equity, Inclusion, and Community Impact
Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees modify Bleuzette Marshall’s title from Vice President for Equity and Inclusion to Vice President for Equity, Inclusion and Community Impact.

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 and Finance and Administration Committees.

I also have two non-committee action items, the first is the Approval of the Recommendation to appoint Peter E. Landgren as Vice President for Advancement in Connection with his Appointment as President of the University of Cincinnati Foundation. President Pinto will you please comment on this action item?

President Pinto:

I would be happy to, Chairman Cassady. Peter Landgren’s appointment as the new President of the UC Foundation and UC’s Vice President for University Advancement brings a wonderful conclusion to a national search. He is knowledgeable and experienced in academics and fundraising leadership, and his love for the University of Cincinnati not only make him the best person for this job, but there are attributes that position him for success in this profoundly important role.

Peter is an alumnus of UC’s College of Conservatory of Music and is the former Chair of the Council of Deans. He has shown effectiveness and advancement at CCM where he managed a budget of 34 million dollars and endowments in excess of 110 million dollars. He elevated
CCM’s fundraising efforts to a five year total of 39 million significantly outpacing the historical average of 1.5 million per year.

He refocused CCM’s vision and mission for the 21st Century through the one CCM Strategic Plan and initiated the CCM Infrastructure Project to usher in 15 million in needed renovations to CCM facilities. Peter also secured the internationally acclaimed Ariel Quartet bringing pride to both the City of Cincinnati and UC as our very own Quartet in Residence.

Prior to UC, Peter served as Conservatory Director and Professor of Music at Baldwin Wallace College and served 26 years on the faculty of the Peabody Conservatory at the Johns Hopkins University. There he also served as Interim Director of the Peabody Institute and twice he received the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Johns Hopkins Alumni Association.

He is an accomplished musician who played horn for 29 years with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. Peter also performed and recorded with the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, played third horn with the Cincinnati Opera, was the principal French horn with the Cincinnati Ballet Orchestra while he was a CCM undergraduate student, and was a three time winner of CCM’s concerto competition.

In this new position leading the UC Foundation, he will have a ground breaking role as a Foundation President who has the background as a Faculty Member, Dean, and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs. His skills will be a valuable asset in aligning the advancement goals to the university’s emerging strategic priorities.

I want to thank Bob Fealy for leading the search and for his service as an exemplary alumnus as the Interim President of the Foundation. Thank you, Bob, from all of us for doing this. You are not done yet, but thank you so much.

Peter is expected to transition into his new role on October 2.
Mr. Cassady:

That is a great report and Peter as I said to you privately, I’d like to say it to you publically—thank you very much for saying, “yes.” The University of Cincinnati and all bearcats really appreciate what you are doing and you are going up to a new challenge that you are not afraid of making yourself uncomfortable and developing your skills. [APPLAUSE]

I also want to echo President Pinto’s remarks on expressing gratitude to Bob Fealy. Bob lives in Chicago and has been commuting to his unpaid fulltime work at the University of Cincinnati Foundation and, Bob, your accessibility, your willingness to meet in the evenings, the early mornings, and the many meetings that you have attended and facilitated, and then to have such a successful search, the entire University of Cincinnati expresses its gratitude to you. Thank you very much. [APPLAUSE]

Mr. Cassady:

The second item I have is a non-committee item and is the Approval of Vice President for Equity, Inclusion, and Community Impact. President Pinto will you please comment on this?

President Pinto:

Thank you, Chairman Cassady. I just want to emphasize that this is not a new appointment, but just a change in title from Vice President for Equity and Inclusion to Vice President for Equity, Inclusion, and Community Impact. As we have carried on campus discussions about establishing a direction for the university and in the number of visits that I’ve made to academic and other units, it has become clear that our university is very proud of the fact that it is not just located in
Cincinnati but is very much the University of Cincinnati. I have seen that the proof really is in the number of initiatives and programs that we have that link this university to the city. I think we are collectively at a point where we recognize that there is so much more that we can do in this partnership; so much more that can advance our missions of education, research, and service.

Clearly in approaching this, we have to be more strategic, more direct, and more focused. So, in order to elevate the level of engagement with our city, I have decided that within my team I need to expand the responsibility and have a single person who is responsible for community impact and engagement with the city and I believe that Bleuzette Marshall in her role right now as Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion has the connections and the capabilities to deliver on that mission. So I am asking that the board consider expanding her title as I stated earlier to now include Equity, Inclusion, and Community Impact at a Vice Presidential level.

Mr. Cassady:

The words you are actually adding to the title I believe are “and Community Impact.” Is that correct?

President Pinto:

Yes.
Mr. Cassady:

Are there any questions? Okay. May I now have a motion to approve all of the recommended items put forth by all the committees as well as the two non-committee action items, but I’m going to separate it into two parts.

For the first part, may I have a motion to approve the Agreement for the Management of Investments with the Foundation which was Item #1 under the Finance and Administration Committee? I’m doing this separately because several board members have told me in advance that they need to abstain.

So, may I have a motion to approve the Agreement for the Management of Investments?

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

**AYE:** Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman; Ronald D. Brown; Geraldine B. Warner; Kim Heiman; Rodney Williams

**NAY:** None

**ABSENT:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Tom Mischell; Margaret K. Valentine; Phil Collins

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you very much. This item has passed.

Now, may I have a motion to approve all the other action items in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, the Finance and Administration Committee, and the two non-committee items?

*Upon a motion called by Mrs. Valentine, a second by Mrs. Warner, roll call vote was taken.*
AYE: Thomas Cassady; William C. Portman; Ronald D. Brown; Geraldine B. Warner; Kim Heiman; Tom Mischell, Margaret K. Valentine; Phil Collins; Rodney Williams

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you very much. Motion passes.

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.

Graduate Student Trustee Report

Mr. Makinson:

Good Morning Chairman Cassady, President Pinto, Trustees and guests. I’d like to start today by offering a warm welcome to our new Undergraduate Trustee, Alberto Jones. It has been a pleasure to meet you and I know you are going to do great in this job. We look forward to working with you in the future going forward.

Today, the graduate student community would like to update the board on a number of topics. First, we are extremely proud of our recent graduates. For the summer graduation, the graduate school awarded 141 doctoral and 986 master degrees. We would like to wish them all the best in their future endeavors and we are very proud of them.
This week, many graduate students are returning back to campus to kick-start a new academic year. I’m pleased to see that the incoming matriculating class of the graduate school is on par compared to last fall with over 11,000 completed graduate student applications. Of these, the number of confirmed acceptances from UC is up by about 300 students compared to last year. Additionally, we are pleased to report that UC’s international reputation has led to an increased number of international applications and confirmations compared to last year. This is despite uncertainty from the international community about how easy it would be to get visas to join us in the US, which has led to decreased applications and acceptances in many other schools.

To help welcome the new graduate students, the Graduate Student Government Association (GSGA) is expanding its orientation efforts and student involvement activities. In continuation from last year’s initiative, the GSGA is offering individual graduate student associations (GSA’s) an additional $100 of budget support for providing a new student orientation to its incoming members. This is in stride with efforts to fully integrate new students into the UC community and educate them on the services we provide.

Over the summer break, the GSGA’s new executive board members have hit the ground running, focusing on a number of initiatives and plans for the fall semester aimed at building community and cohesion at UC. These include a number of grad cafes, a graduate welcome back party and fun volunteer-oriented events. The GSGA is also working to communicate recent changes to the student code of conduct and to the UC Bearcat Transportation System (BTS). With the BTS, these changes are anticipated to increase the efficiency of our shuttle services while still providing students the same level of service. The GSGA is also working to find continued funding for Cincinnati Metro Fare cards, which provide support for the transportation needs for many UC students across our city.
Thank you, Chairman Cassady. That concludes my report.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you very much. We appreciate your thorough report. Now I call on the Undergraduate Student Report by Alberto Jones for his first report.

Undergraduate Student Report

Mr. Jones:

Good morning Chairman Cassady, members of the Board, Dr. Pinto, and guests. The new academic year has begun and as always, it’s a great day to be a bearcat.

My name is Alberto Jones and I am a third-year studying journalism from Dayton, Ohio. As most of you may know already, on July 20, Governor John Kasich appointed me to serve as the new Undergraduate Student Trustee.

It is with great pride that I take on this role because I am very passionate about the University of Cincinnati. Through many conversations with former student trustee, Kamree Maull, I have learned that this role comes with great responsibility and I seek to continue that standard.

My goal is to continue the work and initiatives of Maull by providing a unique perspective to the board. To do this, I will host office hours, focus groups, and meet with varying undergraduate organizations, offices, and community groups to make sure that the student body’s voice is heard.

I also plan to work closely with student-body president, Bashir Emlemdi and the undergraduate student government to help make progress on their initiatives.

Again, it is truly an honor to serve as the new student trustee and I am committed 110% to providing a leading, passionate, and unique perspective to the board on behalf of all 34,267 undergraduate students. Thank you Chairman Cassady. That concludes my report.
Mr. Cassady:

    Excellent. Thank you very much. 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. Faculty Senate had our annual day-long orientation and planning session on August 17, as well as our first Senate meeting of the year. Nelson Vincent, Vice President and CIO for Information Technology, shared IT updates. Bleuzette Marshall, Vice President for Equity and Inclusion discussed diversity initiatives. Caroline Miller, Vice Provost for Enrollment management, provided information about student enrollments and trends, and Patrick Kowalski, Vice President for Finance, helped faculty understand university finances and financial planning. We hope to have Pat visit Senate throughout the year to further educate our faculty on financial matters.

    A major initiative for Faculty Senate for this year is to establish better communication among faculty engaged in shared governance at the college level and the University Faculty Senate, and to better support these endeavors. To this end, Ron Jones, President of the UC AAUP, discussed the role of shared governance at the college level. Interim Provost Peter Landgren followed with his perspective on the importance of shared governance from his perspective as both a Dean and Provost. He then shared lunch with the faculty and continued his conversations with them and I want to thank you for always carving out time for the faculty no matter how busy your schedule becomes. The Faculty Senate greatly appreciates the willingness
of these individuals to share their expertise with them, particularly during this busy time at the beginning of a new academic year. I would also like to thank the faculty, staff, and administrators who worked throughout the summer to resolve issues pertaining to course access and IT acceptable use policies.

I have completed the annual report for the UC Faculty Senate, which details the accomplishments of Senate for 2016-17. It is included in the electronic book for this Board of Trustees meeting, and I have also distributed hard copies. The Senate standing committees worked diligently throughout the year to address and resolve issues brought to the Senate by faculty, students, and administrations. The work of each committee is detailed in the report. Their work is essential to the functioning of Senate and is greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Chairman Cassady. That concludes my report.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you, Sally. We really appreciate it. I have read the annual report and it is well done and very readable. Thanks for sharing it with us.

We will now have the Student Government report from Bashir Emlemdi.
Student Government Report

Mr. Emlemdii:

Thank you, Chairman Cassady. Good morning to the respective members of the board, faculty, administration, and students that are all present. I would like to offer congratulations to Peter Landgren as Vice President of Advancement and as President of the Foundation. I look forward to continue working with you and thank you for everything you have done as Provost and Sr. Vice President of Academic Affairs. It’s truly been a pleasure.

Also, I am very excited to work with Alberto Jones as the Undergraduate Student Trustee. As can be told from his report, he is a very eloquent and very suitable person for this position. We are going to have a very successful year together.

It has been very refreshing to see students coming back to campus once again. After a summer of working by myself with Dana and a few other students, it’s nice to have some company. A goal of mine and for student government in general is to stay aware of the record enrollment and for the avenues that an additional increase of students causes for the student increase in making sure things from alcohol and other drug policies, sexual assault resources, campus services, academic affairs, athletic experience, and others is reflected in how we are supporting and representing the student voice and enhancing the student experience in those realms.

A few months ago, there was a presentation by Enable UC and I want to thank some members of the board for their leadership shown and providing some money for those students. They shared that with me and were able to buy a 3D printer and it also inspired us with the undergraduate tribunal from the College of Engineering and Applied Sciences to also offer some sub-financial support. So thank you all for that leadership.
With that and different avenues to continue to represent the student voice and enhance the student experience alongside Alberto, I look forward to the coming year and please reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas.

Thank you. That concludes my report.

Mr. Cassady:

Thank you very much, Bashir, and thank you for all of the work you did over the summer.

Executive Session

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, October 24, 2017. Thank you all for being with us today.

May I have a motion and second to move to Executive Session for the purpose of considering 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 Mr. Mischell, and a second by Mrs. Heiman, 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; Phil Collins; Geraldine B. Warner; Kim Heiman; Tom Mischell; Rodney Williams

NAY: None

ABSENT: None
Executive Session Adjournment

With no further business for the Executive Session, Mr. Cassady called for a motion to adjourn at 11:00 am.

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

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned.

THOMAS D. CASSADY
CHAIRPERSON

GERALDINE B. WARNER
SECRETARY