

The Board of
The Ohio State University at Lima
January 9, 2025

Joseph J. Sreenan called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Robert Simmons, Keith Horner, Audray Allen, Teri Hirschfeld, and Cosmin Roman. Dean Young attended in her official capacity as did Robin Pohl.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Simmons moved and Ms. Hirschfeld seconded the motion that the reading of the November 14, 2024 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORT: Bryan Albright gave an update on the Lima Regenerative Farm which encompasses approximately 200 acres. He opened by sharing how the initial idea of the regenerative farm came to be, noting expertise generously provided by the David Brandt family. He discussed successful community engagement with the drainage installation field days and recent success in being awarded an Ohio EPA grant. Advisory board members suggested OSUL connect with ag coordinators at local schools. Mr. Albright closed by directing advisory board members to the Lima Regenerative Farm's webpage should they have questions following his presentation.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Agape Anderson submitted a written report that was distributed to the advisory board members, in her absence.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT REPORT: Cosmin Roman remarked that the Theatre for Young Audiences production went well with nearly 2,000 local students attending. He then noted that the honors program has been highly active and that posters by undergraduate researchers are on display on the campus.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dean Young opened with an update on academic partnerships and pending actions to include the dual degree with Bluffton University, a possible pathway for Apollo students to enter the BSET program, a recent opportunity to offer a bachelor's degree in leadership, and continued conversations regarding nursing and healthcare opportunities for the local community. She noted as well that OSUL was given soft approval to launch an online associates degree program. She concluded her academic update sharing that a Rapids grant application requesting potential funding for additional BSET equipment was recently submitted.

Dean Young remarked that she enjoyed President Carter's holiday gathering and that she also spent time in Columbus celebrating employment milestones for colleagues Mark Kleffner, Tina Schneider, and Bill Angel. She noted that incoming Provost Ravi Bellamkonda will be joining the university in January.

She continued her report sharing that the Public Service first floor renovation is nearing completion, that the budget planning process will take up much of February, and that much of her time in March will be devoted to the tenure line faculty annual reviews. Campus continues work planning for orientations and recruiting initiatives to include the Quiz Bowl. Following her attendance of a strategic enrollment management strategy meeting, Dean Young noted that enrollment numbers look really good for the upcoming year, and she hopes the momentum continues. Strategic planning will begin in February launching with an online survey surrounding the theme that land-grant missions are designed and operated for the community's benefit.

Dean Young concluded by asking where advisory board members see unmet needs and what topics are of interest to them that can be explored during future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm with a motion by Mr. Simmons seconded by Ms. Allen.

Joseph J. Sreenan, Chair
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Robin Pohl, Secretary
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