

The Board of
The Ohio State University at Lima
March 13, 2025

Joseph J. Sreenan called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Robert Simmons, Heather Rutz, Patrick Ellis, Nicole Nelson, 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. Rutz seconded the motion that the reading of the January 9, 2025 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

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 it has been a busy semester for faculty. Work connecting the regional campuses continues as does collaboration on the Ohio Math Initiative.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: At the request of the advisory board, Dean Young discussed Ohio State's land-grant mission. The Morrill Act was passed in 1862 establishing the system of land-grant colleges. President Carter, providing leadership aligning with the values of a quality education while also addressing local and global issues, leans heavily into the land-grant mission. Dean Young believes the land-grant university should be designed and operated for the community's benefit and we must be of value to those we serve. Research and scholarship are critical ways we engage with the public. Shared governance among Lima faculty contributes to exceptional teaching. Principles inherent in the 1990s such as learning, discovery, and engagement continue as the university provides access, affordability, and value.

Dean Young shared that the articulation agreements with Rhodes State College for the social work program and BSET curriculum are moving forward. We are in the process of interviewing final candidates for the BSET program coordinator. She then described her vision for renovation of the first floor of Galvin Hall, hoping to expand resources for counseling services.

She then listed events attended since the last meeting to include the regional campus day at the Statehouse, breakfast hosted by the Allen County Chamber of Commerce, and an Empowering Girls meeting.

The campus budgeting process has concluded and grant work with the Education Services Center is progressing. The strategic planning committee held its kickoff meeting and the Qualtrics survey to local stakeholders has been distributed. Dean Young then shared that Professor Pat Carroll's new book is in publication and Associate Professor Tryntje Helfferich finished work on Professor Tom Ingersoll's book following his passing.

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 5:55 pm with a motion by Ms. Rutz seconded by Ms. Hirschfeld.

Joseph J. Sreenan, Chair
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Robin Pohl, Secretary
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