

The Board of
The Ohio State University at Lima
September 8, 2022

Patrick Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Robert Simmons, Joseph J. Sreenan, Tracie Sanchez, Kerri Romes, Keith Horner, Joe Green, Cora Kindle and Teresa Hirschfeld. Dean Rehner attended in his official capacity as did Robin Pohl. Lesley Fry was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Simmons moved and Ms. Hirschfeld seconded the motion that the reading of the May 12, 2022 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Incoming student representative to the advisory board, Cora Kindle introduced herself and gave a short biography. She then gave a brief report on the activities during convocation and noted that fifteen students have thus far joined the social work club.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Joe Green gave the faculty assembly report. He shared that there is a high level of enthusiasm among faculty to be back to a normal environment. He named the three new visiting assistant professors as Ian Breidenbach, David Gall-Maynard and Joel Hudley. He noted that the honors/undergraduate kickoff in The Webb was highly successful in hosting upwards of thirty students whose enthusiasm was palpable. He has been fielding many follow-up questions on engaging in research and he gave credit to those coordinating the event.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dean Rehner noted that while the parking lots are full, enrollment remains down 6%. He noted as well that retention rates are in the 70% range and he echoed Dr. Green's sentiment that we have had fabulous success in hiring our three most recent visiting assistant professors. Dean Rehner also detailed the ongoing targeted search for a tenure line professor of English.

Discussed as well by Dean Rehner were successful events and initiatives thus far this semester. Dean's Convocation was a great event thanks to staff and the student life team took a group to Columbus so large that an additional bus was needed. Academic program growth included the Graduate Medical Education's recent announcement of partnering the Wexner Medical Center with Mercy Health in Lima. He noted also the recent contract with surrounding counties' mental health boards to hire a licensed social worker to teach and do supervision of local internships. He noted that enrollment to the BSET program is at sixteen and that although there have been challenges with supply chains, vital equipment is starting to come in.

Dean Rehner detailed the transformation of the Galvin Hall construction project beginning in October with hopes to conclude in September 2023, as Lesley Fry shared renderings of the Galvin Hall lower level. It was noted that the renovation of the lower level of the Public Service Building for admissions and financial aid departments has been delayed with hopes of starting next year with anticipated completion by 2024.

Lesley Fry shared a curated list of advisory board engagement opportunities with the members as well as defining a process inviting members to join an on-campus class and connecting them with faculty members. She also directed advisory board members to the *LimaConnect* emails and discussed the upcoming Alumni Awards event.

Prior to concluding, Teri Hirschfeld asked for confirmed names of advisory board members willing to join the Bucks and Beans meetings in September and October.

Lesley Fry then gave a tour of the newly updated student support space on the third floor of Galvin Hall. Advisory board members disbanded following the tour and no official motion for adjournment was held.

Audray Allen, Chair
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Robin Pohl, Secretary
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