

The Board of
The Ohio State University at Lima
January 5, 2023

Audray Allen called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Patrick Ellis, Larry Webb, Nicole Nelson, Keith Horner, JJ Sreenan, Teri Hirschfeld, and Cora Kindle. Dean Rehner attended in his official capacity as did Robin Pohl. Lesley Fry was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Ellis moved and Dr. Sreenan seconded the motion that the reading of the November 10, 2022 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Cora Kindle gave a brief report on the student life activities occurring thus far during Spring semester and highlighted what a wonderful experience it was for the social work club to take a meal to a Ukrainian family in the community. Cora mentioned that in comparing online options to face-to-face instruction, program coordinator Carmen Cupples believes online options to be subpar.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Faculty assembly vice president, Ivo Herzog gave the faculty assembly report. He shared of the initiation of new testing for readiness for incoming students, in addition to already existing placement tests. Dr. Herzog applauded the tutors in the OSU Lima learning center. He shared as well his success in inviting his students to interrupt his morning coffee in The Webb, allowing them an opportunity for additional help with their coursework.

Lesley Fry shared a list of opportunities for advisory board members to join on-campus activities and events. She highlighted the upcoming research forum on April 4.

Lesley Fry discussed the BSET advisory committee, BSET recruitment and marketing strategies, and shared the printed BSET preview.

Dean Rehner then gave an update on the progress of the BSET degree program and the EEMC. He shared that Autumn semester 2022 was the first semester where all courses for the BSET degree were taught at the EEMC. He gave a walking tour utilizing PowerPoint highlighting the three labs and the auditorium noting capacity for three hundred and telling that acoustically it is a great space. He plans to make the space available to industry partners. He then showed second-floor classroom space and the breakout rooms that will be used for senior projects.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dean Rehner wished all a happy new year and expressed gratitude for modifying schedules to meet a week earlier than is historic. He then shared that he has no new knowledge on the resignation of President Johnson.

Dean Rehner discussed Dr. James Orr's strategies for regional enrollment and shared that a consulting firm has been contracted to work with Assistant Dean Bryan Albright's team to develop OSU Lima's enrollment strategies. He then gave an enrollment update sharing Spring enrollment is down 12% from last year but that he is hopeful, having 750 second-choice names from Columbus three months earlier than last year, that enrollment services will yield more new students.

Dean Rehner briefly discussed the impending BSET partnership with Bluffton University.

Dean Rehner reported he attended an encouraging meeting about the community medicine track at the Graduate Medical Education Center at Mercy Health. JJ Sreenan shared details about the degree plan and current process.

Dean Rehner shared details regarding the newly formed Violet Meek endowment for faculty research.

Dean Rehner noted upcoming improvement projects include Apollo Career Center students moving dirt for OSU land near Mumaugh Road, hoping to alleviate standing water. Farmland was recently tiled and a grant is being sought to do the remaining tiling. Members of the LRAF team will give a presentation at Rotary on March 20. The Galvin basement renovation is seeing great headway and the Public Service lower-level renovation is on hold due to price increases for materials resulting from the pandemic.

Prior to concluding Dean Rehner announced Larry Webb will teach an aviation course on the Lima campus, has resigned his membership on the advisory board, and will join the top of the March advisory board meeting for a brief farewell.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 pm with a motion by Mr. Horner seconded by Dr. Nelson.

Audray Allen, Chair
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Robin Pohl, Secretary
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