

The Board of
The Ohio State University at Lima
November 9, 2023

Patrick Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Robert Simmons, Heather Rutz, Keith Horner, Audray Allen, and Agape Anderson. Interim Dean Young attended in her official capacity as did Robin Pohl. Lesley Fry was in attendance as well.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Simmons moved and Ms. Allen seconded the motion that the reading of the September 14, 2023 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Agape Anderson introduced herself to advisory board members unable to join in September and highlighted her enjoyment of activities while a member of the homecoming court. She then shared semester events thus far including the WeServe blood drive, the ribbon cutting of the newly renovated Galvin Hall lower level, an invitation to students to attend the Lima Symphony Orchestra, and several diversity committee events.

Lesley Fry gave an update on her fundraising goals and stated that she hopes to be above 50% at her mid-year mark in December. She noted we are awaiting decisions on two grant applications that will be announced in early January and believes she is on track to fundraise \$1M this year. She then noted that she and Interim Dean Young were encouraged by our student scholarship recipients' interaction with the business leaders at Proctor and Gamble.

Georgia Bass, director of student recruitment shared with the advisory board members the folder given to prospective students and visitors to campus. She discussed her impending new reporting structure to the Strategic Enrollment Management unit and stated the change is designed to eliminate duplication of efforts and to foster collaboration aligning solutions to navigate the upcoming demographic cliff and the declining perception of a college education in this region. She then gave a presentation outlining Ohio State's recruitment territories, the enrollment funnel, a small snippet of the AU23 enrollment report, and discussed findings by Kennedy & Company.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Interim Dean Young shared that it has been an incredibly busy and productive past few months. She highlighted recent events including the Alumni Awards celebration, Steam on the Quad, and the scholarship reception featuring three students. She then thanked those who participated in the campus and community-wide SWOT analysis. She noted that the data provided by Kennedy & Company will help inform what is Ohio State Lima's strategic planning and how this will look in determining course modalities.

Interim Dean Young noted that there are several upcoming initiatives and partnerships to include a memo of understanding with the College of Social Work, an articulation agreement with Rhodes State College for social work, and the upcoming media event celebrating a new partnership with Bluffton University for prospective engineering technology students. Two noteworthy events include the grand opening of the Cloyd Commons and the finalization of the long-term lease with Ford for the space at the Engineering Education and Manufacturing Center.

Describing this time as a season of change, Interim Dean Young noted that Provost Melissa Gilliam will be going to Boston University at the start of the new year and that the searches for the four regional deans are on track with anticipated start dates of Autumn semester. She then shared of her enjoyment presenting her research on high impact practices during the Regional Campus Student Support Workshop at OSU Marion.

Interim Dean Young then shared that local health partners Dr. Joseph J. Sreenan and Dr. Burlin Sherrick recently visited our biology and science labs. The Office of Academic Affairs will give OSUL \$25,000 for equipment in the science labs in the upcoming months.

Interim Dean Young concluded her update by asking advisory board members where they see unmet needs. Audray Allen said she appreciates the work to fill the local shortage of area social workers and Keith Horner stated that Apollo is a very pro-college career center.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm with a motion by Ms. Allen seconded by Mr. Simmons.

Patrick Ellis, Chair
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Robin Pohl, Secretary
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