

The Board of
The Ohio State University at Lima
September 16, 2021

Bob Simmons called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Joseph J. Sreenan, Joe Green, Patrick Ellis, Larry Webb, Nicole Nelson and Teresa Hirschfeld. Dean Rehner attended in his official capacity as did Robin Pohl. Lesley Fry was also in attendance.

Dean Rehner introduced new board members Joseph J. Sreenan and Joe Green. Dean Rehner shared that new board member Tracie Sanchez would be joining the meeting on November 18.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Mr. Ellis moved and Ms. Hirschfeld seconded the motion that the reading of the May 13, 2021 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Joe Green gave the faculty assembly report.

Dean Rehner shared that Bob Simmons will begin opening the conversations regarding board engagement at the meeting in November.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dean Rehner announced Kristina M. Johnson as OSU's new president and Melissa Gilliam as the new provost. He also shared that board participation is requested for the self-study external review scheduled on October 27. He then shared that enrollment is down for autumn semester. In light of that conversation, Nicole Nelson requested an enrollment/retention report and conversation be scheduled for the November 18 board meeting. Dean Rehner noted concentrated efforts have been made on enrollment and retention.

Dean Rehner then gave updates regarding the budget reductions that were made this past year. He noted that last year's efforts will carry over into this year and we will remain conservative with funds. He then gave an update on the transformation of Galvin Hall. It was noted that transitioning courses from in person to virtual was very stressful for faculty, staff, and students. Dean Rehner then gave credit to faculty and staff for reinventing things for our students as campus has repopulated. He then gave an overview of new programmatic plans.

Lesley Fry shared that the board was instrumental in moving the Galvin Hall lower-level project forward. The transformation of third floor Galvin will be the new focus for student success spaces.

ADJOURNMENT: Dr. Nelson moved and Dr. Sreenan seconded a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was approved unanimously and Mr. Simmons declared the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

Bob Simmons, Chair
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Robin Pohl, Secretary
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