

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

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Dr. Nelson moved and Mr. Simmons seconded the motion that the reading of the January 5, 2023 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Written report by student representative Cora Kindle was distributed.

FACULTY ASSEMBLY REPORT: Faculty Assembly President Joe Green shared that faculty leadership have been tasked with providing an administrative review. They will be shaping the narrative for the review and plan to share data with administrators yet this year. He also reported that the committee restructuring put in place two years ago has proven to be more efficient. He invited those in attendance to the upcoming Undergraduate Research Forum on April 4 where students will present eighteen abstracts. He then highlighted the PDC grant recipients' upcoming research projects. Virginia Tompkins and Ivo Herzog are the inaugural recipients of the Violet Meek Scholarship Grants.

Lesley Fry shared that student Isabella Torsell will speak at the upcoming Scholarship Reception on March 21 as one of the bright students sharing their powerful stories. She shared as well that after being unable to hold the reception these past few years, the rsvp list is robust. She noted that forty students visited the EEMC today, Engineering Discovery Day will be held at the EEMC tomorrow and the Stem Steps event will be on campus this upcoming Monday. She concluded by sharing that May 2 will be our Day of Giving.

DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Dean Rehner thanked Keith Horner for agreeing to give the keynote speech at this year's Academic Celebration and noted as well that the university's Presidential search has begun. Noting the lack of representation from Mercer, Hancock and Van Wert counties, he asked for recommendations of people willing to serve as an advisory board member. He then noted that after several years, both the admissions and the advising team are finally fully staffed.

Dean Rehner discussed current initiatives including the potential pathway from Miller City New Cleveland High School to the BSET degree program. He then discussed the impending BSET partnership with Bluffton University. He noted as well that campus open houses have been full and that enrollment is on par with last year.

Dean Rehner shared the Galvin basement renovation is seeing great headway with project completion scheduled for mid-summer and that the Public Service lower-level renovation is on hold due to price increases for materials resulting from the pandemic. He then noted an agreement was signed with Apollo Career Center for an upcoming improvement project to have their students move dirt for OSU land near Mumaugh Road so water is no longer held in that area. He discussed the potential for digging a holding pond for irrigation on the Lima Restorative Agricultural Farm with grant dollars and he hopes that farm can be a demonstration farm.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm with a motion by Mr. Horner seconded by Dr. Nelson.

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Robin Pohl, Secretary
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