

The Board of  
The Ohio State University at Lima  
January 11, 2024

Patrick Ellis called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. with the following members present: Robert Simmons, Heather Rutz, Audray Allen, Teresa Hirschfeld, Nicholas Moeller, Joseph J. Sreenan, Pat Carroll, Nicole Nelson, 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 November 9, 2023 minutes be waived and approved as previously electronically distributed. The motion carried unanimously.

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:** Agape Anderson shared semester events thus far including several community service opportunities for students, intramural sports events, and her anticipation of spring semester and the curricular and student life opportunities that will occur then.

**FACULTY ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT REPORT:** Pat Carroll highlighted a recent visit by Jason Lemon, Vice Provost and Dean for Online Learning discussing OSU micro credentials. He shared as well that Georgia Bass gave an enrollment update during the most recent faculty assembly meeting and that Rachel Nash, Assistant Vice Provost for Strategy, Academic Engagement and Operational Excellence will join a special faculty assembly meeting on March 7.

**ACADEMIC PROGRAM REPORT:** Ryan Norris, Associate Professor of EEOB gave a presentation highlighting biology faculty and described the degree program and curriculum. He discussed current pedagogy and introduced two new courses.

Dr. Norris then shared that Robin Bagley, Assistant Professor acquired a nanopore sequencer and did extensive bar coding of insects found in the prairie applying multiple course principles. He continued by giving an overview of Dr. Bagley's research noting her use thus far of the \$50,000 OSEP research grant she was awarded last year. He noted as well, Dr. Bagley's success in mentoring two graduate students in addition to recent Ohio State Lima graduate Marie Walton who won the Denman research award in 2023.

Dr. Norris spoke of his work with recent graduate Shivani Bhatt, her successful research discovering a new species of vole, and her acceptance to OSU's School of Public Health.

Alumni representative Teresa Hirschfeld gave an overview of her attendance at the Alumni Advisory Council meeting in October. The theme centered around the arts district, and she toured the Timashev Building. She noted discussion of how new degrees and certificates designed to blend several disciplines foster transferable skills such as risk taking and the skill of observation. She closed by thanking the group for the opportunity to participate.

**DEAN AND DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Interim Dean Young opened by wishing everyone a happy new year and noted that the new semester brings optimism and excitement. She then shared that upon completion of an internal audit, taking into consideration those findings, we are addressing minor procedural changes.

Interim Dean Young then detailed beginning work on developing a process for annual budget forecasting and budget loading. She shared that she is in constant communication with Columbus to determine Ohio State Lima's strengths and opportunities. She noted that the recent SWOT analysis will help determine and define next steps for the campus and thanked all who participated.

Interim Dean Young expressed excitement about the first cohort of the Community Medicine Program beginning in Columbus this semester noting that those students will come to Lima in two years. She

shared of recent meetings with leadership at Mercy Health addressing workforce development and curricular needs. She then thanked Lesley Fry for her part in soliciting Cenovus' generous gift in support of the Engineering Technology program.

Interim Dean Young then shared that our faculty have recently presented in Mexico, Morocco, and Russia. A memo of understanding creating a pathway for social work students to complete their 4-year degree here was recently put in place with Rhodes State College. Collaborating again with RSC, the Eclipse Science Series begins this evening.

Interim Dean Young concluded her update by asking advisory board members what other areas they have interest in learning.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm with a motion by Dr. Sreenan seconded by Dr. Nelson.

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Patrick Ellis, Chair  
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Robin Pohl, Secretary  
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