



## Board of Governors

### OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

May 6, 2016

### Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. in Room FGH of the McGregor Memorial Conference Center. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present, with the following Board members in attendance:

Governors Dunaskiss, Kelly, Massaron, Nicholson, O'Brien, Pollard, Thompson and Trent, and President Wilson

**Also Present:** Provost Winters, Vice Presidents Burns, Decatur, Hefner, Lessem, Lindsey, Staebler, and Wright; and Secretary Miller

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Pollard and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### Board Meeting

A. Approval of the Official Proceedings of April 1, 2016

#### Budget and Finance Committee

- B. Physics Building Air Handlers 1 and 7
- C. Parking Structure No. 1 — 2016 Renovations
- D. Parking Structure No. 2 — 2016 Renovations
- E. The Michael and Marian Ilitch School of Business Budget Increase

### Approval of the Official Proceedings of April 1, 2016 (Board)

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Pollard and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Official Proceedings of the April 1, 2016 regular meeting of the Board of Governors were approved as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Physics Building Air Handlers 1 AND 7 Renovations** (Budget and Finance)

The air handler units in the Physics Building, constructed in 1965, are original to the building and can no longer provide adequate heat. The project replaces air dampers to protect the coils from freezing, replaces the heating coils so the required air temperatures meet the original design, and enables the boilers to run more efficiently.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Pollard and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Board of Governors authorized the President, or his designee, to award contracts to make various improvements to the Physics Building air handler units 1 and 7 for a project cost not to exceed \$680,000. Funding for this project will be provided from Deferred Maintenance funds. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Parking Structures No. 1 and No. 2 — 2016 Renovations** (Budget and Finance)

Parking Structure #1, built in 1965, and Parking Structure #2, built in 1972, have both undergone several phases of structural renovations every summer for the past four years, consistent with the Five-Year Business Plan adopted in 2012. The 2016 project will be the final year of renovations to both structures.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Pollard and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Board of Governors authorized the President, or his designee, to award contracts to implement structural repairs and improvements to Parking Structure #1 for a project cost not to exceed \$1,575,000. Funding for this project will be provided from the Parking Operations Budget. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Pollard and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Board of Governors authorized the President, or his designee, to award contracts to implement structural repairs and improvements to Parking Structure #2 for a project cost not to exceed \$981,000. Funding for this project will be provided from the Parking Operations Budget. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**The Michael & Marian Ilitch School of Business — Budget Increase Request**  
(Budget and Finance)

On October 30, 2015 the Board of Governors approved a project budget of \$50 million for the construction of the Michael and Marian Ilitch School of Business in the District Detroit. The design development phase of the project has been finalized after extensive consultation both within the University and with the donor. Plans include gathering spaces for students outside the formal classroom setting, with multiple options for break-out space for students and staff, office and administration space, and a small food service component.

The administration presented a recommendation to increase the project budget to \$59 million. Several factors have contributed to the increased project cost. The most significant is the fierce competition in the current construction market in Detroit, resulting in significant inflation for skilled trades. There are additional costs for the exterior design finishes, enhanced learning technology, unexpected soil conditions, and overtime costs to help meet

the desired construction deadline. The increase in funding will be provided by repurposing an existing \$5 million facility endowment pledge, and an additional \$4 million in philanthropic fundraising, a goal that has already been achieved. Any gifts received beyond the \$4 million will be directed back to replenish the facility endowment.

**ACTION** —Upon motion by Governor Pollard and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Board of Governors authorized the President, or his designee, to increase the current project budget for the Michael & Marian Ilitch School of Business by \$9 million for a total project cost not to exceed \$59 million. The project is currently funded for \$50 million; funding has been provided from a \$35 million philanthropic gift from the Ilitch family specifically provided for this purpose; and \$15 million from Series 2017 Bond Proceeds. Board authorization to issue long-term debt for this purpose will be requested at a later date. The motion was adopted unanimously.

### **BOARD OF GOVERNORS FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The Board of Governors presented the 2016 Faculty Recognition Awards which are based on works of extraordinary contribution to scholarship completed during the past twelve months. Each recipient receives a framed citation, an engraved plaque, and a monetary award of \$2,500. Nominations are submitted in writing to a selection advisory committee appointed by the President. The selection committee is chaired by the Provost or his/her designee and composed of their faculty peers. The names of the four awardees and the citations presented are shown below.

#### **Victor Figueroa, Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures**

Governor O'Brien read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes Victor Figueroa, Professor in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of *Prophetic Visions of the Past: Pan-Caribbean Representations of the Haitian Revolution* (Ohio University Press, 2015).

Figueroa's scholarship focuses on reading the Haitian Revolution and the literature it has inspired as a transnational dialogue, drawing on texts written in French, English, and Spanish. His book's breadth extends to multiple literary genres as it delves into poetry, novels, and essays.

Some of the key figures that Figueroa brings together are Alejo Carpentier, Luis Pales Matos, Manuel Zapata Olivella, Aime Desaire and Edouard Glissant. The double framework of textual analysis and postcolonial theory gives Professor Figueroa's work a rare effectiveness and makes it an ideal vehicle for exploring the rich and diverse landscape of Caribbean studies.

The Board of Governors is pleased to recognize Professor Victor Figueroa for his impactful contribution to Latin American studies and to the pivotal place the Haitian Revolution occupies within it.

**Ken Jackson, Department of English**

Governor Nicholson read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes Ken Jackson, Professor in the Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of *Shakespeare and Abraham* (University of Notre Dame Press, 2015).

*Shakespeare and Abraham* offers a groundbreaking approach to longstanding scholarly debates over Shakespeare and religion, one of the most controversial topics in Shakespeare criticism. In this book, Professor Jackson argues that Shakespeare's ostensibly secular plays think about religion without ever directly involving religion itself. *Shakespeare and Abraham* makes the bold claim that Shakespeare structures his plays around a key scene from the Old Testament, Abraham's near-sacrifice of his son Isaac (Genesis 22). By repeatedly evoking Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac, Shakespeare surreptitiously discusses religion while complying with early modern prohibitions that barred representations of religion on the stage.

*Shakespeare and Abraham* bears the distinct merit of offering a fresh perspective on perhaps the most-studied author of all time. By reading Shakespeare through the lens of the Abrahamic, the book lays out a striking new methodology for understanding the playwright's views on religion. Professor Jackson's interdisciplinary approach places literary studies in conversation with philosophy and religious studies, thereby situating Shakespeare within a broader intellectual tradition that stretches from the ancients to today. Finally, his monograph reveals that Shakespeare's plays connect to contemporary conversations about religion and secularism, allowing us to recognize how the past relates to the concerns of the present.

The Board of Governors is pleased to recognize Professor Ken Jackson for his distinguished contribution to early modern literary and cultural studies.

**Kate Paesani, Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures**

Governor Dunaskiss read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes Kate Paesani, Professor in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of *A Multiliteracies Framework for Collegiate Foreign Language Teaching* (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2015).

In her co-authored book for which she served as first author, Paesani continues and develops work she initiated with her earlier co-edited volume, *Language Program Articulation: Developing a Theoretical Foundation* (2005). In *A Multiliteracies*

*Framework*, Professor Paesani works to bring together theory and practice, and to cross traditional disciplinary boundaries within the field of second language acquisition. In her work, Paesani takes on significant questions, and as such stands to change theoretical paradigms, inspire further research, and shift practice in the classroom. Professor Paesani's ground-breaking publication addresses and corrects the lack of a theoretical framework to address concerns related to the problematic split in the curriculum of modern language programs between what are perceived to be lower-level "language" courses and upper level "content" (literature and culture) courses. Clear organization, lucid writing, scholarly scope, and making complex and abstract theoretical ideas eminently comprehensible to a broad readership will ensure that *A Multiliteracies Framework for Collegiate Foreign Language Teaching* will provide a springboard for further research into the foreign language classroom, and effective methods to promote second language acquisition and cultural knowledge.

The Board of Governors is pleased to recognize Professor Kate Paesani for her contributions to the field of Second Language Acquisition and Curriculum and Instruction as it relates to the foreign language classroom.

### **Ljiljana Progovac, Department of English**

Governor Kelly read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes Ljiljana Progovac, Professor in the Department of English, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of the book *Evolutionary Syntax* (Oxford University Press, 2015).

In *Evolutionary Syntax*, Professor Progovac makes a compelling argument that the evolution of syntactic structure in human language took place gradually, and that increasing complexity in syntax arose through the well-understood processes of natural selection, as each more complex structure afforded speakers an evolutionary advantage over their competition. Ljiljana's theory of language evolution is grounded in the contemporary syntactic theory of Minimalism, which builds structure hierarchically from a simple merging of two elements in tenseless 'small clauses' up to the elaborate embedding characteristics of sentences in modern languages. The *Evolutionary Syntax* offers a novel gradualist account of the evolution of syntax, grounded in a thorough consideration of a range of linguistic phenomena. By reconstructing a particular path along which syntax evolved, Ljiljana sheds light on crucial properties of language design itself, as well as on the major parameters of cross-linguistic variation. As a result, this reconstruction can be meaningfully correlated with both the hominin timeline and the ever-growing body of genetic evidence.

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President Wilson and Governor Pollard congratulated the four awardees for their contribution to scholarship and to the University.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Wayne State University held its commencement the other day, and President Wilson noted that this morning Channel 2 broadcast an inspiring story about one of the student speakers, Kierra Bell. He played a video of the news story for the benefit of those who had not seen it. President Wilson announced his Report would consist of two presentations, the first by Naida Simon of the Provost's Office, who will discuss summer programs offered on campus, and the second by Jane Ferreyra (formerly Hoehner), Director of the University Press, who will update the Board on the Press.

### **Summer Program Overview**

Dr. Naida Simon serves as the coordinator of summer programs held on campus for K-12 students. She walked Board members through the web site, *K-12.wayne.edu*, which provides information and registration forms for the 33 camps offered by various WSU units for 2016. Each camp is autonomous, setting their own costs, time frame, and registration requirements. Seventeen are sports-oriented, and 16 are academic, with Engineering sponsoring 12 camps, and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences (CLAS) and the Honors College each sponsoring two.

The engineering camps are technology-oriented, which draws children as young as 7-10 years of age and using technology toys and video games, teaches them about the various disciplines within engineering such as biomedical, chemical, civil, and mechanical, and also gives them an idea of what they need to do in grade school and high school to become an engineer. CLAS offers "Camp Cosmos", an astronomy camp, and the "Math Corps", where sixth-graders study math during the summer and continue during the school year on Saturday afternoons. The Honors College offers the "ACT Bootcamp" where students spend six weeks in academic programs to help them achieve higher test scores. It also offers "College Gym Start" for eighth- and ninth-graders that provides a one-week, live-in-the-dorm experience with classes and structured activities, giving them an idea of what it means to be a college student.

The athletic division offers football, basketball, baseball, track-and-field, and volleyball camps. Two of the camps, "Joiqie Bell" and "Sound Mind and Body" are hosted by Wayne State but not run by the University. Dr. Simon indicated that the coaches in the athletic camps follow all NCAA rules and regulations.

The summer camps this year begin June 4 and end August 18. They are day camps, meeting Mondays through Thursdays or Fridays, accepting children from ages six through 18. Costs vary from no charge to \$500 for two weeks, which are primarily the engineering camps. Dr. Simon follows through with the older students, gathering names and sending them admissions information when the time is appropriate. She ended the presentation by showing how to search the web site for camps by age, gender, and type of program.

In response to several questions by Board members, Dr. Simon said that the camps are generally open to everyone in southeast Michigan. The exception is the Math Corps which accepts only students who attend a charter or public school in Detroit and Highland Park. Scholarships or other forms of financial aid are completely up to the sponsoring department, and WSU employees do not receive discounts unless the camp decides to do so. The camps are generally held from 9:00 a.m. to about 4:30 p.m., and again it is up to the camp whether earlier drop-off or later pick-up is provided for free. Dr. Simon said she no longer has the budget to send out mailings, but she maintains the web site and goes to schools and churches to discuss the summer camps, and she will be at the Children's Hospital in June to talk to parents.

Governor O'Brien said her ten-year-old son has attended the Tigers baseball camp for the last four years, and she highly recommends the experience. Once a child has attended a camp, the family is on the list for e-mails and other contact information letting them know when the camps are scheduled. Tigers players such as Miguel Cabrera and Ian Kinsler have participated in the baseball camp, and her son is eager to attend each summer. President Wilson said that some people have the misconception that nothing happens on campus during the summer, and he hoped this presentation showed that in addition to the regular summer school and several other events, the campus is thriving all year.

### **Wayne State University Press**

Ms. Jane Ferreyra, director of the University Press, discussed some of its recent highlights, initiatives, and achievements. This year the Press is celebrating its 75th anniversary, as well as the 30th anniversary of the Great Lakes Book Series and the tenth anniversary of the Made in Michigan Writers Series. Some of its goals include continuing the reputation it has developed in a number of subject areas, specifically Jewish studies, fairytale studies, and all the regional series, and to elevate the other series to that same high level; also, to continue the quality of its publications and making its content as widely and freely available as possible, and to continue its commitment to the Detroit community through publications, outreach, and engagement. Ms. Ferreyra announced that as a result of a partnership between the Press and the WSU Library system, Wayne State was among just ten universities that received a Mellon Foundation grant to conduct an open humanities book project that will digitize long out-of-print titles from regional studies and Jewish studies.

Ms. Ferreyra reviewed some of the highlights of the Press's publication program. The largest portion of its program is journals, which currently total eleven, all in digital form. They publish 35-40 books a year, of which ten or twelve receive multiple awards every year. The organization Notable Books of Michigan awards 20 books annually in the state, and this year the Press had five winners on the list, fully one quarter of the awards. Other national awards received include the Jewish Book Awards, Next Generation Indie Book Awards, Choice Outstanding Academic Titles, and the National Book Award. The Press receives on average 213 reviews annually in all media, print, online, radio, television, international and regional. Recently two books were reviewed in the international *Times Literary Supplement*, and other reviews in NBC News, Fiction Writers Review, the Michigan Historical Review, and *The Detroit Free Press*. Ms. Ferreyra noted that each time the Press wins an award or receives good reviews, it extends not only its own brand but that of the University.

The Press also works on University outreach and engagement. In addition to the Mellon Grant project, the Press works with libraries to provide access to their journals, and also works to provide open access to students, faculty, and staff who are OneCard holders. The Press also sponsors an active internship program that has grown in the last five years from one student per semester to four students. It provides a multi-department exposure where the student can start in marketing and end up in editorial, thereby educating and introducing students to a career in university scholarly publishing. They are also developing a system to keep in touch with the students after their internship and helping them network.

Another project involves the development of a curriculum with the Communications Department for a graduate certificate in publishing. Several existing classes can serve as electives for the certificate, ranging from the Law School's copyright classes to classes in writing in the English Department.

In the area of fundraising and development, in addition to the Mellon grant, the Press received three consecutive two-year Kresge Unrestricted Operating Grants since 2008

and is currently working on the next submission for 2016 through 2018. A grant of \$100,000 a year for five years was received from the Meier Family Foundation to endow the "Made in Michigan" series. The grant ends in 2016 and Ms. Ferreyra was invited to submit another proposal for continued support. The Press actually has ten different funds that support a specific area of study, such as Jewish art and culture and the fairytale series. The goal is to build up those grants to a level where the income will support all the work, production and marketing involved in publishing those series. In their fundraising work, the Press also has the support of individuals and groups, such as the Friends of the Press and the Press Club.

The Press is very involved with community engagement. The ten-year anniversary of the "Made in Michigan" series will be celebrated on May 19 at the Hilberry Theatre, with Governor Gary Pollard as a speaker at the event. Annual events are held on campus and at alumni events, providing a way to engage with authors and to hear about how and why they write. In 2013 with the help of the Michigan Humanities Council, the Press took a 16-hour bus tour across the state with authors and staff. They constantly work to provide free or low cost access to their products to a wide audience. In closing, Ms. Ferreyra mentioned several projects and titles that are being worked on for this year. Among them is a work on the Don Bosco Hall Youth in partnership with DTE, a companion book for the Detroit Historical Society's Detroit 1967 project, several web sites including "microsites" where their digital books are available, and a long-awaited history of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Wilson reported that two of the Board's standing committees met during the morning session. A detailed report of the discussions during each committee can be found in the Minutes of that committee.

### **Student Affairs Committee**

The Committee heard the following two informational reports:

• ***Student Success Report*** — Associate Provost Monica Brockmeyer presented the Annual Report on Student Success. The report discussed retention and graduation rates, showing improvements in graduation rates and grade point averages, with only modest success in retention rates. She also presented several initiatives undertaken by the Provost's Office to help students succeed academically.

• ***Honors College Overview*** — Dean Jerry Herron provided an overview of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College whose mission is to provide the highest-achieving undergraduate students a challenging, innovative, and interdisciplinary curriculum. He discussed retention and graduation rates, fundraising goals and Scholars day, and community, service and research opportunities offered by the College.

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

The Committee had two informational reports and five action items, four of which were approved as part of the Consent Agenda. The item on the proposed FY 2016-17 School of Medicine Tuition Rates was taken up by the Board for a separate vote as shown below.



**Contingency Reserve** — The Committee approved the following transfers:

FY 2016 allocation	\$500,000
Transfers approved by Budget and Finance Committee May 6, 2016:	
Search for AVP for Enrollment Management	(65,000)
Search for AVP for Facilities, Planning and Management	(65,000)
Search for AVP for Budget and Planning	(65,000)
	(\$195,000)
Past Transfer:	
•Search for Dean, Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (additional allocation)	(14,357)
FY 2016 remaining balance	\$290,643

**Purchasing Exceptions** — The report summarized purchases greater than \$25,000 that were issued without competitive bids in February 2016.

**FY 2017 Tuition and Fee Rates for the School of Medicine M.D. Program**

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Massaron and seconded by Governor Pollard, the Budget and Finance Committee recommended that the Board of Governors adopt a base tuition rate increase of 2.5% for the School of Medicine M.D. program for FY 2017 for incoming students only.

Further, that the Year 1 level Student Medical School Support fee (annual fee) increase from \$839.50 to \$860.50 and the Year 1 level Student Service Fee (per credit hour) increase from \$24.00 to \$24.60.

Further, that the tuition stability program initiated in FY 2016 will remain in effect. For the Medical School term starting July 2016, Year 2 students will retain the tuition and fee rate paid at the approved FY 2016 rate. Year 3 and 4 students will retain the rates paid at the approved FY 2016 rate, adjusted for the incorporation of the RFC Maintenance Fee into the Student Services Fee.

Further, that the Board of Governors authorize the President or his designee to make adjustments to the rates for special programs or where otherwise appropriate.

The motion carried.

The School of Medicine M.D. tuition and fee rates for FY 2017 are as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Non-Resident</u>
Tuition (per credit)		

Year 1 only	\$636.75	\$1,325.10
Year 2 only	621.25	1,292.80
Year 3 and 4 only	609.05	1,267.45
Student Services Fee (per credit)		
Year 1 only	\$24.60	\$24.60
Year 2 only	24.00	24.00
Year 3 and 4 only	23.00	23.00
Student Medical School Support Fee (annual)		
Year 1 only	\$860.50	\$860.50
Year 2 only	839.50	839.50
Year 3 and 4 only	823.00	823.00

## REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

The Provost and the vice presidents submitted the written informational reports listed below, describing activities in their divisions. The reports are accessible on the Board of Governors web site and on file in the Office of the Secretary.

**Academic Affairs Informational Report; Student, Faculty and Academic Staff Achievements** — Provost Winters noted that the School of Social Work recently held an open house for its new quarters at 5447 Woodward.

### Special Research Presentation

In Vice President Lanier's absence, Provost Winters introduced Professor Michelle Ronnick from the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. Professor Ronnick received her Ph.D. from Boston University in 1990, joined WSU in 1993, and became a professor in 2007. She has authored three books, has published in over 100 journals, and given 65 invited lectures, as well as numerous routine conference lectures. After her article on William Sanders Scarborough (the Modern Languages Association first African American member) was published in 2001, the MLA established the William Sanders Scarborough Book Prize as a result. Provost Winters said that in addition to being a good researcher, Professor Ronnick is one of the teaching stars in the department with many awards for teaching.

Professor Ronnick began her presentation with a review of her specialty, the study of the Classical Tradition in the U.S., which seeks to understand the impact of Greece and Rome on later times in language, literature, government, art, music, and material culture. Her dissertation adviser at Boston University, Meyer Reinhold, authored a book, *Classica Americana: The Greek and Roman Heritage in the United States*, that was published by the Wayne State University Press in 1984. When she arrived here in 1993, many remembered him and his book.

The impact of Greece and Rome is seen everywhere in western civilization, most evidently in architecture. As an example, Professor Ronnick showed slides of two buildings designed by Albert Kahn, including Temple Bethel, now the Bonstelle Theatre, superimposed with slides showing the Pantheon in Rome. Until recently, however, work in the Classical

Tradition was focused on the history of people of European descent, and no scholar had thought to examine the influence of Classical studies upon people of African descent. In the 1990s, with two grants from the James Loeb Classical Library Foundation at Harvard University, Professor Ronnick began extensive research in archival materials across the U.S. and produced a photo installation, "12 Black Classicists". The installation debuted at the Detroit Public Library in September, 2003 and opened with a brief speech by then President Irvin D. Reid.

Professor Ronnick reviewed a few of the subjects of her study. John Wesley Gilbert was the first African American to earn a master's degree at Brown University in 1891 and the first person of African descent to study Greek archeology at the American School for Classical Studies in Athens. Lewis Baxter Moore was the first African American to earn a doctorate degree at the University of Pennsylvania. Wiley Lane was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Amherst College in 1879 and the first African American Professor of Ancient Greek at Howard University. Helen Maria Chessnut was the lead author of a successful Latin textbook that was reissued several times; she taught at Cleveland Central High School, and one of her pupils was Langston Hughes.

The star among these subjects was William Sanders Scarborough. Born in slavery in Macon, Georgia in 1852, he became one of the leading black intellectuals of the 19th century and in 1881 published *First Lessons in Greek* at a time when few believed a person of African descent could master an ancient language. Professor Ronnick's life story of Scarborough was published in 2005 by Wayne State University Press with a foreword by Henry Louis Gates. In 2006, on the 80th anniversary of Scarborough's death, Bibb County, Georgia passed a proclamation in his honor and gave a key to the city of Macon to Professor Ronnick.

The photo installation has gone through 45 showings and expanded to include 14 images, with plans for a 46th showing at the University of California, Santa Barbara from January to May in 2017. Black Classicism, however, is not limited to teachers and academicians, but also pervades the creative arts. Professor Ronnick discussed Gwendolyn Brooks, who in 1950 became the first Black woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for her book of poetry, *Annie Allen*, based on her study of the original Latin of Virgil's *Aeneid*; and Romare Bearden who produced a collage series entitled "Odysseus".

Professor Ronnick said that when she first published an article 22 years ago in the *Negro Education Review* on the Pan Africanist Edward Wilmot Blyden's use of the Roman poets Juvenal and Horace in his correspondence, she was alone. Today, however, Black Classicism is an accepted field of study with at least seven academic books and panels and papers given at conferences when once there were none. The material is part of this country's larger history. She closed her presentation by stating that the viewers of her photo installation recognize that they are stakeholders in the study of Greek and Latin, and understand the important position that Classical studies have held in the intellectual, educational, and cultural history of the United States, among black and white, male and female, young and old.

**New Awarded Research Grants Report** — Vice President Lanier  
**Grants and Contracts Report** — Vice President Lanier  
**Economic Development Report** — Vice President Staebler

There was no discussion of the three written reports listed above

**Conflict of Interest Contract — Total Renal Research Inc. (DaVita, Inc.)**

Provost Winters presented a contract for Board approval with a company in which a faculty member plays a participatory role. This creates a potential conflict of interest. Michigan Conflict of Interest law requires specific sunshine procedures in order for a University employee, or a company owned by a University employee, to contract directly or indirectly with the University. The law requires disclosure of any pecuniary interest in the contract, and the disclosure must be made a matter of record in the Board's proceedings, including the name of the parties involved, and the terms of the contract. The contract must be approved by the Board with a vote of not less than two-thirds of the full membership of the Board in open session.

Dr. Pramod Khosla, Associate Professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science, is the Principal Investigator of the PATCH study, a study of hemodialysis patients. To obtain the large number of patient subjects required for the study, he uses the services of several regional clinics, including two DaVita Clinics. The WSU Human Investigation Committee recommended that he appoint a medical doctor as Co-Investigator of the Study with a specialty in nephrology to deal with possible medical problems. Therefore, he appointed Dr. James Sondheimer, M.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, as co-investigator. Dr. Sondheimer is also the Medical Director of DaVita's Greenview Dialysis Center in Southfield, Michigan, wherein lies the potential conflict of interest. The disclosures required by the Conflict of Interest law for the contract are shown below.

- (i) The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and Total Renal Research Inc., dba DaVita Clinical Research, a subsidiary of DaVita, Inc. ("DaVita").
- (ii) The contract will provide:
  - (a) **Scope:** DaVita will enroll and provide clinical research services for up to 200 patient subjects. Such services shall include activities such as phlebotomy, order entry, witness ingestion of oral medication and drug accountability.
  - (b) **Duration:** The contract will be for 18 months (approximately, from June 15, 2015 through December 15, 2017).
  - (c) **Financial consideration:** Wayne State University will pay DaVita \$327.88 per patient up to a total of 200 patients and not to exceed \$65,576.
  - (d) **Locations:** The contracted services will be performed at the DaVita Kresge Dialysis site in Detroit and the DaVita PDI-Highland Park site in Highland Park.
- (iii) Dr. Sondheimer's only pecuniary interest is that of his position as the Medical Director of DaVita's Greenview Dialysis Center, which position is contracted for between his employer, Wayne State University Physician's Group ("WSUPG") and DaVita (or one of its affiliated companies) and for which WSUPG is compensated by DaVita; neither Dr. Sondheimer nor WSUPG will receive any type of additional compensation as a result of this contract. In addition, neither Dr. Sondheimer nor any of his family members has any stock or other financial interest in DaVita or any of its parent companies or subsidiaries.

Also of note are Dr. Stephen Migdal and Dr. Robert Provenzano. Dr. Stephen Migdal, M.D., is Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Wayne State University. Through the earlier-mentioned contractual arrangement between WSUPG and DaVita, Dr. Migdal serves as the Medical Director of DaVita's Kresge, Highland Park, Redford, and Motor City Dialysis sites and compensation for such services is rendered to WSUPG. Other than serving in this role for DaVita at the Kresge and Highland Park sites, Dr. Migdal is not involved in the study contemplated by the agreement between Wayne State University and DaVita, nor was he involved in selecting the sites for the study or negotiating the agreement between Wayne State University and DaVita.

Dr. Robert Provenzano, M.D., is a voluntary clinical professor of medicine, Wayne State University. Dr. Provenzano serves as DaVita's Vice President, Medical Affairs and also as the Medical Director of DaVita Hospital Services. Dr. Provenzano is not involved in the study contemplated by the agreement between Wayne State University and DaVita, nor was he involved in selecting the sites for the study or negotiating the agreement between Wayne State University and DaVita.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Nicholson and seconded by Governor Massaron, the Board of Governors authorized the President or his designee to contract with Total Renal Research, Inc., dba DaVita Clinical Research, a subsidiary of DaVita, Inc. ("DaVita"), to perform clinical research services for up to 200 study subjects over an 18-month period at a total price of \$65,576. The motion was adopted with the following roll call vote:

Governor Dunaskiss — Yes  
 Governor Kelly — Yes  
 Governor Massaron — Yes  
 Governor Nicholson — Yes

Governor O'Brien — Yes  
 Governor Thompson — Yes  
 Governor Trent — Yes

### **Government and Community Affairs Report**

Vice President Lindsey reported on the status of the higher education appropriations budgets in the State Legislature. Both the House and the Senate versions have been sent to committee where they will be reconciled with the Governor's recommendations by early June. Wayne State is slated to receive anywhere from \$5.3 to 7.3 million, depending on the final decision. In addition, it appears that WSU is still in line for a capital outlay recommendation, specifically \$14 million for the STEM innovation center. Finally, the community engagement team is working on the Midtown Makeover to be held on May 7, and Mr. Lindsey invited anyone interested to meet at the Welcome Center.

### **Development and Alumni Affairs Report**

Vice President Burns reported that at the end of April, \$545 million was raised toward the goal of \$750 million. The funds were contributed by over 70,000 individual donors which Ms. Burns said makes an impressive statement about support for the University. Responding to Governor Kelly, Ms. Burns said that about \$9 million was raised in the Pivotal Moments Campaign since the last report.

### Establishment of Endowment Funds

Vice President Burns presented the endowment funds listed below for approval.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Dunaskiss and seconded by Governor Nicholson, the Board of Governors established endowment funds that total \$415,000 for the purposes presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

1. The Baxt Family Endowed Fund for the H.I.G.H. Program to support the mission of the H.I.G.H. program, including scholarships, emergency aid funding, salaries, marketing and other expenditures. \$25,000
2. The Jacob Marley Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$25,000
3. The Margaret J. Pond Endowed Scholarship for MBA Students to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Mike Ilitch School of Business. \$340,000
4. The Dr. David and Teresa Rosen Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$25,000

### Dissolution of Endowment Funds

Vice President Burns presented a request to dissolve an endowment fund. She explained that the donor felt that more student athletes could be helped with the renovation of a study room than with the proceeds of an endowment.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Massaron and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Board of Governors approved the dissolution of the James and Helen Hayes Endowed Athletic Scholarship. The motion was adopted unanimously.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Governor Massaron presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee, pursuant to Board statute.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Massaron and seconded by Governor Dunaskiss, the Board of Governors appointed and authorized the administration to enter into a contract with the certified public accounting firm of Plante Moran as the University's independent auditors for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2016 through 2018, with a possibility of two one-year extensions through 2020. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Secretary Miller received a request to speak from Mr. Thomas Anderson of the Union of Part-Time Faculty (UPTF) regarding contract negotiations and retirement match. President Wilson advised the speaker he had four minutes to present his remarks. Mr. Anderson presented his statement:

President Wilson, Chairman Pollard— who is not here, I see — the members of the Board. Thanks for the opportunity to talk to you this afternoon. As some of you will know, I am the Union of Part-Time Faculty's lead negotiator and vice president. Let me begin by saying that our negotiations this winter and spring have been cordial and productive, as have all of our interactions with the Provost's Office over the years. At this point, there are only a couple of outstanding issues and only one of those is in any way contentious or difficult, namely our request for a 1% match for those in UPTF who participate in the part-time faculty to participate in the 403B Retirement Program. Our proposal intentionally set the match in a minimal amount to encourage the University to agree to our request. We do understand that the most significant part of our proposal is not the cost, but asking the University to become the first public four-year institution in Michigan to match adjunct faculty contributions in any amount. One might reasonably ask, "Why should WSU blaze the trail here?" As you know, adjunct instructors in Michigan community colleges participate in the state retirement system. Funding for the community colleges is much different in this state than funding for public universities, and the state transfers funds to the community colleges to help them meet their retirement obligations. In total, those institutions are also on the hook for about 16% of salary for all employees, including adjunct faculty. Despite the difference in funding models, the principle embedded in the community college system is that after a lifetime of work, all employees should be able to have a decent retirement without worrying about how to feed themselves and pay the bills. In the post-war generation, the above was common policy throughout the country, the policy that has been undermined in the last generation by the trend towards part-time employment. Based on the data provided to us by the University, union part-time faculty members teach about 3,000 classes annually; roughly half of us teach two classes each semester. Many have taught at WSU for years: 56% for at least eight years, 21% for more than 15 years, and even some for more than 30 years. That's the core of the union; it is composed of long-term employees with more classroom experience at the university level than many tenured faculty.

Looking at the larger picture, many economists have predicted a retirement crisis of gargantuan proportions in this country. Consequently, Tony James, the president of the private equity firm Blackstone Group, as well as economists, legislatures, and President Obama, have supported the idea of establishing guaranteed retirement accounts. The specific proposal put forward by Mr. James calls for both employees and employers to contribute 1.5% of salary to such an account for all full-time and part-time employees. These portable accounts will be converted into annuities of retirement. Policies reflecting similar ideas have been implemented in other countries, Australia for instance. Mr. James is quoted as saying in reference to the retirement crisis, and I quote, "Not only is it a human crisis, I think, but it is fixable

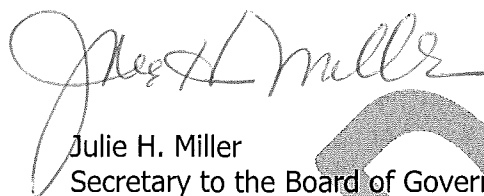
and it is fixable with very little pain and suffering on the part of any ... if you start now."

I believe UPTF has a track record of producing realistic bargaining platforms; we also understand the need for incremental changes to the system. A 1% retirement account match is a trivial amount compared to the instructional budget of the University. Our proposal, moreover, would certainly cost the University less than 1% of unit costs, since few of our members currently participate in the program and the 1% match will not encourage everyone to sign up. The real act, however, is that WSU steps up and shows other institutions in our state and country that they will do the right thing for all their employees and take the lead in a small way to begin to fix the looming retirement crisis in our country. Thank you.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary to the Board of Governors

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