



## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

December 7, 2023

### Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Espy. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present, with the following Board members in attendance:

Present: Governors Barnhill, Busuito, Gaffney, Kumar, Kelly, Land, and Stancato;  
President Espy

Also Present: Acting Provost Clabo, Vice Presidents Ezzeddine, Lindsey, Massaron, Poterala, Staebler, Stemmler, Wright, AVP Hafner, AP Padgett, and Secretary Miller

Following the roll call, Governor Gaffney asked for a motion to change the order of the agenda, to bring the consent agenda forward as the first item of business, and to modify the Consent Agenda by adding an additional 5 items from the Board's afternoon meeting. The following action was then taken:

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Busuito and supported by Governor Stancato, the Board of Governors approved the revised agenda for the Board meeting, and the request to move 5 additional items to the Consent Agenda. The motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

President Espy advised that, as just discussed, the revised Consent Agenda includes 7 items from the Board's Standing Committee meetings and 9 items from the Board meeting. She asked for a motion to approve the revised consent agenda as presented, which includes the following items:

#### REVISED CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of the Official Proceedings of September 29, 2023 (Regular Board)
- B. Change the name of the Master of Science in Information Management to the Master of Science in Information in the School of Information Sciences (Academic Affairs)
- C. *Parking Structure #2 - Repairs and Maintenance (Budget and Finance)*
- D. *Parking Structure #4 - Repairs and Maintenance (Budget and Finance)*
- E. *Helen L. DeRoy Auditorium - Reflecting Pool Repair and Interior Renovation (Budget and Finance)*

- F. Faculty Administration Building (FAB) - HVAC Controls Repair and Upgrades (Budget and Finance)*
- G. Lande Hall - Chiller Replacement (Budget and Finance)*
- H. Scott Hall - Chiller Replacement (Budget and Finance)*
- I. Personnel Recommendations (Regular Board)*
- J. Charter Renewal - Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics (Regular Board)*
- K. Charter Renewal - Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child and Family Development (Regular Board)*
- L. Creation of the Center for Emerging and Infectious Diseases (Regular Board)*
- M. Creation of the Ben L. Silberstein Institute for Brain Health (Regular Board)*
- N. Establishment of Endowment Funds in the amount of \$805,704.18 for the purposes presented (Regular Board)*
- O. Dissolution of the Irvin D. Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship in the Irvin D. Reid Honors College (Regular Board)*
- P. Adoption of the revised Schedule of Meetings, as presented (Regular Board).*

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Land and supported by Governor Busuito, the Board of Governors approved the revised Consent Agenda as Presented. The motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

President Espy reported that the Secretary received five requests to address the Board at today's meeting. The speakers were invited to the podium, and advised that each speaker will have 3 minutes to present their statement. The speakers and the statements presented follow below.

Zaynah Jadallah

In the name of Allah, the most gracious, the most merciful,. peace be upon you all. My name is Zaynah Jadallah. I am a student Senator at Large. I am here today to address the Board of Governors regarding 2324-03, the BDS Resolution. We, the student body of Wayne State University, demand a public meeting by the Board of Governors to discuss publicly divesting from war manufacturing companies that aid the Israeli occupation in murdering Palestinians. Instead, the BOG decided to

let President Espy privately address the student Senate by e-mail to inform us that the resolution was rejected. The brutal Israeli occupation of Palestine is not a faraway issue in the Middle East and is definitely not a conflict like the university outlets like to describe it. The DEI of the University of Wayne State has decided to have interfaith dialogues. The interfaith dialogues by Professor Khan and Lupovich, "A deeper dive, a deeper understanding," was funded by a grant for interfaith dialogue. The diversity, equity and inclusion chose Dr. Saeed and Khan and Howard Lupovich to lead the series, however, this is a very grave misuse of the grant as it doesn't facilitate diversity, equity nor inclusion. The dialogue inherently portrays the Israeli colonialism of Palestine as a religious issue that gravely distorts reality. Christmas is cancelled in Bethlehem because, as a priest put it quote, if Christ was born today, he would be born under the rubble from the Israeli bombing, unquote. Today is also Hanukkah and the Jewish people that are arrested for resistance against the genocide are not able to celebrate. This dialogue and the university's rhetoric ignore the coexistence of religious groups in the Arab world and the colonial impact of all Palestinians, regardless of religious affiliations. Both speakers solely represent the Zionist viewpoint and this institutional dialogue efforts a one-dimensional representation that is grounded in racism, misrepresentation and misinformation. It masks this settler colonialism for religious self-determination instead of white colonialism. Our concerns primarily lie inherent in the dialogue as it institutionally marginalizes the Islamic calls to justice and the Palestinians calls to liberation, crucial components in any discourse regarding their region's history. This oversight is not just a matter of fairness, it is a disservice to the Wayne State students and the intellectual integrity Wayne State University stands for. This discussion stifles authentic discussion and effectively imposes institutional level censorship, as both professors share the same cause for Zionism. In the spirit of true academic inquiry and social progress, we call for the inclusive approach in the planning and execution of such dialogue. Muslim and Palestinian voices must be heard and actively involved to enrich the conversation and enforce our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. Wayne State University has the opportunity and responsibility to model what genuine progress and understanding look like in an academic setting and we the student body are not stopping here. Wayne State University as a diverse institution in the heart of Detroit has a larger duty towards the students and community members. We are demanding that Wayne State University releases a Ceasefire Now Resolution, that matches the one released by the City of Detroit. Since October, 16,250 people have been murdered in Gaza, Palestine by the Israeli Apartheid. 7112 children killed, 280,000, homes destroyed. 20 hospitals shut, 1,900,000 people displaced and to put it in perspective, if Russia was Detroit, this is what the numbers would look like. 12,475 people killed, 5500 children killed, 470,000 homes destroyed, 51 hospitals shot, 1,458,000 people displaced. Gaza would be the 5th largest state in America by population, though it's only the size of Detroit, Las Vegas or Tampa. No one should have to suffer through what Israel's forcing upon Palestinians in Gaza, right now. These are not merely numbers, but human beings with souls, dreams and vision, until their bodies were crushed by and collapsed by their homes. And guess who helped fund the genocide by investing in war manufacturing companies. You, you, the Board of Governors of Wayne State

University. Israel's relentless and indiscriminate bombing campaign has left nowhere safe in Gaza, and almost no one can leave. At the same time, Israel's inhumane siege and blockade are preventing Palestinians from accessing food, water and necessary supplies like medical aid, hygiene products and blankets for warmth. Can you imagine what it's like to live through Israel's systematic destruction of everything and anyone you know, trapped, starved and besieged for over 60 days. You're welcome.

#### Zeinab Alghanem

Esteemed members of the Board of Governors, my name is Zeinab. I'm a Detroit native and I was a proud Warrior. I came here today to initially discuss diversity and pride and heritage, but it evolved into the stark realization of deeper issues that plague our university. There could be no celebration of any diversity without confronting this role of the university and the ongoing tragedy in Gaza, Palestine, and full recognition of my human rights. The reality of Hisham, Kinnan and Tahseen, three university students that were shot for wearing the Keffiyeh, one that I'm wearing here today, before you guys today. These names are not just names that are in the air that you guys might hear. These are the names of people that are your students as well. I've known these students with these names before. I've met them. I've seen them go to class. I've seen them in your campuses. These names are not just names. While they survived their trauma and scars are lifelong reminders of violence, we endured. Yet their experiences are not isolated. If they placed them in the occupied West Bank, they would have died. Their fate more tragic, hindered by the realities of occupation. Over 20,000 people have been indiscriminately martyred and they resemble me. They resemble your students. They resemble the people you represent and you play a role in that. If they placed me or anybody else, you or your children in those circumstances, you would want me standing here today asking for your intercession. For your help. You are at a crossroads and you have to think about this. What role do you want to play? Hisham, Kinnan and Tahseen are our students, their stories are our stories and our connection and my connection to Palestine cannot be overlooked or understated from our university community. In the past month and a half, Wayne State's actions demonstrate a troubling disregard for the student body that enables and perpetrates racism that enabled these hate crimes against them. Especially for those whose voice resonate with the cause of Palestine. This neglect is not just an omission, but a part of a larger pattern of institutional indifference, and in certain instances, active suppression. The actions of the Dean of Student Affairs, David Strauss are particularly racist. His policy shift from amplified music to amplified sound when it came to a Palestinian protest in direct response, and the selective enforcement of the student Code of Conduct are clear manifestations of targeted discrimination. The intimidation tactics used openly against student Senators. I'm sorry, I'm talking is everyone listening? I feel like someone's on their phone, but I honestly just. I'm here as your student. I'm here as someone you represent. And this is the view of are your students that you guys represent? I'm here to say, please care about me. Please care about our people. I'm tired. I just want to go to school, but I can't. I can't stop thinking about what's happening, and there's a role that you guys all play. Thank you so much.

Ridaa Khan

Good afternoon. My name is Ridaa Khan. I'm on the Wayne State Student Senate. Two Senate meetings ago, me and my colleague Zeinab were sponsors of the BDS Resolution. BDS stands for Boycott, Divestment, Sanction and it is a movement intended to withdraw material support and partnerships from state sanctioned violence. The content of the Resolution is clear and supported by many students, local community members, and especially on an official level by the Student Senate. It's actually one of the most popular and public events occurring in our Senate in recent times. Lately, the administrative response to this Resolution has been wholly insufficient and deliberately avoidant, instead of saying, "No, we will be continuing to invest in companies without a specific ethical review to assess involvement in genocide." We've heard that the words in the resolution could be hurtful to some and that this is a pluralistic campus with diverse views, without actually connecting those responses to the content of the resolution. Because if you did that, it would be nonsensical. It is obtuse to focus on the fact that there are different opinions, as there are for any issue ever. When it comes to the voting body after a majority yes vote was decidedly established. The resolution is not an exercise of free speech or opinion. That is what I'm doing right now. The resolution is a request for action approved by the Student Senate. It's ridiculous to shift focus on affirming that we have a right to free speech. As if we don't already know our right to free speech, and that is not a gift bestowed on us. Everyone will continue to speak in the face of systemic repression. Your responsibility is actually way more than simply assisting and encouraging the free flow of ideas. Please stop deflecting. I have been personally asked by members of the Metro Detroit community, dozens of students, a number of professors to give updates on the status of their resolution for the past month. What am I supposed to say to them? I understand how you're able to get away with hiding behind technicalities and that rules protect you from community responsibility. You have sent an unforwardable e-mail from President Espy to the Student Senate President as a form of response. Despite no public deliberation. But the community is actually, quite literally, waiting for you, and they are who I'm speaking for. I have a responsibility to countless people who've asked me about BDS, slightly emphasizing that there's two perspectives, aka, genocide complicit versus genocide opposed and validating that first side is a failing rhetorical strategy. President, former President Wilson publicly endorsed a letter condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and there were other school affiliated messages regarding that. Not that actually considering BDS would be picking a side, but since you think it's about sides and you can't pick one. The administration is completely contradicting themselves. Supporters and those complicit in Israel's genocide are protected by the law and by the status quo, just like every major injustice in history. This is not about my feelings or opinions. Michigan University is divested from South Africa, which had a direct material impact on ending apartheid there. There is precedent and traceable impact of adopting BDS. Please face the community who voted for you and whose money you handle and tell them in exact words what you are doing for apartheid and genocide in Palestine. Thank you.

Justin Cheong

Good afternoon, everybody, my name is Justin Cheong and I am a civil rights and immigrant rights organizer with the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action, Integration, Immigrant rights, and Equality by any means necessary. I just want to support the previous speakers on the question of Palestine and really put the demand on the new leadership of this university, President Kimberly Andrews Espy. I think that like taking a stance as a new leadership of this university is critical. I think that like as an international movement, an anti-war movement, it's been clear that this is a genocide and ethnic cleansing of Israel just slaughtering Palestinian lives. In this audience, many people have they participated in protests or not, they have watched it on TV, they have got it from their families, they have shouted and expressed their anger with Biden, with all the leaderships. It's clear the public opinion and the movement. Right now, there are in fact some politicians who have decided to follow the leadership of that movement, of our movement. Rashida Talib as well as the mayor of Dearborn, because they understand it is really difficult to govern the people of Michigan, the people of Detroit, when the majority of your students are working class students, immigrant students, racial minorities, as well as a bunch of students from Dearborn, you must represent them. So to take a stand on divestment is a very, very modest step, however this university, this board and this new leadership must express their political stance against Israel. To take a stand against the Biden administration on this issue, because genocide is wrong and you can do that and that will make a contribution to the movement. And that should be done. The other thing I want to say is right now there's a protest going on and we're not going to stop fighting until we win the victory for the Palestinians' struggle to get Israel out of Gaza as well as West Bank. Every day when people die we're not stopping fighting. I think that it's been very clear from the beginning of the mass movement that has been happening. So I encourage everyone here to continue to fight, to organize your fellow students, your community, to get people out, to take mass action, because that is the only way that has been making a change to get some ceasefire. But it's not enough. We need Israel out now. Sorry, there has also been literature distributed to the board. Please take a look. Thank you.

Elizabeth Williams

Hi, my name is LIZ. I'm an organizer with BAMN also. To this board, I would like to say you should follow the example and leadership of your students that are not only on the right side of history, but are the leading the movement for equality and the movement for the victory for the Palestinian struggle. You need to follow their example or you need to step down. To the movement. I would like to say this, this meeting usually happens in the student center. The reason it's not is because they're afraid of our power. There is a way forward. The answer to this genocide and to all the capitalist crisis is in the movement. The answer is in marching and fighting in the streets, not relying on electoral politics or voting for Genocide Joe. Making decisions that will save our future for the better, not relying on the capitalists and their politicians to lead us to a world of even more inequality, poverty

and injustice. We are taking control of our future, our destiny and the world we live in, we are winning. The world powers are in crisis and they don't know how to get out of it. In attempt to solve this crisis in Israel, Netanyahu has turned to fascism. He has turned to ethnic cleansing. In order to defend democracy, we call on the Jewish community in Israel fighting against Netanyahu's anti democratic and authoritarian government to unite with the Palestinian movement and a global anti imperialist anti war movement, and demand end to any government that supports genocide. Netanyahu must go. Biden must go. Trump must go. Down with fake pacifism. Any government or board that has remained silent and has not called for Israel to end their occupation, and stop the seizure on Gaza, is not a pacifist. By remaining silent, they are complacent in the genocide of the Palestinian people. We have learned many lessons throughout this period of time. We have learned our strength in defeating abortion ban, and getting Trump out of office, defeating the Muslim ban, building the "Justice for George Floyd Movement, that got the racist killer cop, thug Derek Chauvin arrested and thrown in jail, defending drag queen story hours and Planned Parenthood clinics, defending immigrant rights, stopping mass deportations, and shutting down fascist organizations. Throughout this, we have learned who the Democrats really are, the political representatives of the capitalists doing everything they can and their interests, not ours. To the people in Gaza, you are not alone. The whole world is marching and having continuous mass mobilizations for victory to the Palestinian struggle and for our own freedom and hope of our shared future. For dignity and in our vision of what the world should be and can be. I want to say to the people in Gaza and all those fighting their oppressors, be it their own government or imperialist nations like here in the US, there is the international integrated movement and we are winning.

#### **PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS**

The personnel recommendations approved earlier on the agenda from the consent agenda are listed below.

**School of Medicine:** Susan Eggly, for change in tenure status, from 1.0 tenure per University year to .50% tenure per University year in the Department of Oncology, effective December 1, 2023.

#### **Special Notes on Administrative Appointments**

##### **Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences**

Steven Firestine, for the appointment as Chair, effective September 1, 2023, for the term of 4 years, in the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, subject to the President or their designee during the term of the assignment.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The president began by expressing admiration for Wayne State University as a place of opportunity deeply connected to the community. She emphasized the university's commitment to community prosperity and introduced a new college-to-career initiative aimed at enhancing student success. The initiative focuses on providing diverse learning

experiences, both inside and outside the classroom, to prepare students for successful careers. She highlighted the positive impact these efforts have had on students' early career success and expressed excitement about the ongoing progress.

Next the president introduced a video featuring personal success stories of Wayne State alumni, offering a glimpse into the promising future of the initiative.

Moving to recent highlights President Espy acknowledged the achievements of junior faculty members, specifically mentioning Anna Doherty's award for her work on identifying causes of iron accumulation in the brain. The university celebrated the opening of the new M. Roy Wilson State Hall, with \$80 million in upgrades, recognizing Dr. Wilson's commitment to student success. She also reported the university has implemented a new responsible contractor policy for construction projects, aiming to select contractors based on qualifications and ensure safe, timely, and cost-effective project completion. The policy aligns with the university's commitment to ethical practices in construction projects.

President Espy also shared positive news about the School of Medicine and the College of Nursing, both receiving continued full accreditation with excellent reviews. The Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences is also undergoing positive preliminary reviews for its nurse anesthesia and pharmacy programs. She expressed excitement about planning for a new School of Public Health, acknowledging the support from the university and the need to engage various stakeholders for resources. Governor Whitmer chose Wayne State to announce the passage of bills aligning Michigan State law with the Federal Affordable Care Act, highlighting the school's significance to the state. The president expressed her gratitude for the ongoing partnership with the Governor and the Governor's recognition of the importance of Wayne State.

Turning to TechTown, President Espy highlighted TechTown's role in fueling innovation and business competitiveness in the region. Wayne State has received the Innovation and Economic Prosperity designation from APLU for an additional five years, making it one of 85 universities among over 2000 to have this recognition. The Michigan Economic Development Corporation has designated Wayne State as a Michigan Small Business Support hub, providing a \$3.4 million grant to enhance entrepreneurship support for over 3300 entrepreneurs.

In closing, President Espy recognized student athletes at the close of the fall semester. The National Football Foundation announced that graduate student Drake Reed was the only GLIAC football student athlete named as a national semifinalist for the William Camby Campbell Trophy, considered to be football's Academic Heisman award. Wayne's women's cross-country team and the men's cross-country team finished their season with a number of records, and it was exciting to be looking forward to what comes next.

The announcement by the state of Michigan regarding the \$30 million capital outlay to Wayne State for a new world class facility for Wayne Law is the only the third such capital outlay approval for Wayne State in the last dozen years and the largest in almost 3 decades. Advocacy by many for what this investment will mean for the community and the future of Wayne Law has been critical for this success. The President then introduced



Wayne Law School Dean Richard Bierschbach and asked him to share his vision for the School, which will take this new transformational state investment even further.

### **Building Wayne Law's Future**

Dean Bierschbach expressed his gratitude to President Espy and the Board of Governors for the opportunity to discuss this exciting development, acknowledging the collective advocacy that contributed to the grant. He emphasized the strategic vision that led to this development, aligning with Wayne State's values and mission of blending community engagement, high-level research, social mobility, and career success. The Dean presented highlights of the law school's success in achieving a top-ranking and outlined key achievements, including post-graduation employment and diversity metrics. The vision for the new facility is to innovate and advance legal education, leveraging university resources, community relationships, and the city's location to fully fulfill the institution's mission.

Plans for the future are to maintain the JD program at a stable size while expanding into other areas outside of the JD program to serve the university's goals of social mobility, community engagement, access to justice, and to elevate the university's reputation. Projections show an expected growth in non-JD programs, reaching enrollment of approximately 1,500 students by 2027. The new facility will accommodate this growth and support innovative programs aligned with the university's mission. Initiatives include a Master of Studies in Law program for non-lawyers, concentrating on various industries, and an undergraduate minor in law, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration. The expansion positions students for workforce success, will meet community needs, have a significant impact in Detroit, help in recruitment of underserved students, and in collaborations with other schools and colleges.

Dean Bierschbach provided some context on the Master of Studies in Law program for non-lawyers. The program allows students in fields like pharmacy and health sciences to obtain a minor in law, gaining insights into legal aspects without the commitment of law school. This successful program, with nearly 375 students, led to the launch of an undergraduate BA in Law, a unique offering that attracted 125 declared majors within two months. The BA in Law program sets the university apart and has significant growth potential, preparing students for diverse career paths. The new facility aims to bring together JD programs, master's programs, undergraduate minor programs, and other certificates, fostering collaboration and innovation in one space. The facility will support the integration of clinics and services, creating a comprehensive environment for legal education and practice, and consolidate legal education initiatives and community engagement under one roof.

Future programming could include a Community Justice Hub where clinics, undergraduate students engaging in community work, master's programs, and centers are interconnected, fostering collaboration and cross-pollination. The work of the Keith Center, Levin Center, clinics, Warrior Housing Corps can be enhanced in this environment, which will also include a renovated law library open to the public. Establishment of the the Center for Access to Justice is in the concept phase to address the access to justice gap, and other new programs are also under consideration. The

existing Wayne Law facility has limitations, and a new one will provide more adaptability, robust spaces, connectivity, modularity, and technological advancements. Concrete plans, including the location and timeline, are yet to be determined and will involve discussions with various stakeholders, including the Board of Governors, the Law School Advisory Committee, faculty, and planning departments. In closing, Dean Bierschbach advised that the Law School is eager to pursue its vision, and while there is no set timeline, the commitment to progress is evident and the sooner the better. He extended special thanks to those who contributed to securing the capital grant and successfully executing the vision. Those included key team members, professor Linda Beale, senior Assistant Dean Nikki Taylor Vargo and director of Clinical Education, Rebecca Robichaud, who are heavily involved in many of the initiatives previously mentioned. President Espy thanked Dean Bierschbach for his presentation.

### **BOARD CHAIR'S REPORT**

Before beginning his Chair's report, Governor Gaffney made the following statement:

Thank you, President Espy I would like to take just one moment and address our speakers and the student visitors today. The board itself worries about these issues. The war in the Middle East. The question of divestiture. The fairness of any involvement that we would take. We discuss these matters often. We haven't come to too many conclusions and I hope you understand these are very difficult times. We do know this, though, we don't want to take sides. We do know that the safety of our students, as they consider their feelings about this and as they let their feelings about the war in the Middle East and its repercussions be known, we think that their safety is primary. Also, very important to us is our respect for our students. They have a right to demonstrate, they have a right to their feelings and our job, I think, is to help them develop that. So one thing we also know is we hope to see our university family continue to make discussions and seminars available to students on our campus so that we can at the very least make these considerations some sort of a of a learning and a growing opportunity as well. We have been scolded and trained well not to respond to speakers and I think we still believe that's the best approach. But I did want to explain to you all, our family, what we're thinking.

Governor Gaffney then moved to his Board Chair's report:

He reported briefly on a fire that occurred over the Thanksgiving holiday in a lab the Biological Science building. He commended the exceptional effort and dedication of the facilities team, led by Rob Davenport, Jim Brock, and Jason Gesicki, as well as the Wayne State Police Department, led by Chief Holt. Special recognition was also given to those who worked tirelessly over Thanksgiving, including Dean Steffi Hartwell and Biology department Chair Marcus Friedrich. Jared Schrader, the faculty member affected by the fire, expressed appreciation for the Wayne community's collective efforts in responding to and addressing the situation. The building reopened the following week for classes, and gratitude was extended to all involved in the restoration efforts.

Governor Gaffney summarized a recent Board retreat that Board held earlier this fall. During the retreat, the Board reviewed the progress of the five-year strategic plan, with

plans to focus on aspects of the strategic plan over the next five board meetings, evaluating adherence, appropriateness of goals, and guidelines. He advised that the January 2024 Board meeting, which will be held in IBio, will focus on research and economic development. The Board also discussed the emphasis on increasing student enrollment each year, recognizing the challenges involved in that goal. While not specifying a particular number, the board agreed on the importance of continual growth, acknowledging its impact on a balanced budget, fulfilling the mission, and overall success. Governor Gaffney noted that the board proposed the idea of establishing a closer relationship with Detroit Public Schools, Detroit Area charter schools, and inner-ring suburban schools. The Board also discussed the importance of partnering with community colleges to support students not yet ready for Wayne State, a program already in progress.

Governor Gaffney noted that the board expressed full support for the president's plan for the Health Sciences, School of Medicine and development of the School of Public Health, including administrative changes. While acknowledging the time it will take for implementation, they expressed enthusiasm for the initiatives. The board also affirmed support for the university's current diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) efforts, expressing gratitude to Donyale Padgett for her work and looking forward to future developments in this area.

In closing, Governor Gaffney advised that the board, led by General Counsel Michael Poterala, is conducting a comprehensive review and is developing a strategy to ensure full compliance and readiness for EEO and Title IX considerations. He emphasized the importance of maintaining low numbers in compliance issues, expressing support for the complete review and restructuring of responsibilities. He commended Dean Bierschbach for the work done in organizing a February symposium on balancing freedom of speech with a welcoming campus and acknowledged diverse perspectives within the board in this area.

#### **SPECIAL TOPIC: UPDATE ON TECHTOWN**

President Espy provided opening comments on the next presentation, an update on TechTown, Wayne State University's research and technology hub. Tech Town was conceived by former WSU President Dr. Irvin D. Reid (1997-2008). It officially opened in 2004 and has since been working to fulfill its vision of being a hub for innovation and entrepreneurship in Detroit. Ned Staebler joined the university in 2011 as the VP of Economic Development and added TechTown to his portfolio in 2015. Over the years, TechTown has supported numerous small businesses in technology and community-based sectors, contributing to job creation and opportunities in the city. President Espy asked VP Staebler to share TechTown's recent accomplishments, challenges, and how its operations position it to enhance the college-to-career pipeline discussed earlier.

VP Staebler began with some initial history about the organization. It was founded in the late 1990s, officially incorporated in 2000, and opened in 2004, with the mission to commercialize technology from the university. Over time, it expanded to work with non-university projects and companies. The 135,000-square-foot building houses approximately 240 companies and close to 1,000 people. TechTown averages more than

10,000 visitors a month which it expects to increase to 12-13,000 monthly. Despite a decrease due to COVID, visits are up 45% year on year, with plans to reach 150,000 visitors this year, with people becoming more active and participating in more in-person events.

The vision for the hub is to create a space where serendipitous collisions occur, fostering vibrancy daily. The geographical area is part of the Wayne State Innovation District, including TechTown, (IBio) the Integrative Biosciences Center, 6001 Cass, and I2C. The area is envisioned as a growing innovation district with plans for more neighboring business connectivity. VP Staebler highlighted TechTown's role in tech commercialization and acceleration, supporting both tech and non-tech businesses. TechTown offers entrepreneurial education with a unique approach of providing ongoing personal coaching and support beyond classes, distinguishing TechTown's offerings from other programs. Tech Town is also involved in supporting nonprofits through CoAct, Detroit, an affiliated nonprofit support incubator. In 2023, CoAct worked with over 850 entrepreneurs who raised \$23 million in startup and growth capital. CoAct also emphasizes their commitment to representing the city they serve, with 84% of individuals served being entrepreneurs of color, 65% women, and 11% immigrant, highlighting their inclusive approach in supporting a diverse range of entrepreneurs.

Tech Town has been actively supporting entrepreneurship for more than 16 years. They have worked with over 6,000 businesses that raised over \$400 million in startup and growth capital, directly creating more than 2,000 jobs. TechTown emphasizes its ongoing commitment to fostering entrepreneurship, representing the Wayne State innovation district. The partnership with Wayne State University is crucial to its success, allowing it to leverage resources and expertise.

TechTown's collaboration with the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses program is unique and is currently in its 28th cohort. While Goldman Sachs typically partners with community colleges, they made an exception for Wayne State University. The program has graduated over 800 small business scholars, with next year marking its 10th anniversary and 30th cohort celebration. Alumni from the program collectively generate over a billion dollars in total annual revenue, showcasing the significant impact and success of the initiative.

TechTown also engages in retail boot camps, and collaborations with different university departments. As an example, TechTown's collaboration with The College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts includes events like the Winter Art and Retail Market. Despite a recent smaller version due to post-COVID adjustments, the event was successful, engaging more than 100 student businesses and 120 small businesses from TechTown. The participation of thousands of visitors highlights the impact of these collaborative efforts. VP Staebler described further collaboration with the Hilberry Gateway Theater, a new facility where several of TechTown's entrepreneurs set up to offer concessions during performances. This arrangement helped solidify proof of concept, and a coffee shop is now signing a lease to occupy the space permanently. The success of this model demonstrates a low-risk way to validate the viability of a space for

entrepreneurs before securing long-term commitments. The collaborative efforts showcase the integration of entrepreneurship into the university's educational ecosystem. TechTown plays a significant role in the global epicenter of mobility, a \$52 million federal grant aimed at leveraging regional assets to lead in the changing auto industry. As the coordinating partner for the Mobility Accelerator and Innovation Network (Main), TechTown collaborates with various partners, including Wayne State's Tech Transfer Office. This demonstrates the importance of having a nonprofit economic development entity like TechTown involved in such initiatives. The community engagement events, such as the Founders and Funders of Color event and Bank of America's Small Business Roundtables, contribute to fostering connections between the community and the campus.

TechTown has been hosting interns over the past few years, and Professor Jane Fitzgibbons inquired about the barriers to having more students participate. The primary obstacle identified was financial, but Professor Fitzgibbons expressed an interest in securing funding. She has successfully funded a couple of interns in recent years. The plan is to collaborate with the School of Business to expand the internship program, allowing students to not only work at TechTown but also to engage in entrepreneurial education and collaborate with the companies present at TechTown.

TechTown recently secured a \$3.4 million grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. This funding will enable the expansion of small business services beyond Detroit, reaching areas in Wayne County such as Inkster, downriver, and Ecorse, where entrepreneurs face similar challenges but lack access to support services. Additionally, TechTown is approaching its 20th anniversary and is undergoing a brand realignment to celebrate its impact over the past two decades and better reflect its association with Wayne State University. The goal is to emphasize that Tech Town is an integral part of Wayne State. The focus is on ensuring effective representation to the community.

VP Staebler then introduced three individuals working with TechTown to share their own experiences. Their statements follow below.

**Gabrielle Rush**

My name is Gabrielle Rush. I'm a current junior and honor student at Wayne State. I'm pursuing 2 bachelor's degrees in urban studies and public affairs with a minor in economics. Just to give you a little bit of background about me. This is my first year here at Wayne State. I moved here from Chicago in 2021 and recently graduated from Oakland Community College. One of the most asked questions I get is why did you move to Detroit? And it's often followed with some disgusted face or like a snarky comment, and instead of giving you the highly technical response of why I moved here to Detroit, I would like to respond with why I'm staying here in Detroit. Unlike my friends and my family who saw Detroit at face value, I saw a sea of opportunity here. And to me, Detroit means resilience. It means I have a place here and it's for the same reason I chose to go to school in the city I choose to work in the city and I'll eventually choose to raise my family in the city. I learned about Tech Town over the summer when Lisa Prasad, Vice

President and CIO of Henry Ford, generously invited me and allowed me to spend the day getting to know her and some of the employees at Henry Ford Innovations. At the time, I had no clue what TechTown was, but was encouraged to apply by those at Henry Ford and little did I know how life changing that would be for me. Here at Tech Town, I interned with the Entrepreneurial Education Department where I'm currently researching to see if there's a correlation between where our ASK an Expert alumni live and the services they need via geographic mapping. And beyond the technical skills I've learned here at TechTown like Excel and ArcGIS, I've also had the opportunity to expound on my professional experiences here. Over the course of the four months, I've had countless opportunities to attend dinners, summits, forums and conferences, where I'm not only able to apply what I'm learning in the classroom in real time, but meet other professionals and immerse myself deeper in Detroit's vibrant communities and neighborhoods. Some of these events include the Detroit Future Cities Equity Forum, the Global Detroit dinner with Lieutenant Governor Garland Gilchrist, Sustainable Urban Design Summit at New Lab, Founders and Funders, and much, much more.

TechTown has also given me a place to share my story and speak my voice as well. I've been proud to represent TechTown through my multiple speaking engagements, which include being a WGR radio guest, being a panelist for President's Espy's new College to Career initiative, having an article published by TechTown which expounds on how businesses can use AI. And being a guest here to the Board of Governors. Not only have I been privileged to represent TechTown at these events, but as Vice President of the Wayne State Economics Club, I've also been able to gain the confidence to host my own events. As Vice President of the Wayne State Economics Club we hosted the Vice President of the Chicago Federal Reserve for an event where I was a moderator for the panel. So it's important to mention that I'm not sharing all of this to boast to you guys, but to provide you with insight on how valuable TechTown has been, not only to my professional success, but my academic success and personal success. If you guys were to have seen my resume prior to TechTown, you would have seen nothing. I didn't have much on there. I think I even had my first job when I was 16 at Medieval times on there. But the way my community, my peers and my leaders had encouraged me and believed in me here at TechTown has allowed me to evolve from a community college student with a dream to a university student living the dream. I'm a firm believer that college is not just about what grades you get, but the experiences you gain. And Tech Town offers invaluable experiences to those who choose to capitalize on them. As an intern, as a student, and as a mom, I am confident that my peers will also find the same success I have found here. Ned has done a brilliant job of cultivating an atmosphere of leadership here at Tech Town that breeds natural curiosity, collaboration, humility, and excellence. Partnered with President Espy's enthusiasm to prepare students for graduation and beyond with her College to Career initiative, I'm very confident that we have the skills now with our students, with our staffs, and with our community to revitalize this city to what we know Detroit can be. I'm proud to be a part of this community and I'm very grateful for TechTown and Wayne State for giving me the space to grow. Thank you.

**Lydia Michael**

Good afternoon, everybody. I'm excited to be here today. Thank you for having me. I don't have anything officially written up, so I'll just talk to you for a little bit, and you'll tell me when my time is up. So, my name is Lydia Michael. I am a speaker, author of Brand Love, as of this year and also the founder and owner of Blended Collective which is a multicultural marketing and brand consultancy based here in Detroit. And, my journey started back in 2005 actually, when I came from Germany and came to Wayne State. That was really my start here in Michigan and Detroit. I learned a lot about myself and what I wanted to do in the future. Wayne State really in the early days proved to be a great place to build that foundation and it sort of stuck with me throughout my career. I ended up going back to Germany for grad school, came back to Detroit when Detroit was in the revival mode in 2016-17. As I was trying to rebuild my network, found myself at Wayne State again, and they were happy to welcome me with open arms. I really wanted to build a business in the city that would not only connect the dots between all of the work I had done, but also really connect the dots for the future of talent in the city and community. So, I, in 2017, started Blended Collective and in 2018 was awarded the Emerging Leader Award by Wayne State University. I wanted to make Wayne State part of my story and later, of course TechTown as well, when I joined as a member in 2019. To me, Wayne State and TechTown have always been these great supporters in the ecosystem where I feel like whenever I don't have an answer, whenever I don't have resources, I can go to and lean on and it truly has proven to be that and more. I joined the professional services network here at TechTown, was hired by TechTown to work on some exciting projects, and also joined the ASK an Expert program where I provide volunteer services every single month and find some of my new clients through that program. One of the key programs I also launched with Wayne State but also brought back to TechTown, was the internship program at my company Blended Collective. I am working with students at Wayne State University and exposing them to TechTown because I found that as a gap when I was a student at Wayne State. I had no idea TechTown even existed and to me it was this hidden gem that was right up the road. I wanted to make sure that students were aware of that, that they took advantage of that in the early days. There are a lot of connections here between TechTown and Wayne State as I continue to grow my business and further my career. Most recently, I received, the Salute Award from Tech Town. I feel like it really has brought everything together between growing up with Wayne State and continuing my journey with Tech Town. Thank you.

**Dr. Patrick Charles Hines, MD/PhD**

Good afternoon, Governors. I am honored to be able to talk to you a little bit about the work I'm doing here in collaboration with Tech Town. So just a little bit about me. I'm a physician scientist, I'm a pediatric cardiac ICU physician. My area of research is in red blood cell health and I've done a lot of research for many years in that area.

I'm originally from North Carolina. I did my training at University North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Residency Fellowship at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, and life brought me to Detroit. That's where my wife got a great position at University of Michigan in a residency, and I found an opportunity here in Detroit at Children's Hospital of Michigan and as a faculty member at Wayne State University. And I've been here since 2009.

The opportunity that has been presented with having TechTown in this community has been a big reason why I'm still here to this day. I always think about the why that sort of spurs why I'm interested in the work that we're doing and in red blood cell health. And it really comes down to the patients here in Detroit that I've met and that I've taken care of for many years.

One patient by the name of Sean was a little boy with sickle cell disease. I met him a couple weeks before he came into the ICU. He was a completely normal looking kid. He was doing fine. He suddenly became pale. He stopped eating and was really in distress and his mom could tell he was in a lot of pain. She brought him to the emergency department at the Children's Hospital of Michigan, where he was found to have dangerously low red blood cell counts. And he had to get rushed to the ICU and I happened to be on call that night. He was about two years old at the time, and we had to put central lines in, put in a breathing tube and stabilize and give him massive blood transfusions. It was really scary, period, having to sort of navigate that that situation. But unfortunately for a lot of kids with sickle cell disease, a lot of adults with sickle cell disease, this is how they come to medical attention. Detroit has the largest metropolitan area in the United States with the largest population of people living with sickle cell disease that doesn't have an established center of excellence. So, there's an enormous need here. I looked at what I was doing in my laboratory, which was developing tests to help us better understand not just what's happening to people when they come in, when they're sick, but how do we have sort of like a blood pressure for sickle cell patients. Something that when they're not sick like Sean was two weeks before he came to the hospital. We know that he's on track to have an illness that may put him in the hospital that may present him with a crises, so we can intervene and focus on preventative care as opposed to reacting to crises. And so that's what Functional Fluidics, a startup that I spun out of Wayne State University some years ago, was all about. Developing biomarker and test tools that allow us to assess the health of red blood cells when people are well and healthy so we can intervene, keep them healthy and hopefully change the trajectory of their life.

And it turns out at the same time, there were drug companies that were developing drugs that help improve the health of red blood cells, which is revolutionary in the context of medicine. We've never done that in medicine using drugs. We've never done it with gene therapy, which is a big thing that we're doing now. But what we didn't have was a way to objectively assess the health of red blood cells. And that's what was what our technology allows us to do.



But we needed a place to do it, so TechTown allowed us to have access to a laboratory environment here in the city of Detroit, where our patients are to develop and cultivate this technology and grow it. And since then, we started back in 2015, we had two people, with myself and and the business partner that I was connected with at the Wayne State Office of Commercialization. And we had one contract with one drug company that was about \$10,000 for a year. Today we've grown to about 25 people that we employ, the majority of them here in the city of Detroit. We've taken over a good part of the 5th floor now. We are supporting people in Florida, Mississippi, of course, the state of Michigan, DC, Maryland and now we've expanded globally to sub-Saharan Africa where we're making our tests available there to support the growth of drug trials, both in drugs and in gene editing therapy. And really, we could not have done this without having a home. Detroit is our base of operations and people all over the world come to Detroit to see what we do here and to learn more about the services that we offer to help expand the reach of red blood cell health and new drugs in that area. So very appreciative of what we have here at TechTown. The fact that you guys support this, this institution, we need more TechTown's in Detroit.

We don't want to lose opportunities to Ann Arbor and places around the country like the coast and Boston and San Francisco. We've got ideas right here in the city that we need to grow. We need we need to be able to grow that. And so I hope you guys continue to provide the support for TechTown, so opportunities like this continue to grow. So, thank you very much.

Governor Barnhill, while expressing enthusiasm for the growth of innovation clusters, asked VP Staebler about both the threats and opportunities related to the increasing number of them and whether there were some insights into the challenges and opportunities associated with this trend.

VP Staebler agreed that more innovation is generally better but expressed concern about the potential threat of other districts soaking up funding at various levels for unproven models. The worry is that funds might be directed towards initiatives that lack the experience and staying power of institutions like Wayne State, which has been involved in this work for almost 20 years. The opportunity lies in collaborating with other entities, coordinating efforts, and carving out specific roles within the ecosystem to present a coherent story to funding entities, avoiding duplication and making stronger, more coordinated requests.

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Three of the Board's standing committees, and the Board's Executive Committee, met earlier in the day. A detailed report of the discussions during each standing committee meeting can be found in the Minutes of those meetings. President Espy called on each of the Committee chairs for a report.

### ***Academic Affairs Committee***

Governor Stancato advised that the Committee's agenda included a presentation on transfer student success by acting Provost Clabo and Vice President Ezzeddine. Wayne

State's transfer enrollments are up, with the university having the highest market share in transfer students among Michigan universities. The report provided an overview of transfer initiatives and highlighted the demographics of the transfer population. The Committee members very much appreciated comments provided by two transfer students who shared how Wayne State is helping them realize their dreams in neuroscience and elementary education, respectively.

### ***Budget and Finance Committee***

Before giving his report on the morning committee meeting, Governor Barnhill asked for a moment of personal privilege, to address his thoughts about some of the concerns raised earlier in the meeting. His statement follows:

Governor Barnhill: Thank you, Madam President, and you know I want to apologize in advance because I want to start off with just a moment of vulnerability. I want to say that first I've been on this board for maybe four years and I still don't feel like I've settled into it all the way. You know it feels awkward being called Governor, still, it's awkward making decisions over the university where I don't have the level of experience in the Academy or administration as the people who are largely impacted. Then I realize that the office is not really about me, right? It's about the duty to the university and the accountability that we have to the public. And for the first part, I feel like I'm doing OK. I feel like I'm making good decisions as a person who has fiduciary responsibility for the board. And in terms of accountability to the public, I feel like I could do a better job from time to time at being transparent around why I'm making some of the decisions that I'm making. And so the second moment of vulnerability is admitting that for some reason, I feel like the exchange earlier with the students, and I thank you Chairman Gaffney for your comments, but I feel like it was a failure, right? I don't believe that it's a failure, in that it's beyond this board to come up with a resolution to what's happening in Gaza. I believe that acting on the resolution is tantamount to the same thing that they are accusing the board of doing, which is making a gesture absent of real impact. But I do feel like I failed in that there was a moment where I could have expressed to the students that I care about their feelings, their concerns and their struggles, and so I need to think about a better way to do that. But maybe there's an opportunity for us to work as a board to come up, to imagine a structure for these meetings that seems a little less confrontational and more collaborative. One of the things that I was just thinking about was I do feel like I have a responsibility to try to attend one of the next university discussions around this issue. So, if you could just let me know and I'll do that.

### **Budget & Finance Committee Report**

Governor Barnhill then moved to the committee report and advised that the committee covered six items in their meeting, including requests for capital projects. The first two focused on improvements to parking structures 2 and 4, followed by enhancements to the Helen DeRoy Fountain and interior improvements to the auditorium. The next item involved improvements to the HVAC at FAB, and the last two concerned chiller replacements. These items were voted on as part of the consent agenda. Additionally, the committee received reports on purchasing exemptions and capital projects. Governor

Barnhill concluded his report and thanked President Espy for taking the time to share thoughts.

### ***Student Affairs Committee***

Governor Kelly reported that the committee met this morning received a report on the University's efforts to provide a safe and inclusive learning environment for students. Acting Provost Laurie Clabo highlighted various support services and offices available to students, emphasizing that setting the tone begins at orientation. Dean of Students David Strauss discussed services such as care support, and intervention utilizing student care reports. The committee also received an extensive report on programs from the Office of Multicultural Student Engagement, focusing on learning communities, training, workshops, and current events. Counseling and Psychological Services, improved response times and additional services were also highlighted. The report concluded with Provost Clabo discussing next steps, including the review and coordination of services within the Inclusive Culture of Care team. The second agenda item covered the annual student conduct officers' report, summarizing student conduct issues from the past year.

### **Executive Committee**

Governor Gaffney reported that the Board of Governors has two items to report out that came forward from the executive committee.

The first one is a resolution honoring and thanking Naida Simon. Governor Gaffney then read the following resolution into the record:

### **Naida Simon**

After a long and illustrious career at Wayne State University, Nadia Simon is retiring and ready to enter a new phase of life; and

Whereas recognition and thanks should be given for the many accomplishments achieved with a high level of contributions to Wayne State granted by her work and for the many, many lives enhanced by Nadia Simon; and

Whereas after being raised in Detroit and attending Mumford High School and after receiving two degrees from U of M, received a Ph. D from Wayne State University, she then went on to serve 30 years at Wayne State. First as an academic services officer and since 2011 served as an extension program Coordinator 3; and

Whereas during that time at Wayne State University, Nadia Simon gave invaluable service to the institution, its faculty and its students. Her professional society memberships are numerous. Her professional honors and awards are many and come from both the college and the community. Her research and publication successes are impressive, and her overall service to the university has been both generous and invaluable. Naida Simons many successes include establishing the early academic alert midterm grades initiative, which I had to be part of coming out of my one class. Yes, the no worker left behind initiative, a program for training the unemployed, and the Student Success initiative, the Phoenix program. The Board of Governors knows her best from her long and value service on its Student Affairs committee; and

Whereas this resolution could go on even longer, as this is only a partial list of Nadia Simons accomplishments.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Governors go on record with this resolution and recognition to thank with much gratitude, Nadia Simon for her service, contributions and successes on behalf of Wayne State University.

Governor Gaffney advised Ms. Simon that the Board has appointed her as an honorary member of the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Governors of Wayne State University. He added that, "Your years here have changed lives positively, and also made this university much better. We thank you."

Following applause to Ms. Simon, who was in the audience, Governor Gaffney continued with a second resolution, honoring and thanking Charles Parrish, Professor of Political Science and former President of the WSU Chapter of the AAUP-AFT. He read the following resolution into the record:

**Charles Parrish**

Charlie Parrish has had a tremendous career at Wayne State University, spanning 50 years and including service as a professor of political science beginning in 1971 as the director of the Wayne State University Institute of Gerontology and as a department chair, and

Whereas, that is only half of the story. Charlie Parrish expended much energy and a tremendous amount of time in the years between 1989 and 2021 in the service of his fellow academic workers. From the bargaining committee to the faculty grievance operation at the National AAUP Leadership Council and in the Presidency of the AAUP Local 6075, which is affiliated with the American Federation of Teachers and the AFL-CIO. Charlie worked hard on behalf of his members, the great professors and academic staff of Wayne State University; and

Whereas, he served five Wayne State University administrations and presidents, all the while willing to inform them when he disagreed with their decisions or intentions. Charlie Parrish believed in the academic standard of effective shared governance and is quoted here. "The Union is seen by sensible academics and administrators, as a responsible partner in working for an effective institution"; and

Whereas, Charlie Parrish will forever be remembered as both a dedicated professor and an active union president. His enormous contributions to Wayne State and his Union are reflected first in longevity. Next in his diligence and commitments and measured by his lifetime rating in the rate my professor as one 85% of students would reenroll with. And by the successful lasting merger between AAUP and the American Federation of Teachers, a project important to the American and Michigan labor movements that Charlie spearheaded. I can tell you that was a very big deal; and

Whereas, colleagues have mentioned his distinguished academic career and his superior classroom presence, as well as his sometimes unappreciated but thoughtful grievance

promotion and appointment work on behalf of others. And colleagues have praised his hours of unheralded, detailed committee work that, while often allowing others to take center stage, is found at the heart of progress in the academic enterprise.

Therefore, be it resolved that on this day of December, 7, 2023 at their formal meeting, the Wayne State University Board of Governors unanimously recognizes, and with gratitude gives their thanks to Charlie Parrish for his many years of important service to Wayne State University.

Governor Gaffney concluded his report.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTS FROM THE UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP**

President Espy advised that the divisional reports from executive leadership members are available in the meeting materials, and that the action items that follow through the remainder of the agenda were approved earlier in the meeting on the consent agenda. Details of those actions are explained more fully below:

#### **Charter Renewal - Center For Molecular Medicine And Genetics**

The Board of Governors approved the recommendation to renew the charter for the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics (CMMG) through December 2026. The Interim Vice President for Research concurred with this three-year charter renewal recommendation, as did the Policy Committee of the Academic Senate. The Center and Institute Advisory Committee-II (CIAC-II) reviewed CMMG and their report of recommendations was presented to the Policy Committee and the Interim Vice for Research. (Consent agenda)

#### **Charter Renewal - Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute For Child And Family Development**

The Board of Governors approved the recommendation to renew the updated charter for the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute for Child and Family Development (MPSI) through December 2029, as recommended by the Center and Institute Advisory Committee-II (CIAC-II). The Interim Vice President for Research, Timothy Stemmler, and the Policy Committee of the Academic Senate concurred with this six-year charter renewal recommendation. (Consent agenda)

#### **Center And Institute – Creation Of Center For Emerging And Infectious Diseases**

The Board of Governors approved the creation of the Center for Emerging and Infectious Diseases for a period of six years. (Consent agenda)

#### **Center and Institute – Creation of the Ben L. Silberstein Institute for Brain Health\***

The Board of Governors approved the creation of the Ben L. Silberstein Institute for Brain Health for a period of six years. (Consent agenda)

### **ESTABLISHMENT OF ENDOWMENTS**

The Board of Governors approved the establishment of endowment funds that total \$805,704.18 for the purposes presented (Consent agenda):

**1. ARMSTRONG-BROMEL INSPIRATIONAL GRADUATE STUDENT TEACHING AND MENTORING AWARD**

This endowed student support fund is established to provide support for an annual award to a graduate student teacher in the Department of Biological Sciences in recognition of excellent teaching, leadership, and mentoring. This fund is established in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a generous gift of \$50,000.00 from Kathryn A. and Gary M. Armstrong.

**\$50,000.00**

**2. JOSEPH T. AND CAROL J. BATDORF ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Medicine with a generous gift of \$25,000.00 from Joseph T. Batdorf, M.D.

**\$25,000.00**

**3. BDO ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN ACCOUNTING**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the Mike Ilitch School of Business with a generous pledge of \$25,000.00 from BDO Global.

**\$25,000.00**

**4. BARBARA AND SHELDON BERRY ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP IN FRENCH STUDIES**

This endowed scholarship fund is established in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures with a generous gift of \$30,000.00 from Barbara Joyce Berry, PhD.

**\$30,000.00**

**5. LOIS J. GARRIOTT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Social Work with a generous gift of \$30,000.00 from Heidi M. Schueler on behalf of the Family of Lois J. Garriott.

**\$30,000.00**

**6. M. MARLYNE KILBEY ANNUAL RESEARCH IN BIOPSYCHOLOGY AWARD**

This endowed support fund is established in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences to provide support in the Department of Psychology for on-going or proposed graduate student research with a generous pledge of \$60,000.00 from Mildred Marlyne Kilbey, PhD

**\$60,000.00**

**7. DENNIS LEVASSEUR MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the Law School with a generous pledge of \$25,000.00 from Lawrence Carver Mann. \$25,000.00

**8. TAMAM MOHAMAD MD., AND SOUZAN TARRAF ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Medicine with a generous pledge of \$30,000.00 from Tamam Mohamad, M.D. \$30,000.00

**9. DEARBORN HEIGHTS ROTARY CLUB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP IN MEMORY OF CLAY RYAN**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Social Work with a generous gift of \$25,000.00 from the Dearborn Heights Rotary Club. \$25,000.00

**10. ELI A. SCHERR ENDOWED FINISH LINE SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Nursing with a generous pledge of \$25,000.00 from Eli A. Scherr. \$25,000.00

**11. NEDRA GLOVER TAWWAB ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Social Work with a generous pledge of \$50,000.00 from Nedra Glover Tawwab. \$50,000.00

**12. DONALD R. YELEN AND R. DELPHINE YELEN ENDOWED UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP FOR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a generous bequest of \$435,704.18 from the estate of Donald R. Yelen. \$435,704.18

### DISSOLUTION OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The Board of Governors approved the dissolution of the Irvin D. Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship in the Irvin D. Reid Honors College. On behalf of the Donor, the Dean of the Irvin D. Reid Honors College and the VP of Development of Alumni Affairs requests the dissolution of the Irvin D. Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship (corpus #061852; beneficiary #447327). Furthermore, the Donor has requested for the University to direct the balance of funds from the corpus of Irvin D. Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship to the corpus of the Irvin D. Reid and Pamela Trotman Reid Endowed Scholarship (#060193) and funds from the beneficiary of the Irvin D. Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship to the beneficiary of the Irvin D. Reid and Pamela Trotman Reid Endowed Scholarship (#447926). Upon approval by the Wayne State University Board of Governors, the University shall dissolve the Irvin D. Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship fund and transfer the balance of funds as outlined above. (Consent agenda)

### ADOPTION OF A REVISED MEETING SCHEDULE

#### REVISED OFFICIAL NOTICE OF MEETINGS, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025

The Board of Governors approved the revised schedule of meetings for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025, as presented (Consent agenda).

Listed below is a schedule of public meetings of the Wayne State University Board of Governors and its committees for 2023-2024 and 2024-2025. Regular Board meetings and meetings of the standing committees will convene in the Student Center Ballroom unless indicated otherwise in the notice of meetings, which will be distributed prior to each meeting.//

2023-2024	2024-2025
September 29, 2023 (Friday)	September 27, 2024 (Friday)
December 7, 2023 (Thursday)	December 5, 2024 (Thursday)
January 31, 2024 (Wednesday)	January 31, 2025 (Friday)
March 6, 2024 (Wednesday)	March 19, 2025 (Wednesday)
April 26, 2024 (Friday)	April 30, 2025 (Wednesday)
June 26, 2024 (Wednesday)	June 26, 2025 (Thursday)

Unless otherwise noted, the time schedule for the above meetings will be as follows:

9:00 a.m. - Board Standing Committee Meetings

12:00 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting

3:00 p.m. - Board of Governors Meeting

In addition, additional meeting dates proposed below would be used only if a meeting of the Executive Committee is deemed necessary. Such a meeting would start at 9:00 a.m. on the following dates:

2023-2024	2024-2025
October 25, 2023 (Wednesday)	October 30, 2024 (Wednesday)
April 4, 2024 (Thursday)	April 10, 2025 (Thursday)
June 5, 2024 (Wednesday)	June 4, 2025 (Wednesday)



**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at ??? p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie H. Miller  
Secretary to the Board of Governors

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