

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

December 1, 2017

### Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by President Wilson in Room BC of McGregor Memorial Conference Center. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present, with the following Board members in attendance:

Governors Busuito, Dunaskiss, Gaffney, Kelly, Nicholson, O'Brien, Thompson, and Trent; and President Wilson

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

### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. Approval of the Official Proceedings of October 6, 2017 (Regular Board) and November 10, 2017 (Special Board)
- B. Personnel Recommendations

#### Academic Affairs

- C. Establishment of a new program for the Doctor of Philosophy Program in Counseling Psychology
- D. Establishment of a Joint Master of Arts in Public History and the Master of Library and Information Science

#### Budget and Finance

- E. Criminal Justice Building and Lot 11
- F. Fabrication and Upgrades of Components for the Large Hadron Collider

### Approval of the Official Proceedings (Board)

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Gaffney and seconded by Governor Kelly, the Official Proceedings of the October 6, 2017 Regular Meeting and the November 10, 2017 Special Meeting of the Board of Governors were approved as presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

### Personnel Recommendations (Board)

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Gaffney and seconded by Governor Kelly, the personnel recommendations were approved and action authorized in accordance therewith. The motion was adopted unanimously.

***School of Medicine***

Bahig Shehata, for appointment as professor (clinical) in the Department of Pathology, effective October 2, 2017.

***Special Notes on Administrative Appointments  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences***

Wayne Raskind, for extension of appointment as Dean, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, subject to the pleasure of the President or his/her designee during the term of the assignment.

**Establishment of a New Doctor of Philosophy Program in Counseling Psychology  
(Academic Affairs)**

The Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology prepares practitioners for full licensure as doctoral-level psychologists in the State of Michigan. The current Ph.D. in Educational Psychology is in its last year and is being phased out because the accrediting body is closing and the State of Michigan Board of Psychology now requires that all programs have American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation. In the field of Psychology, the APA accredits three types of “applied” psychology – School, Counseling, and Clinical. There are several Clinical Ph.D. programs in the state, although each university admits less than ten students per year, leaving much demand for doctoral level, fully licensed psychologists.

With respect to the Counseling Psychology program, only Western Michigan University offers a Ph.D. program, and again there is need for practitioners trained with the full psychologist license. The College of Education has several years of students waiting to join a doctoral level program, and the new program will fulfill the College’s professional goals of having full training from the master’s through the doctoral level. In addition, the mental health training in the program will support initiatives to improve mental health services to students around the campus, since students in the Ph.D. program will provide services to adult students on campus as part of their practica/internships. The Psychology Department in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, which offers a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, supports the establishment of the Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology. Their Clinical Psychology program receives 200 applications for only 7-8 openings per year, reflecting a high demand for the program. In addition, doctoral students in the new program will continue to take classes in the Clinical Psychology program rather than duplicating courses.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Gaffney and seconded by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors established a new degree program, the Doctor of Philosophy in Counseling Psychology, in the Theoretical and Behavioral Foundations Division in the College of Education, effective Fall term 2018. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Establishment of a Joint Master of Arts in Public History and the Master of Library and Information Science (Academic Affairs)**

The administration recommends the establishment of a Joint Master of Arts in Public History and the Master of Library and Information Science. The Master of Arts in Public History was established three years ago as a terminal M.A. to prepare students for careers that make historical research accessible to a public audience in fields outside of academia, such as museum administration, public policy, historical preservation, archival administration, and tourism. Since the MAPH program began, the History Department has received several inquiries from students wishing to enroll in a MAPH-MLIS joint degree program. The proposed joint degree would require a total of 55 credits for both degrees as opposed to 69 if they were completed separately. While it is common for library and information science programs to offer joint master's degrees in areas such as history, anthropology, and science and technology studies, only a few ALA-accredited programs offer joint degrees in library science and public history, with only Dominican University and Loyola University-Chicago offering the program in the Midwest. Students in this program will be trained to communicate with broad public audiences about collections and holdings, and create exhibits and public programming, all within a wide range of settings, including libraries, archives, and museums, state and federal agencies, as well as the private sector.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Gaffney and seconded by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors approved a joint degree program between the Master of Arts in Public History (Department of History, CLAS) and the Master of Library and Information Science (SIS), effective Winter term 2018. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Criminal Justice Building and Lot 11 (Budget and Finance)**

At its meeting of December 2, 2016 the Board of Governors approved a Memorandum of Understanding agreement with Developer Peter Cummings, and entered into a Development Agreement, a long term Ground Lease, a Purchase Agreement for the Sale of 6001 Cass Avenue (the Criminal Justice Building), a Purchase Agreement for the Sale of a portion of 445 York, Lot 11, to accommodate a residential condominium, and a Perpetual Lease for an Art Gallery to be built within the CJB. Since then, the administration and the

developer have negotiated several changes in terms and conditions, and a detailed chart is presented in the document.

Among those changes to the original plans was the recommendation to develop CJB into office space rather than into 69 residential apartments. The building's structure would make it difficult to provide sufficient external light to apartment units; it would not be a detriment, however, for constructing offices, which often do not have windows. In addition, given the proximity of iBio and TechTown, there has been considerable interest in expanding office space in the area. In terms of parking, although WSU will retain the right to 220 parking spaces within the parking structure, it loses the right to segregated use of those spaces. Other recommended changes deal with financial agreements and the development of Lot 11. There would be no change to the construction of condominiums on Lot 11.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Gaffney and seconded by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors authorized the President, or his designee, to approve the negotiated changes in terms and conditions, as presented, of the Development Agreement, Ground Lease, Sale of 6001 Cass Avenue (commonly known as Criminal Justice Building), Sale of portion of 445 York (commonly known as Lot 11), Perpetual Art Gallery Lease, and Developer's Construction of Parking Structure. The motion was adopted unanimously.

#### **Fabrication and Upgrades of Components for the Large Hadron Collider (Budget and Finance)**

The Department of Physics and Astronomy, in collaboration with the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, is part of a Large Ion Collider Experiment (ALICE), a project funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and hosted by the European Organization for Nuclear Research (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland. In order for CERN to upgrade the Collider for advanced experiments, it is necessary to upgrade certain components of the experiment. Through a subcontract with the University of Tennessee, WSU will assist in the upgrade. It involves procuring \$2,024,738 in specialized electronics; i.e., gem foils and mechanical components that can be procured only through CERN as they are not available elsewhere. Once WSU completes its part of the fabrication process, the components will be shipped to Yale University for further assembly. The funding for this project is secured through the subcontract from the University of Tennessee.

Vice President Lanier explained that technically, as a Department of Energy award, this project would probably not need Board approval. However, it would appear eventually as a \$2 million sole-source purchase in the Purchasing Exceptions report, and in order to avoid

any ambiguity, the administration presented the project to the Board for its information as well as its approval.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Gaffney and seconded by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors authorized the President, or his designee, to award a contract not to exceed \$2,024,738 to the European Laboratory for Nuclear Physics (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland, to procure electronic and mechanical components to fabricate major upgrade to the Time Projection Chamber (TPC) and Inner Tracking System (ITS) which is part of a Large Hadron Collider experiment located in Geneva. The motion was adopted unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Wilson gave a report on recent events on campus.

Wayne MedDirect Program — Mr. Mort Harris gave a generous gift of \$10 million in support of the Wayne MedDirect program. The program admits talented high school graduates, who wish to work on health disparities among vulnerable populations, into both the Honors College and the School of Medicine simultaneously. The students spend their undergraduate years getting special training in leadership and research and, assuming they maintain a good honor point average and do relatively well on their MCATs, they go on to the School of Medicine. The program has now admitted its second cohort, and President Wilson was pleased to note that the first cohort of 10 students had a cumulative GPA of 3.95 after their first year. He commended Mr. Harris for his support of the program as well as his previous support of the School of Medicine, the School of Social Work, and the Fitness Center, which is named after Mr. Harris.

Diversity in the School of Medicine — The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) held its annual meeting in early November, and WSU's School of Medicine was one of the finalists the prestigious Spencer Foreman Award for Community Service, and received recognition for its commitment to service. President Wilson is very involved with the issue of African Americans in science and in medicine, and he led a symposium on that subject at the AAMC meeting. Two weeks later he participated in a discussion at the National Academy of Sciences on the more specialized topic of Black males in medicine and science. The President noted that Wayne State is doing its part to mitigate this problem, and this year's class of minority students included 33 African American students, many of whom were young men.

Thanksgiving Day — Wayne State hosted a Watch Party for the Thanksgiving Day parade for about 600 people on the second floor of the Welcome Center. Later that afternoon

President and Mrs. Wilson hosted more than 70 students and invited guests for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the Jacob House.

Noel Night — The annual Noel Night will take place on the campus and throughout the Cultural Center on December 2. The President noted that Vice President Staebler's project, the Winter Art and Retail Market on Warren and Woodward, was listed as second on the list of Top 10 things to do on Noel Night by the *Detroit Free Press*.

Athletics — The four-year class average graduation rate for all student athletes – including transfers, financial aid recipients, walk-ons – was 72%. President Wilson said this is an incredible accomplishment, showing that WSU student athletes are excellent not only in competitions but also academically. He noted also the thousands of hours they spend in community service, including the recent beatification of Father Solanus Casey at Ford Field, where 148 WSU student athletes volunteered eight hours each to assist the elderly and disabled attending the Mass.

### **Warrior Strong Campaign**

The second part of the President's Report was on the Warrior Strong Campaign, and the President noted that he has heard nothing but positive comments about the new campaign. He asked Vice President Wright to continue with the presentation.

Mr. Wright gave a brief description and rationale for the campaign before introducing his Associate Vice President, Carolyn Berry. The Aim Higher campaign served its purpose well, describing what and where the University was as an institution. With the upcoming University Sesquicentennial, however, it was time to refresh the brand and the campaign. In talking with students, alumni, and others, he and his staff noted the attributes of the warrior, i.e., tenacity and resilience, courage and selflessness, all consistent with WSU's history and Detroit's history. The Warrior Strong campaign, therefore, is about who the members of the University community are, and the feedback that he has received from people on campus indicates that the message will resonate for some time.

Ms. Berry continued the presentation, explaining that several rounds of research and considerable discussion with alumni and current students showed that inside every student, faculty and staff member is an inner drive that pushes them past obstacles toward success, and hence the name Warrior. She shared a conversation with an alumna who was at first uncomfortable with the idea of a warrior and what it represented, but later realized it symbolized who she was as an individual. The alumna recounted her time at Wayne State and what she went through during her career as a teacher, and concluded "I fought a war,

and I am a warrior". Reading a portion of one of the campaign's communications, Ms. Berry discussed further the idea of strength and the inner drive to keep moving forward, to do the right thing, and to strive for the way things ought to be. At Wayne State, students find they are challenged to take this strength and make it stronger, and this message was repeated in every story that the team listened to. During the formulation of the campaign, they talked to faculty and staff and interviewed over 200 students at 38 different places on campus. Ms. Berry concluded with examples of the campaign ads as well as a video showing samples of some of the interviews.

### **SPECIAL TOPIC – UPDATE ON RESEARCH**

Vice President Lanier gave an update on progress and activities in the Research Division at the midpoint of the Division's five-year plan. The plan follows closely WSU's Strategic Plan, which Dr. Lanier described as substantial compared to other plans he has been involved with. When he arrived in 2014, the University was experiencing a downturn in research funding, and it was necessary to reverse that downward trend. Another was to support the development of thematic-based initiatives that move research out of silos and help address real issues of relevance to urban areas like Detroit.

One of the first things Dr. Lanier did was to restructure the office. The traditional organizational structure included the program vice presidents for managing sponsored programs, grants and contracts, and research integrity; the vivarium and human research programs, and several institutes and centers reporting to the Research Division. The updated structure added assistant vice presidents in charge of programmatic initiatives, specifically Integrative Biosciences, Research Enhancement and Development, and Translational Sciences and Clinical Research Innovation. Among these initiatives is "Healthy Urban Waters", a program headed by Professor Carol Miller that cuts across multiple colleges in the university, from engineering to social work to law, and has a number of strategic partnerships in the city.

The downward trend in research funding had to be addressed, and the charts for 2017 showed an increase of over \$40 million compared to the numbers five years ago. Dr. Lanier noted the increase in corporate funding in 2016, when a mechanism was put in place to capture all the clinical trials dollars that come into the University, which had not been done before; this was important because 95% of the corporation dollars flow from clinical trials. He

further explained the slight downturn in 2017 from 2016, which he attributed to two factors. The first was a slight downward trend in federal government funding other than NIH and NSF, specifically agencies such as the Departments of Defense and Energy. The second was a decrease of \$3 million in state funding that reflected a nuance in how state funding comes in at the change of fiscal years, resulting in a slight bump in 2016 and a decrease in 2017.

In terms of federal funding, WSU started off in 2013 with \$98.9 million and had \$125 million in 2017. This is important because federal grants carry a full F & A (indirect cost) rate, currently at 54%. Once award funds come in, they must be spent on research, and the charts show that WSU experienced a five-year decline in research expenditures, with the numbers not improving until FY 2016. The increase in research expenditures means a greater recovery of F&A dollars, 50% of which go into the General Fund. Again, the charts showed over the last 10 years that F&A recovery peaked at \$39 million in 2011, experienced a decline, and stabilized, ending at \$34.2 for FY 2017. Vice President Lanier said he was optimistic about keeping the momentum going.

Another important area within the Research division is technology transfer, or technology commercialization. Investigators in the lab make discoveries that are evaluated and vetted. If deemed of value, they may go further for a patent application. A patent may be issued, and at the same time the Research office may negotiate a license deal for that technology with a company. During the five-year period leading up to 2017, disclosures and patent applications for the U.S. were relatively stable, although there was a downturn in foreign applications, which are much more expensive than filing for U.S. patents and not as lucrative. For FY 2017, the numbers increased for patents issued and licensing, as well as greater activity around start-up company formation and an accompanying increase in revenues. Often those companies are funded by Small Business Innovation Research Grants from the federal government. There were twelve start-up companies over the last three years, one of which was a gene-based therapeutic company acquired by the pharmaceutical company, Allergen.

Finally, Dr. Lanier discussed the iBio initiative which has proven to be a major asset in contributing to programmatic development. The clinical research center runs in response to clinical trials. Community advisory boards are set up around different disease areas such as hypertension, cancer, neurosciences, and diabetes and obesity. The area of environmental sciences covers the urban life span from the PRB to Children's Hospital to Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute of Child Development to Institute of Gerontology. The idea is that each of those entities would include a discovery-driven component, translational component, a



community engagement component, and an implementation component that moves ideas forward, and each would include individuals from different colleges, different experiences in life that are assembled around this challenge. There has been a fair amount of recruiting, with people coming in from different colleges and different expertise, but all around these different themes. The approach has also led to a number of programmatic grants, including the renewal of the Cancer Center support grant of about \$15 million. Many of the programs have direct impact on WSU's mission in Detroit, such as HIV-related management among youth, a grant to the behavioral group involving intervention around diabetes management in the home, and urban watersheds. Dr. Lanier concluded his presentation, stating that the Research Division will continue to develop an environment where people feel empowered to move their ideas forward so they actually have benefit to society.

Governor Thompson said it was encouraging that there has been an increase in research dollars coming into the University. She asked if there was reason to be concerned about a drop in federal research dollars. Vice President Lanier responded that the discussion has been rather mixed during the past year. Although there was concern that the F & A recovery rate would be cut, the Senate actually mandated an increase of \$2 billion for NIH for federal funding. Certain initiatives from the Obama administration were also funded, such as the Brain Initiative and the Cancer Moonshot Initiative. However, areas such as the EPA and environmental health sciences may be affected because of the differing and contentious political philosophies.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

### **Academic Affairs Committee**

The Committee had two action items that were approved as part of the Consent Agenda, and one presentation on the *University Press*. Interim Director Kathryn Wildfong discussed the challenges of running the Press and meeting consumer expectations in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, as well as strategies being followed to meet those challenges. The Press has been the recipient of several grants which have helped them to develop new formats. Finally, Ms. Wildfong reviewed examples of several recent publications by the Press.

## Budget and Finance Committee

The Budget and Finance Committee had two action items that were approved as part of the Consent Agenda and the following three informational reports.

**Contingency Reserve** — There were no requests for transfers from the Contingency Reserve, and the balance for FY 2018 remains at \$430,000.

**Major Capital Projects Overview and Major Real Estate Projects Overview** — Vice President Decatur presented a progress report on major capital projects currently underway and their expected completion dates. The second report discussed four new real estate ventures and their current status.

**Purchasing Exceptions** — The report summarized purchases greater than \$25,000 that were issued without competitive bids during the months of August, September, and October 2017.

## Student Affairs Committee

The Committee heard the following four informational reports:

**State of the Student Senate** — Dean David Strauss began the report, discussing the various activities of the 432 recognized student organizations. The President of the Student Senate, Nourhan Hamadi, reviewed the goals and success of the various project groups formed within the Senate, ranging from academic success, graduation and retention rates, community affairs, and government affairs. On a less formal level, Senate members are involved in campus discussions on the new housing construction, parking, class scheduling, and other issues of concern to students.

**Update on The South End** — Jordan Works, Editor-in-Chief, noted that the newspaper recently celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on campus. It continues to cover important issues on campus on its web site and other multimedia, and issues three print editions per academic year. This year, the *South End* received second place for the best four-year college newspaper by the College Media Association.

**Enrollment Management** — Dawn Medley, Associate Vice President, presented an enrollment update for fall of 2017. Although total headcount enrollment over the last six years is flat, there have been marked improvements in FTIAC and transfers as well as increases in undergraduate Business, Engineering, and Nursing, graduate Business and Nursing, and the three professional schools. The freshman class showed a 19% increase in African American

students and an increase in students from Oakland and Macomb counties. Plans for future improvement include refining the scholarship and financial aid process, improving technology for student communication, and partnership with various groups to increase student financial aid.

**Student Conduct Officer Report** — The report summarized the Student Code of Conduct charges filed in the 2016-17 academic year compared to the two previous academic years, describing the violations, number of students found responsible, and the disciplinary sanctions.

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

The Provost and the vice presidents submitted the written informational reports listed below describing activities in their divisions. There was no discussion of the following five reports:

**Academic Affairs Informational Report — Student, Faculty and Academic Staff Achievements** — Provost Whitfield

**Research Awards and Proposals** —Vice President Lanier

**New Research Awards Over \$50,000** — Vice President Lanier

**Report on Waivers Approved to Board Statute 2.41.01** —Vice President Lanier

**Government and Community Affairs Report** — Vice President Lindsey

### **Conflict of Interest Contract — NeuLink, Inc.**

Vice President Lanier presented a contract for Board approval with a company owned by a Wayne State University employee. 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.

The disclosures required by the Conflict of Interest law for each contract are shown below.

- (i) The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and NeuLink, Inc.
- (ii) The contract will provide that:

- (a) Scope: Wayne State University will be responsible for the procurement of specific (Prkdc-scid) mice and testing the efficacy of the Fc-folate conjugates on tumor cell killing in these mice in accordance with Wayne State University IACUC protocol entitled "Fc- Folate Conjugates for the Treatment of Triple Negative Breast Cancer" (Protocol 17-07- 298, approved September 1, 2017). Pending approval of an amendment for IRB Protocol # 123016MP4E, Wayne State University will acquire the breast tissue from TNBC patients for isolating cancer cells to test in the mouse tumor models described in (a).
  - (b) Duration: The contract will be for twelve months with an effective start date of December 1, 2017.
  - (c) Financial Consideration: The amount of the contract is for \$124,736.88 which includes indirect costs at a rate of 54%.
  - (d) University Facilities to be Utilized: University facilities to be utilized for the laboratory research include Dr. Cecelia Speyer's lab in the Department of Surgery, School of Medicine located at 832 HWCRC and 427 Lande.
  - (e) Employees Assigned to the Services: Dr. Cecelia Speyer, assistant professor of surgery, will be the principal investigator on the project and will oversee a lab technician at the university. Dr. Mary Kosir, professor of surgery and oncology at Wayne State University, is the breast cancer surgeon in charge of patient recruitment. Dr. Sudeshna Bandyopadhyay, associate professor of pathology at Wayne State University will be the pathologist responsible for procuring the patient tissue. Dr. Lance Heilbrun, professor in the Biostatistics Core at Karmanos Cancer Institute, will be responsible for the statistical component of this project.
- (iii) Dr. Speyer's pecuniary interest consists of a current majority (51%) ownership of NeuLink, Inc., with family members holding the remaining 49% equity. Dr. Speyer will therefore have the potential to financially benefit from the commercial success of the company. Dr. Speyer has filed a Financial Conflict of Interest with the Office of Research Integrity.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Dunaskiss and seconded by Governor Gaffney, the Board of Governors authorized the President, or his designee, to contract with NeuLink, Inc., a Michigan C-Corporation company. The contract will be to perform research and laboratory services related to preclinical studies of Fc-folate conjugates as a breast cancer therapeutic. The motion was adopted with the following roll-call vote:

Governor Busuito – yes  
 Governor Dunaskiss – yes  
 Governor Gaffney yes  
 Governor Kelly – yes

Governor Nicholson – yes  
 Governor O'Brien – yes  
 Governor Thompson – yes  
 Governor Trent – yes

### **Economic Development Report**

Vice President Staebler announced that the Ralph Wilson Foundation granted \$4.7 million to TechTown to build a Center for Non-Profit Support at Woodward and Grand Boulevard. He also reminded everyone to attend Noel Night on December 2.

### Development and Alumni Affairs Report

Vice President Burns said that as of December 1, the fundraising campaign is only \$51 million short of its goal of \$750 million. She is confident of reaching the goal by the end of the fiscal year.

### Transfer of Endowment Funds

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Nicholson and seconded by Governor O'Brien, the Board of Governors unanimously approved the transfer of endowments as listed below:

1. The Denise J. Lewis Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment)
2. The Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the College of Education
3. The Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts
4. The Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the Med Direct Program
5. The James Williams Endowed Support Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment)

### Establishment of Endowment Funds

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Dunaskiss and seconded by Governor Gaffney, the Board of Governors established endowment funds that total \$1,422,740.62 for the purposes presented. The motion was adopted unanimously.

1. The Kim Family Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Department of Physics and Astronomy. \$50,000
2. The Ronald W. Kind Endowed Support Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to support the Department of Mechanical Engineering's mission to be a leader in education and research by producing future leaders for industry, academia, government and society. \$95,000
3. The Ida Rosenbaum Kost Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Social Work. \$30,000
4. The Denise J. Lewis Endowment Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Law School. \$57,592.12
5. The Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress,

- and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Education. \$50,000
6. The Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Maggie Allesee Department of Theatre and Dance of the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. \$50,000
  7. The Ralph and Barbara Rays Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Med Direct Program. \$1,025,000
  8. The Dr. Virginia Hill Rice Endowed Distinguished Lectureship in the College of Nursing to provide for an annual lecture with a futurist view on nursing and/or health care. \$25,000
  9. The Donald E. Shely, J.D., '55 and Elizabeth A. Shely, M.D., '82 Endowed Support Fund for the Legal Advocacy for People with Cancer Clinic to support operations of the clinic. \$25,148.50
  10. The James Williams Endowed Support Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) in the College of Engineering to support the Department of Mechanical Engineering's mission to be a leader in education and research by producing future leaders for industry, academia, government, and society. \$100,000

### **Deferred Charitable Gift Annuity**

A deferred charitable gift annuity is a contract between a donor and the University under which the university guarantees to make defined annual payments for the lifetime of the donor in exchange for an upfront gift of cash. The University will invest these funds in the foundation endowment fund and at the conclusion of the annuity contract retain any remaining amount in the endowment for purposes specified by the donor. Dr. Jannie Tang has requested that the University execute such an annuity contract with her for approximately \$300,000, and that any remaining funds be placed in the Jannie Tang, M.D. Endowed Scholarship Fund.

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor Nicholson and seconded by Governor Trent, the Board of Governors authorized the president, or his designee, to enter into a deferred charitable gift annuity contract for approximately \$300,000 with Jannie Tang, M.D. The motion was adopted unanimously.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met earlier in the afternoon and Governor O'Brien had three recommendations for the Board's approval, all dealing with real estate issues.

**Authorization to Sell 5824 Second Avenue, 5847 Cass Avenue, 5857 Cass Avenue, and 5880 Cass Avenue**

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Busuito, the Board of Governors authorized the President or his designee to sell and execute all necessary documents for the sale of approximately .36 acres of property that is unimproved green space located at 5847 and 5857 Cass Avenue, 5824 Second Avenue, and a transient meter parking lot #21 located at 5880 Cass Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Authorization to Sell 5900 Second Avenue**

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Kelly, the Board of Governors authorized the President or his designee to sell and execute all necessary documents for the sale of 5900 Second Avenue in Detroit, Michigan. This is a two-story office building with a basement sitting on .0257 acres; the total gross area of the entire building is 23,535 square feet, and the gross usable building area above, not including the basement, is 15,027 square feet, commonly referred to as the Old Music North Building. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**Authorization to Purchase 461 Burroughs**

**ACTION** — Upon motion by Governor O'Brien and seconded by Dr. Busuito, the Board of Governors authorized the President or his designee to sell and execute all necessary documents for the purchase of 461 Burroughs in Detroit, Michigan. The agreed-upon sales price will reflect a value of the building within a range of its appraised value but not in excess of its current offer. The 461 Burroughs property, built in 2005 and owned by NextEnergy, is a single-story, approximately 45,000 square-foot building situated on 2.88 acres. The motion was adopted unanimously.

The Executive Committee report was concluded.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Secretary Miller received three requests to speak from members of the University community. President Wilson advised the speakers they each had three minutes to present their remarks.

**Professor Anne Duggan**

My name is Anne Duggan and I was the chair of Classical and Modern Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. I am very happy to speak to the Board of Governors today about language learning. I wanted to give you some context to the letters you may be receiving about the language department at Wayne State University in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. In discussions about the College's Gen Ed, faculty in my department became concerned when it was suggested that the language requirement be reduced from three semesters to one semester, and to require a minor. Our concern was mainly with the significant reduction of the language requirement. Recently the College Curriculum Committee proposed a requirement of two semesters plus a minor, which will be further discussed in December. With respect to the language requirement, this is a plan I am comfortable with and it's currently going through the process of faculty governance. Under this plan, students would take two semesters of language and would have the option of taking a third semester to fulfill a global learning course at the University level.

Language learning is part of the Wayne State University strategic plan, one goal of which is "to implement and enhance academic programs focused on cultural, language, and global competencies." One of the objectives under this goal explicitly states "enhance the University's programs focused on multicultural populations and languages so that they are nationally recognized." Our department which teaches 14 different languages fully supports the objectives of this strategic plan. We live in a global city. Detroit is home to French, German, Italian, and Japanese companies, among others, that are related to the auto industry. The German General Consul spoke at our department a couple weeks ago and stated that students in the Midwest with German skills will have an edge in obtaining positions in German companies. Even having basic language skills provides students with the tools to learn new vocabulary when traveling abroad, and we are all working hard to provide Wayne State students with more and more Study Abroad experiences. Language learning is an essential part of any Study Abroad program, even if that program is conducted in English. Jared Hoehing is a Wayne State University student in engineering, Italian, and communication, and he will be speaking to you about his experience with languages and how it has enhanced his job prospects within the global job market.

We also live in a multicultural city. Providing students with some knowledge of, for instance, Arabic or Spanish allows them to communicate at least on a basic level with local communities in the Detroit metro area. Sister Marie Benzing from the Centrum San Jose will speak to the Board about collaborations between Wayne State University students and members of the local Hispanic community. As a department we are trying to expand our collaborations with local organizations. As a department we are working hard to cooperate with local organizations and businesses in which language skills are useful, if not essential. We have integrated internships into many of our language areas, bringing language skills with practical experience, and we constantly encourage our students to double major, realizing that language skills with a degree in engineering, the health professions, and business enhances our students' opportunities on the job market, making them competitive. We also hold an annual Career Day which showcases jobs requiring language skills from governmental agencies to the auto industry to software companies. I will stop here and let my



colleagues speak to you further about languages and the professions and then about languages and the local communities, and thank you for your time.

Jared Hoehing

Buona sera. My name is Jared Hoehing; I am a student pursuing three degrees here, broadcast journalism, mechanical engineering, and Italian, because being strong isn't strong enough. While preparing for this speech, I wasn't really sure how to start. I perused the Internet looking for different quotes; there were some by Nelson Mandela, there were some old Chinese and Czech proverbs, but none stood out. I thought about talking about the science, of the benefits of learning a language, how one literally grows your brain, helps prevent Alzheimer's and dementia, increases one's intelligence, memory and concentration. But it all just seemed so removed. These topics, incredibly important as they are, didn't do learning a language true justice. They took out the humanity, the reason people like myself choose to study a language in the first place. I started with one class, Italian 1010, just to switch things up. And as you keep getting involved, keep wanting more, 1010 turned to 1020 and then to 2010, and then it turned into Study Abroad in Italy with the Wayne Abruzzo program. Then three years later here I am pursuing a full-on major. While studying there I was able to meet family, the humanities side of it, family I hadn't met before, my grandmother's family. I was able to speak their own language; they couldn't speak English. I was able to communicate with them, what my mom did, what my dad did, my brother and sister, my grandma who hadn't been there since the 1970s. Skip ahead three years and my family goes there, and I was able to translate for them; I was able to narrate the whole story of our trip to all of them, and then teach them a couple things here and there, some phrases, some words, to make them more apt to do something similar. And none of this would have been possible without picking up a language in the first place.

Moving forward with my career in hand, both in journalism and in engineering, the language truly helped me there as well. It led to my professional success, honestly, the single biggest thing that led to my success at this point. Nothing has given me more opportunities in the workplace than knowing a foreign language. At career fairs, my language ability stood out more than my GPA, my classes, my internships, and my other clubs. My Italian piqued the interest of my employers. My knowledge of Italian gave me an offer to work at an engineering company in Italy to work on Ferraris, where the company would have paid for me to stay in the country, my travel, and my work. It routinely gets me to the interview stage wherever I apply; it is a big reason I am currently, while as a student working as an associate producer at Local 4. It is, simply put, the best career move I have ever made. It is with this, I hope you understand, at least a little more, that the benefit and wonder of learning a language is something that is truly special to a Wayne State student. I hope that Wayne State's mission moving forward, as it is outlined numerous times in every school, college and university at large, continually strives (unclear) an education, the pursuit of becoming a more complete global citizen. I hope you all, as defenders of this University mission, continue to uphold those values. After all, we are Warrior Strong, and we shouldn't shy away. Grazie.

Sr. Marie Benzing

I am Sr. Marie Benzing; I work here in Detroit in Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish and am director of Center de San Jose tutoring program for children, and I also work with La Casa Guadalupana, which is an adult literacy program. Both of these programs service the Hispanic community not far from Wayne State in southwest Detroit. My work with the Hispanic community began after 45 years of teaching in regular classrooms. During a sabbatical, I visited Peru and began studying Spanish, which led me eventually to Wayne State, where I took classes, not for a degree program, but simply to learn the language. Being the oldest student by far in my classes, I recognized the deficit that I had in beginning to learn a language as an older person. I worked hard, though, and was fairly successful, thanks to excellent teachers and the support of other students.

Louisa Quintero and Marilyn Rashid have become huge supporters of our work at Center de San Jose and La Casa Guadalupana. Through their encouragement, many Wayne State students have become volunteers in our two programs. These students are actually essential to our work in the community. Their ability to work with both children and adults is based on their facility with Spanish, along with their enthusiasm and their ability to be flexible and respond to various needs in both English and Spanish. Wayne State students seem to actually enjoy their work with us, and many stay in touch as they graduate and go on to other work in immigration, Peace Corps, teachers in various schools. Their connection with the community, I believe, makes their academic work come alive. They form relationships and are enriched by these connections, so they begin to see how they themselves make a real contribution to a community of people in need. One of the students about five years ago became aware of a child from one of our families who had leukemia and who was unable to attend school for a year. She began to visit and tutor the child in his home, and became friends with the mom who speaks only Spanish. I know their relationship continues even to today.

I see how these experiences in the community give them greater impetus to improve their Spanish, grow in fluency, and recognize their own ability to actually function with a second language. Having a second language is in my opinion a necessity in our society and certainly for an educated person. Our world, whether we like it or not, is becoming more and more diverse. That diversity is a gift which enriches everyone when we're open to each other. I see Wayne State as a very diverse learning community where respect is expected and appreciated. I know of one student who transferred from another college to Wayne State for that exact reason. Language is central to our appreciation of diversity and needed more and more at this time in our world. It creates inroads into amazing worlds of understanding, cooperation, and discovery. I for one am grateful beyond words for the Spanish Department of Wayne State, all I have learned and discovered about myself, my own capacities, and about the impact that we together can have through communication and understanding. Thank you for your continual dedication to learning as a lifelong pursuit. Thank you.

President Wilson thanked the speakers for their comments, adding that the Board also appreciated them.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie H. Miller". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

Julie H. Miller  
Secretary to the Board of Governors