



## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

June 19, 2020

### Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:01 p.m. by President Wilson. The meeting was live-streamed; all meeting participants attended remotely. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present, with the following Board members in attendance:

**Present:** Governors Barnhill, Busuito, Gaffney, Kumar, Kelly, O'Brien, Stancato, and Thompson; and President Wilson

**Also Present:** Provost Whitfield, Vice Presidents Cooke, Lessem, Wright, and Vice President Johnston; and Secretary Miller.

### CONSENT AGENDA

President Wilson asked for approval of the consent agenda containing the following items.

#### Board Meeting:

- A. Official Proceedings, May 1, 2020, Regular Meeting
- B. Official Proceedings, June 5, 2020, Special Meeting
- C. Personnel Recommendations:
  - a. Appointment of the Dean of The Graduate School, Amanda Bryant-Friedrich
  - b. Appointment of Jack Sobel, Emeritus Dean
- D. Establishment of the new Graduate Certificate in Non-Profit Management (Academic Affairs Committee)
- E. Establishment of a new Online Graduate Certificate Program in Healthcare Ethics (Academic Affairs Committee)
- F. Request to extend the suspension of WSUCA 2.34.090.020 The Admissions test requirements (Academic Affairs Committee)

**MOTION** by Governor Kelly and supported by Governor Stancato to approve the consent agenda as presented. The motion carried.

### **President's Report**

In lieu of the agenda for today's meeting, the pandemic, and the fact that the Board will not meet again until September, President Wilson focused his time for the President's report on the campus restart committee and specific subcommittee work. The Coronavirus Campus Restart Committee was formed by the President on April 16, 2020 to develop plans to phase in campus operations consistent with the easing of pandemic restrictions.

To limit traffic on campus, employees have been advised to work from home if possible for them to work effectively despite the phase the State might be in. Campus visitors have been restricted, with exceptions for those with essential business reasons to be on campus. Return to work will be slow and everyone has been asked to comply with the return to work guidelines on the University's coronavirus website. Those guidelines indicate that to return to campus, employees must obtain approval from their supervisor, and complete online training and a daily health screener starting two days before coming back to work.

The plan for future modes of instruction will be in-person, online or a combination of the two. Each subcommittee chair then gave a brief update of their work. Dean Clabo chairs the Public Health Subcommittee, which keeps track of the science, public health and all the latest developments in terms of testing, policies and procedures from CDC and other places. She advised that the subcommittee had access to national experts on infectious disease and epidemiology and had representation from the faculty and the student senate. The committees together provided guidance to support recommendations, present a campus wide strategy for testing, symptoms, mitigation, contact tracing, and a safe return to campus that is sustainable and adaptable. A phased strategy is being worked on that will minimize population density on campus with recommendations from a variety of both national and local organizations and guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College Health Association.

Dean Clabo highlighted some initiatives and three important work streams that includes Warrior Safe training. The training includes a common series of educational modules that everyone, faculty, staff, and students, will be required to complete prior to physical presence on campus, to create a common understanding of the strategies proposed to keep the campus safe. Over 2,000 people have completed them thus far, with positive feedback. A number of public health practices are also recommended, including a CDC based screener called the Campus Daily Screener. Individuals are required to complete the screener 48 hours before their physical presence on campus and then every day when they return to campus. If anyone screens positive, they are referred to the campus health center for further evaluation, most often through a telehealth visit. The screener aggregates data for real time tracking of the health of the campus, providing information about any incidence of outbreaks or clusters before they might otherwise become apparent. The literature and science around testing is evolving and recommendations follow the CDC and ACH guidance. There is diagnostic testing for symptomatic individuals and universal testing is recommended for those moving into campus housing.

All campus health center staff have been trained as contact tracers, following CDC protocols for assessment, quarantine and mitigation in conjunction with the local health department. Social practices adopted include using face coverings at all times in public places, maintaining six feet of social distance, reducing elevator capacity, reducing usage of sharable devices like pens, sign in sheets and shared coffee makers, and in some places providing directional use of high-volume stairwells and hallways. A limit has been placed on in-person classes class sizes have been reduced, and virtual meetings are used wherever possible.

Provost Whitfield, chair of the Academic, Teaching and Learning Restart subcommittee, noted this committee is composed of faculty from the Academic Senate, and other areas, and also includes part time faculty, staff and administration. The committee began with a campus town hall to enhance communication. Timelines and initiatives were discussed and a short three question survey was given. One of the questions included perceptions about comfort in returning to in-person instruction. Responses indicated that many people were not comfortable coming back. In terms of educational instruction, many classes have a need for in-person meeting. There was

effort to make sure that faculty, chairs and deans had a conversation about which of those classes should be held in person while following the public health's group suggestions. At this time, the plan is for approximately 50% of the instruction to be remote and about 25% in person, but those numbers could change. There are also individual courses such as dissertation hours and credits that make up another 5%. Other discussions included the logistics of PPE and classroom management, facilities, the code of conduct and compliance in public health spaces. Possible adjustments to the academic calendar were also discussed but not deemed feasible. The Provost then talked about three key dates. On June 15, the administration received the data needed to analyze the proportions for the types of instruction for the fall. On June 22, another survey will be sent to faculty, staff and students, to discuss concerns, perceptions and needs, and on July 15, the instruction types will be shared with the university community. There is an ongoing effort to ensure the campus community has adequate technology support and the committee has discussed suggestions for syllabi language to make sure that students know the changes in the student code of conduct.

The Office for Teaching and Learning is helping faculty figure out ways to move their courses to remote format and C&IT provided a number of resources, in terms of instruction, assistance and physical computers. The libraries, C&IT, and DOSO had an initiative to loan Chrome books to students.

In terms of Research, Dr. Lanier noted a phased resumption of research activities including onsite activities. The committee includes 11 faculty, all of whom are funded investigators with active research programs, representatives from Academic Senate, and a range of support personnel that touch the research infrastructure, including representatives from the major research-intensive colleges that had onsite wet lab activity. The phased process began at a level of 25% of the pre Covid activity. Every individual returning to campus was required to submit a plan that was vetted by the department chair, the vice dean for research in a particular college and by Dr. Lanier's office. Research lab activities were activated in 20 buildings across campus, which includes 295 individual laboratories, all operating at a reduced staffing level. There are mechanisms in place for people to advise if they are comfortable in the environment, and every individual coming on campus has received two cloth masks. Sanitizer and

disinfectant have been secured for all the labs, along with EPA approved disinfectant for facilities.

Together with the public health subcommittee and C&IT, a barcode scanner has been set up, requiring individuals entering buildings to document that they completed the campus daily health screener. Rob Davenport, chair of the Facilities subcommittee, developed a draft playbook that outlined all of the actions taken to create a safe environment for occupants to reenter. The playbook has 8 sections and 46 pages and is a guide for all campus occupants. The committee is also creating a FAQ associated with the playbook. The custodial services staff have been trained to understand how to clean from both the preventative and post case pandemic perspectives and is largely based on blood and pathogen training, which all custodians have already received. Mr. Davenport provided a summary of some of the measures being taken across campus, including protective film applied to door handles, elevator buttons and other surfaces around campus, and the acquisition of Clorox 360 electrostatic fogging machines for post case sanitation. Preventative sanitation has been placed in the Athletics and Fitness Center and space planning collaborated with the academic side to perform fit testing in classrooms, layouts for traffic flow and queuing in classrooms and elevator lobbies, with an emphasis placed on indoor air quality.

The Housing and Campus Retail Subcommittee has approximately 30 members and includes students, faculty, staff and university business partners. Tim Michael chairs the committee, and noted that the subcommittee took the best practices being developed and applied them to the student service areas on the campus, housing and many retail locations including the campus bookstore and the student center. The work was completed in four different subgroups and focused on facilities, dining and other retail environments. Other partners included WSU housing, the Corvias housing partnership and resident student development. The committee wanted the students to make informed choices and to meet expectations for participation and living on campus in the fall and used a variety of virtual town halls, weekly seminars, virtual tours, web-chats, emails, postcards, and social media to communicate. The first town hall meeting had 500 participants, who sent in over 250 questions. A webinar discussed new dining programs and how dining would be different for Fall. A series of programs were scheduled every week to talk about the student service areas on campus and discussed

mitigation strategies including requirements for face masks in any of the locations except private space. Prior to Covid, move-in was a 2-day period. This year, that period has been extended to seven or eight days to accommodate physical distancing. All students have to make an appointment to move into their rooms. That larger move in time allows for testing required of all students moving into campus facilities.

Social distancing in the buildings includes limiting traffic in the hallways and the elevators, removing furniture from lounges and restrictions on the numbers of people in the buildings, including suspension of the guest and visitor's policy. All visits to housing facilities were eliminated in March and extended through the summer, and effectively controlled introduction of new individuals and potential infection. That practice will continue in the fall. Best practices in services areas and points of sale will include protecting people with plexiglass screens and emphasis on contactless transactions. Symptomatic or students exposed to someone with the virus have a designated isolation and quarantine location in housing and the campus health center continues to revise protocols and helped to make sure those students are supported while quarantined. The opening of Chatsworth suites this Fall will add another 350 beds and help spread out vacancies. This will reduce capacities in each building, especially on the upper floors where demand on elevators is greater to minimize the overcrowding in the buildings and to support social distancing. In terms of dining and retail, similar to FP&M, each university business partner and businesses working in leased spaces has created playbooks on how they will reopen and operate using mitigation strategies consistent with all of the recommendations.

The larger franchises shared those best practices with some of smaller businesses so that everyone had the advantage of the best information. Dining this Fall will allow some in-room dining, to reduce occupancy of the cafeteria. Students will have to wear masks and all the food distribution will be organized differently in the Towers café, Gold N Greens and the student center food court. Students will remove their masks only when they actually eat their meals and then put masks back on upon leaving the table. To-go meals will be available at all meal periods in the residential dining program and an additional to-go program location was added in the student center, along with improved One Card technology to emphasize contactless transactions. The contract cancellation deadline for Housing, normally June 30, was extended to help

students make informed choices. The students are very interested in knowing how their courses are going to be delivered, and that information will help them make their final decisions about whether to keep their current housing contract, sign up for a housing contract or cancel their contract.

Carolyn Hafner, chair of the Human Resources Subcommittee, noted that the committee members included faculty representatives from the Academic Senate, staff, administration and union representation from both the academic and non-academic unions. They developed a phased approach for restarting limited campus operations, and reviewed policies and procedures. The subcommittee had eight work groups which developed, among other things, a set of checklists designed to help leaders develop their restart plans. Four additional phases were planned, with an evaluation every three to four weeks identifying who would absolutely need to be on campus, and promoting remote work. The return to work guide puts all that information in leader's hands. Work was also done on a Warrior Safe campaign to create a very positive welcoming environment to those coming back to campus. The committee collaborated with several areas to create a process to allow a safe method for employees to submit complaints and for those complaints to be handled consistently and promptly.

The policy work group developed flexible work arrangements to address teleworking and guidelines for supervisors and employees and used survey responses to help reform and refine flexible work arrangement guidelines, administrative policies and procedures, and also addressed regulatory requirements like FMLA and expanded FMLA and the CARES ACT. Collective bargaining agreements were reviewed to see how all of the new policies procedures or regulations impacted union contracts and represented employees. The training team collaborated with many people on campus to develop the warrior safe training modules. In early June, the shared illness pool was launched and approximately 160 faculty and staff donated approximately 22,000 hours of sick time to be available to employees who did not have sufficient sick time to cover a Covid 14-day quarantine. In some cases, people were sick far longer than 14 days and these hours helped them be paid without putting their medical benefits in jeopardy. Two employees requested time from the shared illness pool.

Governor O'Brien asked if a decision was made to require students to have their own PPE or whether the University would provide masks for students. President Wilson

confirmed the University would provide masks and hand sanitizer at every entrance. Governor Thompson asked about the testing plan and whether the public health experts think it is necessary to test faculty and staff. Dean Clabo advised that the current recommendations from both the CDC and American College Health Association is for testing only on symptomatic and high-risk individuals, and those who live in congregate housing. The University plan includes recommending both diagnostic and serologic testing, with antibody testing of a random sample of people across employment groups on campus on a voluntary basis. The plan also recommends retesting a sample every four to six weeks, which would really provide a great measure of the health of the campus.

Residence housing will test everybody at move-in with a one time a diagnostic test. Retesting will continue on a recurring basis with a plan to look at pool testing for groups of students. Governor Kelly stated that board members would benefit from looking at the campus daily screener and the training module. She was impressed with both and congratulated the staff. Governor Busuito asked if it is necessary for students who are outside and not in close groups to wear masks. Dean Clabo noted the recommendation is for indoor public spaces. For outdoors, where people can maintain a six-foot distance it is less of a requirement. If it becomes more difficult in a more congested area to be able to maintain that, then there will be a move to requiring masks. The campus restart committee reports concluded.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

President Wilson reported the two 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**

Governor Gaffney reported that the Academic Affairs committee considered three action items, all of which were included in the consent agenda approved earlier this afternoon. There were no presentations scheduled and those three actions concluded the agenda. The committee will meet again in September.



### **Student Affairs Committee**

Governor Stancato reported that the Student Affairs Committee had two presentations, one from Senior Associate Provost Monica Brockmeyer and one from General Counsel Lou Lessem. The annual presentation of student success discussed the university's continuing track record in terms of improving graduation rates. The University overall graduation rate is above the goal of 50% and the African American six-year graduation rate increased, now at almost 24% and the five-year rate is at about 25%. The retention rate across the board for all students either stayed flat or moved up. These efforts are part of the University's focus on student achievement, and were coordinated efforts from teams across the campus. These teams were also responding to the pandemic, with 50 continuity plans for advising and other academic services in place, and more than 200 additional programs that are devoted to student success. General Counsel Lou Lessem reviewed the proposed changes to the student code of conduct, which included some clarifying language in terms of planning the return to campus, social distancing rules and other enforceable items. The committee also discussed changes mandated by the issuance by the Department of Education of its final rule on Title IX, which will go into effect on August 14, 2020.

### **Student Code Of Conduct**

The next order of business is action on the revisions to the Student Code of Conduct. President Wilson asked that the Board of Governors approve the proposed revisions to the student code of conduct, which respond to the issuance of the Title IX final rule recently issued by the United States Department of Education and reflect social distancing requirements now in place for the reopening of the Wayne State university campus.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Stancato and supported by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors revised the Student Code of Conduct to respond to the issuance of the Final Rule on Title IX, recently issued by the United States Department of Education, and to reflect student social distancing requirements for the reopening of the Wayne State University campus. The motion carried.

## WARRIOR UNSUNG HERO AWARD

President Wilson advised that the Board of Governor's has established a new award called the Warrior Unsung Hero Award, and called on Governor Kelly to begin the presentations.

Governor Kelly read the following statement:

This has been an unprecedented time for all of us and we feel it most deeply here, closest to home in our campus community, for the city of Detroit, for the broader southeast Michigan community. The COVID pandemic has impacted so many lives, the health and well-being of our community, the way we live and interact with each other, how we teach, how we learn. It's been a time of great need and the board has been impressed and gratified by the way members of the Wayne County community and the Wayne State community have risen to meet that challenge. Many stories have come to us about individuals going above and beyond to provide help where it's needed and to deliver that help in a variety of ways. There's been so many examples, in fact, that we wanted to find a way to recognize some of those contributions by members of our community who have answered that call to service and that's how the Warrior Unsung Hero award was born. Response to the call for nominations was amazing with more than 120 nominations received, which was an excellent tribute to the talent and compassion of our Wayne State community. A selection from among this considerable group was very difficult. We want to offer deepest congratulations and thanks to all who were nominated and I thank our staff who helped us wind down that number of 120 to a manageable finalist group that we can pick from. I think the people that worked hardest on this were Carolyn Berry and Julie Hasse and I know that Michael Wright was involved, overseeing, and of course our vice president and secretary of the Board Julie Miller did as so often, all the back work to make this all work out. We will find ways to continue to highlight these remarkable stories in the weeks to come, but today I would like to recognize four individuals, whose work has really made them Warrior Unsung Heroes. Two of my board colleagues who have worked with me as the selection subcommittee will introduce you to these fine individuals with the full board joining us in

recognition of these truly, wonderful contributions. So, starting with Governor Gaffney, he will you begin by telling us about the faculty recipient of the Warrior Unsung Hero award.

**Suzanne Brown, Associate Professor, School of Social work**

Governor Gaffney read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes Suzanne Brown, Associate Professor, School of Social work with the Board of Governors Warriors Unsung Hero Award. Professor Brown spearheaded Wayne State University's crisis hotline for healthcare workers here in metro Detroit that launched in April of 2020. It's a joint collaboration with the university's School of Social Work and the College of Nursing. The crisis hotline offers free, confidential support to those doctors, nurses and other first responders working on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic. The hotline is run by trained volunteers, many of whom were recruited by Professor Brown. She continues to teach a full course load while supporting other faculty members in the School of Social Work. When asked about the genesis of this project, Professor Brown stated, "We knew frontline workers were experiencing tremendous stress and anxiety in caring for increasing numbers of very sick people with COVID-19. We wanted to help frontline workers manage their anxiety and increased resilience in the face of extreme circumstances." The Board of Governors is pleased to recognize Suzanne Brown for her heroic efforts as she has stepped up to make a difference in the community.

**David Zareef Lieutenant of Wayne State University Police department**

Governor O'Brien read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes David Zareef, Lieutenant, Wayne State University Police Department with the Board of Governors Warrior Unsung Hero Award. In April 2020, Lieutenant Zareef created the Serving our Seniors, SOS, program to meet the needs of a particularly vulnerable population. Three days a week, he leads members of the Wayne State University police department in checking on seniors living in the Woodbridge area near campus. During these checks, the Wayne State University police department officers ensure that the

seniors are physically well and determine any immediate needs. Additionally, every Wednesday, officers deliver nonperishable food to the seniors. Thanks to a partnership Lieutenant Zareef has established with Pilgrim Baptist Church, an ongoing program, SOS will expand to include other needed services to seniors. When asked about the genesis of this project, Lieutenant Zareef stated, quote, "Our seniors, who are the most vulnerable to the coronavirus, needed an outreach to provide them with the essentials. They were isolated and unable to leave their homes for groceries, prescriptions, or even to visit loved ones. The Wayne State police department stepped into the gap to provide some of these services." He added that "what better way to help than to look out for those who have paved the way for all of us." The Board of Governors is pleased to recognize Lieutenant David Zareef for his heroic efforts as he has stepped up to make a difference in the community. Congratulations.

**Leanna Foster Bay. M.D. candidate, School of Medicine**

Governor Gaffney read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes Leanna Foster Bay, M.D. candidate, School of Medicine, with the Board of Governors Warrior Unsung hero award. In April 2020, Leanna created field hand washing stations around the city of Detroit for those who did not readily have access to running water. Leanna, a class of 2022 medical student, continues to check and refill those handwashing stations as part of an ongoing effort. A member of Street Medicine Detroit, she is also on the leadership team of the Street Medicine Institute Student Coalition. Upon discovering that the Detroit Police Department has been moving homeless encampments during the COVID-19 pandemic, she coordinated with multiple groups on how to best provide support to any members of the homeless community who have been moved. When asked about the genesis of her project, Leanna stated, "One of the first organizations that I volunteered with in medical school was Street Medicine and I quickly fell in love with the practice of going to the people to provide quality medical care. In March, as the intensity of the pandemic began to increase, those experiencing homelessness were on my mind, particularly, their ability to wash their hands to help protect themselves from

the spread of the disease. That ultimately led to the creation of the field handwashing stations. These were made possible by the leaders of street medicine of Detroit and a fantastic team of volunteers.” The Board of Governors is pleased to recognize Leanna Foster Bay for her heroic efforts as she stepped up to make a difference in the community. I think this is an incredible example of the reach of our students and our volunteers. I never would have thought about hand washing stations around town, but I’m sure it’s made an enormous difference. So, I want to congratulate Lenna Foster Bay.

**Rafael Ramos, MD Ph D candidate, School of Medicine**

Governor O’Brien read the following citation:

The Board of Governors recognizes Rafael Ramos, MD Ph.D. candidate in the School of Medicine with the Board of Governors Warrior Unsung Hero Award. Since March 2020, Rafael, a medical student in the class of 2022, has been using his 3-D printer to make personal protective equipment or PPE for clinics, hospitals and medical student-run free clinics. He has been producing these items from his apartment, personally footing the bill for his ongoing effort. What’s more, he has brought face shields, ear savers and additional PPE to health care centers around Detroit including the Community Health and Social Services Center and the Cass Clinic. When asked about the genesis of his project. Rafael stated that the drive to do something from home was contagious. “In my continued interest and previous experience with 3-D printing made it easy to jump on the wider online initiatives to use this technology to make PPE, in an effort to ensure everyone on the frontlines was protected as possible. I’m lucky that I can continue to be a cog in a wide web of support with help including the loan of equipment from Cesar Chavez high school, technical insight from the Wayne State University engineering studies, and many other groups like protecting frontline heroes, metro Detroit and the student led Detroit needs PPE which helped determine if and where assistance is still needed.”

The Board of Governors is pleased to recognize Rafael Ramos for his heroic efforts as he stepped up to make a difference in the community. Congratulations.

Governor Kelly closed this presentation with the following:

On behalf of the Board we want to again extend our congratulations to today's honorees and to the broader Wayne State community for stepping forward during this incredibly difficult and challenging time. The caring and goodwill of our community is something we can all be proud of and new honorees have an enduring thanks for all of the good work that you do.

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

The Provost and the vice presidents submitted written informational reports describing activities in their divisions. President Wilson asked that any comments be brief, due to time constraints.

### **Academic Affairs Informational Report - Student, Faculty and Academic Staff Achievements**

Provost Whitfield noted that a Wayne State community member, a social worker, passed away due to COVID. There were fifty K-12 programs going on this summer being held virtually, continuing a great connection with the community. The Kickstart program, in part an effort to address affordability for students, but also to make sure that they get excited about coming in the Fall, is a program that offers students a free online course in the summer time. The university received 728 requests, and had expected to receive no more than 500. Governor Thompson asked how many students were served, who was eligible for the Kickstart program. Provost Whitfield noted they were able to find instructors to handle about 675 students, and the program was for incoming freshmen students accepted to Wayne State University.

**Report on Research Awards** - Vice President Lanier had no additional comments.

**UNIVERSITY SUBCONTRACT FOR LABORATORY SERVICES FROM A COMPANY OWNED BY A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY**

Vice President Lanier presented a contract for Board approval with a company owned or partially 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 this contract are shown below.

**Reproductive Stress 3M**

- (i) The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and Reproductive Stress 3M, Inc.
- (ii) The contract will provide that:
  - (a) Scope: The contract will provide funding or the ongoing development, improvement and validation of hESCs assays as predictors of toxicity of new drugs and compounds.
  - (b) Duration: The contract will be for twelve months with a proposed start date of July 1, 2020.
  - (c) Financial Consideration: The amount of the contract is for \$135,000 which includes indirect costs at a rate of 54%.
  - (d) University Facilities to be Utilized: Dr. Rappolee's laboratory in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, CS Mott Center, 275 East Hancock St., Detroit, MI. The contract also provides for Fee for Services from the Wayne State Applied Genomics Technology Center
  - (e) Wayne State University Employees Assigned to the Services: new employees will be specifically recruited to perform the work as required by the contract.
- (iii) Drs. Puschek and Rappolee are faculty in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. They are family members and their pecuniary interest consists of a current majority (60% and 40% respectively) ownership of Reproductive Stress 3M. They will each and collectively therefore have the potential to financially benefit from the commercial success of the company.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Kelly and supported by Governor Thompson, the Board of Governors recommended the President or his designee to contract with Reproductive Stress 3M, a Michigan C-Corporation. The contract will be to perform research and laboratory services related to the development and validation of stem cell technology for assessing the developmental toxicity of drugs and compounds.

The motion carried with a roll-call vote:

Governor Barnhill - yes

Governor Kumar - yes

Governor Busuito - yes

Governor O'Brien - yes

Governor Gaffney - yes

Governor Stancato - yes

Governor Kelly - yes

Governor Thompson - yes

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

Vice President Lindsey noted that at the federal level on Title IX, the director is working with other universities to try and get rule changes implemented through Congress. There was a bill introduced in the Senate at the State level dealing with escalation training for law enforcement and the University is supportive. Governor Thompson asked if any other federal funding is coming for universities. Vice President Lindsay noted that everything at the federal level is still to be determined, but it appears there may be some additional funding. President Wilson noted that there is a lot of lobbying going on for those funds, but also a lot of other organizations and sectors of the economy are lobbying for extra money.

**Economic Development Report** - Vice President Stabler had no additional comments.

### **Development and Alumni Affairs**

Vice President Burns provided updates to her report on the impact of COVID-19 on philanthropy. The March 2020 fundraising results were off, and that was expected, but it was off by more than 50%. The good news since then is that both April and May were \$3.5 million ahead of where the University was last year in those months and that amount ahead is about the same as the amount raised for COVID-19 related



fundraising. A concern going forward is the ability to keep the same pace. The biggest concern is the pipeline, particularly for individual gifts. Most universities are predicting a shortfall from their leadership gifts from individuals in the coming years, so there has been extra effort over the summer to keep those conversations going and try to get proposals presented where appropriate. Governor Thompson asked when the next capital campaign strategy would begin. Vice President Burns noted that the planning process would start in the fall.

### Establishment of Endowment Funds

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Busuito and seconded by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors established endowment funds that total \$605,505.02 for the purposes presented. The motion carried.

1. The Peter F. Aronson, M.D. Endowed Lecture in Dermatology to support scholarly lectures in the Department of Dermatology at the School of Medicine. \$50,000
2. The Joanne Danto Endowed Finish Line Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Law School. \$30,000
3. The DTE Energy Foundation Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education at Wayne State University. \$330,000
4. The Michael and Rosemary Gillet Military Service Member BSN Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Nursing. \$25,000
5. The Ray & Lucy Henney Endowed Support Fund to support operations in the Law School. \$25,000
6. The Medical Alumni Association Lifetime of Dedication Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$25,000
7. The Rowe Family Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$12,500

8. The Robert and Sharon Ryan Endowed Scholarship Fund to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Engineering. \$25,000
9. The Jack and Rosalie Scholl Endowed Scholarship in Internal Medicine to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$25,000
10. The Ernest A. and Nadia A. Stratelak Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Information Science. \$25,000
11. The Ann Kirk Warren Endowed Scholarship to support the acquisition of information resources. \$58,005.02

#### **Dissolution of Endowment Funds**

The administration recommended the dissolution of one endowment fund with the balance of the fund transferred to another endowment fund.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Stancato and supported by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors approved the dissolution of the Undergraduate Library Fund Career Information Center.

It is the intention of the Dean of the School of Information Science at the Wayne State University Library System to dissolve the Undergraduate Library Fund Career Information Center, and transfer the balance of funds in the dissolved corpus (601131) and the beneficiary (2909S) totaling \$58,005.02, to the newly established Ann Kirk Warren Endowed Support Fund.

Specifically, \$25,000.00 shall be used to establish the Ann Kirk Warren Endowed Support fund's corpus, and \$33,005.02 shall be directed to the fund's beneficiary account for immediate use.

Transfer Amount  
\$58,005.02 (601131/2909S)

The motion carried.

**Schedule of Meetings, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022**

Secretary Miller presented the proposed schedule of meetings for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by the Governor Busuito and supported by Governor Kumar, the Board of Governors adopted the Schedule of Meetings for the two-year period of 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 as submitted. The motion carried.

The schedule of meetings of the Board, its standing committees, and the Executive Committee, for the two years of 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 is as follows:

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
September 25, 2020	October 1, 2021
December 4, 2020	December 3, 2021
January 29, 2021	January 28, 2022
March 12, 2021	March 11, 2022
April 30, 2021	April 29, 2022
June 25, 2021	June 24, 2022

Unless noted otherwise, 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

We are also proposing additional dates to 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:

<b>2020-2021</b>	<b>2021-2022</b>
October 30, 2020	October 29, 2021
April 2, 2021	April 1, 2022
June 4, 2021	June 3, 2022

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Secretary Miller received requests to speak from members of the community. The speakers joined in audio format. President Wilson informed the speakers that they have three minutes to present their statements with a one-minute warning from the Secretary that their time is almost up.

**Reverend Oghene'tega Swann**

Good afternoon and thank you for this opportunity to address the Board. I am the mother of a minor age student who was admitted to Wayne State last fall in to the Wayne Med Direct program. On January 7, 2020 while fully aware that my 16-year-old daughter was undergoing treatment for depression, doctor told me bipolar, Mr. Michael Wright and Dr. Roy Wilson withdrew my daughter from the Wayne Med Direct program against my instructions and verified medical report that showed that she was undergoing treatment for a major depressive disorder. Every attempt I made since January 7 to speak with them was met with resistance and silence. On March 9, 2020 I went to President Wilson's office to seek his input, Mr. Michael Wright came out to inform me that would absolutely be no conversation about the matter. When I informed him that I preferred to wait and speak with President Wilson, about half an hour later they sent police to come to me and remove me from President Wilson's office on a false charge. At this point I am really traumatized and baffled and really dismayed and disappointed at what Wayne State has done. They have in fact said to my daughter that she's free to be a student at Wayne, but not be in her program. We moved all the way from Pennsylvania to enable my daughter to take an offer that was made to her, 4 years of undergrad full tuition and board and 4 years of Med School. We could have stayed behind in Pittsburgh; it had a very good school, taken an ordinary education, but I gave up my job to support my child who had just turned 16 two months before starting at Wayne. At this point, I do not believe that Wayne State is a place for my daughter at this time, I am of the conviction that Wayne State is not a safe place for my daughter to be, however I would like to ask that the Board order the Wayne Med Direct program and President Wilson's office reimburse and write a check for my daughter for the full amount

that she was promised to attend school so we can go someplace else to continue her education. And, also reimburse me the 7 month's salary that I lost while I was waiting here to get a job to support my child in school and also the amount of monies we lost in paying out of pocket for medical care in the period that we were here. Thank you so much for taking the time to let me address the Board.

Jane Garcia

Good afternoon and thank you my name is Jane Garcia. I'm from southwest Detroit, I really would like to make a couple of statements. One is that I'm very appreciative to the professor, they want to be nameless that they donated thousands of dollars to the community, people and the families. We served over 400 people families with diapers and other things that were not covered by food stamps. They were very devastated with no jobs and could not get into the unemployment situation and some of the professors stood up and came over to the agency and provided financial assistance to some of these families and I just want to make sure that you all know that we have some great leaders at Wayne State. I really appreciate it on behalf of the Board of Directors. I am also very concerned about what's going to happen in the future to the medical students and the medical plan and I'm hoping the Board of Directors will come up with a plan for the future that will benefit our community, our students and the state. Gracias.

Isabella Warmbrunn

I'm here on behalf of perfecting this petition to get Juneteenth to be recognized as a university holiday. I did submit one, but you can review. I'll just go over some main points. I know that there's a lot of debate on if this can be made into a university holiday. However, as I mentioned in the slide, it's already been organized by a lot of different organizations and corporations and as of this morning actually, there's been a proposal in the Senate to try to make it a national and federal holiday. I don't really know if there's really any arguments that the Board can make on this matter why it should be a holiday, but I'll present the results from the petition. I had almost 300 results, as a response of this morning and overwhelmingly over 99% of the people who have responded have

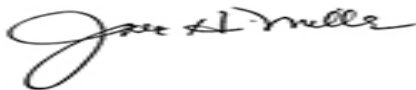
agreed it should be a holiday. The response in the graphic includes current students, as well as staff and faculty, alumni and also perspective students. I really feel like this is an opportunity for Wayne State to be on the correct side of history. Juneteenth is celebration of the ending of slavery and I think it's something that really should be recognized at the university that's located in Detroit, which is one of the largest black populations. As a student of color here at this university I feel like it can be really encouraging instead of putting out statements from universities referencing black artists or saying you stand in solidarity by actually doing something that has substantial action behind it. This has already been done for an entire state including Texas, New York and Virginia and as I'm sure all of you agree Wayne State does not have more employees than the state of Texas so I really don't think that logistically this is something that is that difficult to complete. Again, I really hope that you guys do something more substantial and something with more action behind it besides just saying you're in solidarity. Juneteenth again is a very big deal for a lot of students and I think that it should be recognized. Thank you.

Governor Thompson agreed with the speaker and Governor O'Brien asked Governor Kelly to put the topic on the next meeting or the next executive meeting agenda. Governor Kelly agreed.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by



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