



## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

**March 12, 2021**

### **Regular Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 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, Land, Stancato, Thompson and President Wilson

**Also Present:** Provost Clabo, Vice Presidents Burns, Decatur, Lanier, Lessem, Lindsey, Schweitzer, Staebler, Wright, and Secretary Miller

### **APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

President Wilson removed item B, Personnel Recommendations, from the consent agenda for separate Board action, and then asked for a motion to approve the following items:

Board Meeting:

- A. Approval of the Official Proceedings of January 29, 2021 (Board)

Academic Affairs:

- B. Establishment of a New Online Program for the Master of Arts in Program Evaluation (Academic Affairs)

Authorizes the establishment of a new degree program, the Master of Arts in Program Evaluation in the College of Education, effective fall term 2021.

- C. Discontinuance of the Master of Education in English Education (Secondary) (Academic Affairs)

Authorizes the discontinuance of the Master of Education in English Education (Secondary) in the College of Education, effective fall term 2021.

- D. Discontinuance of the Master of Education in Reading (Academic Affairs)

Authorizes the discontinuance of the Master of Education in Reading in the College of Education, effective fall term 2021.

E. Discontinuance of the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty (Academic Affairs)

Authorizes the discontinuance of the Doctor of Nursing Practice in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty in the College of Education, effective spring term 2021.

F. Discontinuance of the Master of Science in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty (Academic Affairs)

Authorizes the discontinuance of the Master of Science in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty in the College of Education, effective spring/summer term 2021.

G. Discontinuance of the Graduate Certificate in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty (Academic Affairs)

Authorizes the discontinuance of the Graduate Certificate in Women's Health Nurse Practitioner Specialty in the College of Education, effective spring/summer term 2021.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Kelly, and supported by Governor Stancato, the Consent Agenda was approved as presented. The motion carried.

## PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Governor Kelly asked for a separate motion on the appointment of the new Provost, Dr. Mark L. Kornbluh, and asked for a roll call vote. President Wilson advised the Board that following this action, he will ask for consideration of the remainder of the Personnel recommendations.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Kelly, and supported by Governor Land, the Board of Governors approved Mark L. Kornbluh for appointment as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2021.

The motion carried with the following roll-call vote:

Governor Barnhill – Yes	Governor Kumar – Yes
Governor Busuito – Yes	Governor Land – Yes
Governor Gaffney – Yes	Governor Thompson – Yes
Governor Kelly – Yes	Governor Stancato - Yes

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Gaffney, and supported by Governor Busuito, the Board of Governors approved the remaining personnel recommendations as presented. The motion carried.

President Wilson extended his deepest gratitude and thanks to Laurie Clabo for her exceptional service as Provost to the University and for her outstanding service to the community and nation during an extremely challenging time. The University was fortunate that she agreed to step forward and serve under difficult circumstances to provide significant and incredible leadership, and valuable advice.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Wilson began with a COVID-19 update. While there were declines in both positivity rates and new cases numbers in Detroit and on campus, the past two to three weeks show the levels have plateaued. While the positivity rate is still low, at 1%, it is beginning to have a bit of an uptick, and there is some concern. They are continuing to monitor the numbers carefully. Additional vaccine allocations have been secured from the Detroit Health Department, and last week, 304 doses were distributed to members of the campus community through the Campus Health Center. It is expected that the allocations will continue and hopefully increase as supplies become more readily available. The Governor's announcement that, starting April 5<sup>th</sup>, anyone over 16 will be able to get the vaccine brings good news for students, faculty and staff. He added that he hoped this could enable as near a normal fall semester as possible.

The University was selected by the Fulbright program to host its virtual orientation for all 1,500 foreign Fulbright awardees coming to the US for the 2021/22 academic year. This is the fourth year Wayne State was selected to administer this program, and the second time the University has been awarded the entire virtual orientation program. There will be a combination of asynchronous and synchronous sections using the University's learning platform, Canvas. The Office of International Programs oversees the program and will work with various departments and staff across campus to develop and execute the program. The orientation sessions will be held in August and December.

Wayne State is the only university in the state to be selected for the Equity Transfer Initiative, which strives to increase transfer rates for African American adults and first-generation learners from community colleges to four-year institutions. The two-year initiative, led by the American Association of Community Colleges in partnership with the AASS and APLU, supports partnerships between community and four-year colleges to advance pathways to increase transfer and degree completion in student populations. Wayne State will collaborate with Jackson College and Oakland Community College on this initiative.

Wayne State is only one of 150 colleges and universities in the nation and one of only 2 public universities in Michigan recognized by the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society for creating dynamic pathways to support transfer students and help them succeed. Transfer students comprise around 50% of each graduating class and transfer efforts are led by the transfer student success center, which is part of Educational Outreach.

Given the ongoing concerns about large public gatherings, President Wilson advised that the University's Spring Commencement Ceremony will be virtual. There is hope to be able to return to an in-person program as soon as the science and the public health guidelines indicate that it will be safe to do so.

President Wilson then introduced a resolution honoring the life and accomplishments of César E. Chávez . The resolution, which he read in its entirety, asked the Board of Governors to commemorate March 31 annually as César E. Chávez Day on campus. The resolution is as follows:

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez , the founder and former President of the United Farm Workers of America, stood as one of the heroic figures of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, inspiring millions in our nation into action for economic justice, civil rights and political empowerment; and

WHEREAS, César, a second generation American, was born on March 31, 1927, near his family's farm in Yuma Arizona. At age 10, he and his family became migrant farm workers after losing their farm in the Great Depression. Throughout his youth and into his adulthood César migrated across the southwest United States, laboring in the fields and vineyards, where he was exposed to the hardships and injustices of farm worker life; and

WHEREAS, César E. Chávez led the historic "Si Se Puede" non-violent movement for farm workers' rights, which included strikes, a five year boycott of grapes, which was one of the first labor contracts in the grape fields; a personal fast and protest of the use of dangerous pesticides by agribusiness, and historic legislation, including the outlawing of the back-breaking short-handle hoe in 1975 and the establishment of the Agricultural Labor Relations Act, the first law governing farm labor organizing the continental United States; and

WHEREAS, César Chavez was dedicated to building a movement of poor working people that extended beyond the fields and into cities and towns across the nation. He trained and assisted young leaders to build worker-led organizations; and

WHEREAS, César Chavez is not only a hero to the Mexican-American and the Latino/Hispanic community at large, but to all people who labor and dream for peace, social justice and dignity; and

WHEREAS, César died in his sleep on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1993 in San Luis, Arizona only miles from his birthplace of 66 years earlier. More than 50,000 people attended his funeral services in the small town of Delano, California, the same community in which he had planted his seed for social justice only decades before; and

WHEREAS, on December 3, 2003, Governor Jennifer Granholm signed Public Act 225 of 2003 to designate March 31 of each year as César E. Chávez Day in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2012, President Barack Obama established the César E. Chávez National Monument in Keene, California. The site marks the extraordinary achievements and contributions to the history of the United States made by César E. Chávez and the Farm Worker movement that he led with great vision and fortitude. La Paz reflects his conviction that ordinary people can do extraordinary things; and

WHEREAS, the Walter P. Reuther Library was established at Wayne State University in 1960 with the goal of collecting and preserving original source materials relating to the American Labor movement. The Reuther Library is the largest labor archive in North America and is home to historical collections of numerous labor-related organizations including the papers of César E. Chávez ; and

WHEREAS, The Committee to Honor César E. Chávez was founded in Grand Rapids, Michigan in September of 2000 and has been led by the Honorable Lupe Ramos-Montigny for the past 20 years. The committee has dedicated itself to promoting the life and legacy of the remarkable labor leader César E. Chávez through endowed college scholarships.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Wayne State University Board of Governors intentionally recognizes the life, legacy and contributions of César E. Chávez; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Wayne State University Board of Governors hereby commemorates March 31 annually as César E. Chávez day on campus, and in doing so becomes an active partner alongside Latino/Hispanic, labor, civil rights, interfaith and other leaders who are working together to ensure that the legacy of César E. Chávez is recognized and is celebrated as a day of service and learning.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Gaffney and supported by Governor Thompson, the Board of Governors adopted the resolution. The motion carried.

President Wilson noted that the men's basketball team, part of the GLIAC conference, qualified for the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2013, with first round play in Evansville, Indiana. David Greer was named the Conference Coach of the Year and two players were selected for first team: Darren Owens-White and Braylen Neely, both guards for the team. The women's basketball team also advanced to the conference and won their opening game. After 53 years of basketball in the Matthaei, both teams closed the building with victories, with the men capturing the conference title and the women winning their opening tournament game. The President then congratulated all of Wayne States student athletes, and noted that he would travel to Evansville this weekend to see the men's team play.

## **PROFILES IN WARRIOR STRONG**

A new program called Profiles in Warrior Strong was introduced last December to highlight some of the tremendous work being done by faculty, staff, and students during the pandemic. At that time, the administration indicated that it would periodically bring the program back to recognize additional individuals and their contributions. President Wilson called on Provost Clabo to begin today's introductions.

Provost Clabo began with a reminder that this week marks the one-year anniversary of the significant impact of the pandemic in Michigan. While it has been a challenging year for the University, there have been many highlights and accomplishments by members of the campus community who have gone above and beyond to continue to advance the University's mission.

The Provost began the Profiles in Warrior Strong introductions with Charisse Ormanian, Associate Director of Counseling and Psychological Services, otherwise known as CAPS. The pandemic put a significant strain on many, making CAPS services more vital to the campus community than ever before. When the university shifted to online classes and when employees were told to work from home if at all possible, Charisse leapt into action. In order to allow CAPS to provide remote services, she assisted with implementation of necessary new infrastructure, developing new policies and procedures and assisting CAPS staff with the transition and needed training. Colleagues wrote that Charisse is always motivated by her care for WSU students. Provost Clabo added that Charisse's organizational brilliance has made the transition to remote seamless. Charisse is CAPS' MVP. Ms. Ormanian gave a short statement.

### Charisse Ormanian:

Thank you Provost Clabo. So, I was really excited and surprised when I was told that I was receiving this award and the fact that one of my staff nominated me just reaffirmed all the hard work that we had to put in. We were given four hours' notice to close. And we had to make some drastic changes within our department to have 100% tele-mental health services within just a short few weeks. None of the projects that we worked on would have been possible without the support of our entire team and many, many members of the departments of Computer and Information Technology, General Counsel, Student Center Building and Administration and Human Resources and obviously primarily my own team. I've been a part of Wayne State since 1998 as student and then in 2002 as an employee. And the experiences that I had in this community, I tease that I'm part of a cult because the people that I encounter and the passion that they have for Wayne State and the community of Detroit is just so infectious and I love that we can all work together to make a change. So, thank you all to the Board of Governors for valuing this type of recognition and thank you to the staff member who nominated me for this award. I appreciate y'all.

Provost Clabo next introduced third year cancer Biology doctoral student, Julio Pimentel. His research is on triple negative breast cancer, a subtype of breast cancer with an exceptionally poor prognosis. He has been going to campus daily during the pandemic to keep his research moving on innovative strategies to treat this aggressive cancer. Julio's efforts have resulted in a first author publication and he was chosen to present an oral paper at the 2020 National Diversity and STEM conference. In addition, he gave a virtual presentation to minority high school students interested in STEM in the Focus STEM Next Gen Program. He was recently nominated as a Latino role model who is shaping the world by the Latino Community Stage and was selected as the student representative of the School of Medicine Cancer Biology program. Mr. Pimentel gave a short statement.

Julio Pimentel:

Thank you for that beautiful introduction. I'm a third year PhD student. I am funded by the Dean's Diversity Fellowship and I'm also a first-generation Hispanic PhD student in STEM. My parents are immigrants and they're not educated. Patients with triple negative breast cancer will have up to 14 months and women are diagnosed every thirty minutes. My research cannot be performed remotely at home, and I volunteered myself to be present to ensure that we can defeat this disease, because also it's also getting expedited with COVID-19. As mentioned earlier, I published one paper finding a way to treat this cancer, but also in progress I have an alternative method which I have yet to publish later on this year, that we can transition this into the clinic. In addition, my findings have been presented at the 2020 National Diversity in STEM Conference, conducted by the Society of Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in the Sciences, which is a diversity organization. Not only was I able to represent our program and our institution, I also met with a lot of students that come from the same background as me who are interested in pursuing careers in cancer research. There are, you know, a lot of issues going on, socioeconomically, and it's always good to have a role model who can show them that it is possible. It might be difficult, but it is possible and finally, you know the pandemic, despite being very productive, being a good role model and finding ways to treat breast cancer and other forms of cancer, it has affected my parents a lot, especially in California with the wildfires and how bad COVID-19 has been, but regardless of all these issues that are going on, my passion to represent our program, our institution has made it possible for all these successes to occur. So, I thank everybody for the nomination, the recognition and the Cancer Biology program.

Next, Provost Clabo introduced Nausheen Shah. She is an Assistant Professor of Physics. Professor Shah typically studies Theoretical High Energy Particle Physics, focusing on the Higgs Boson particle and dark matter. But inspired by family and friends in the healthcare industry, when the pandemic hit, she shifted gears. Concerned about the lack of available personal protective equipment, she designed and constructed a prototype for a wearable, inexpensive and reusable air disinfection device called the

Personal Ultra-Violet Respiratory Germ eliminating machine or PURE-GEM. Professor Shah has already submitted two papers regarding the device and she has filed for a provisional patent. Professor Shah gave a short statement.

Nausheen Shah:

I'm really honored to be recognized by the Board of Governors for this award. Thank you. So, this year, this past year has been completely crazy and you know like you said, I generally work on Theoretically High Energy Physics which is amazing and I love it, but it honestly just seems so pointless to continue doing that when people were dying. And as you know, PPE was a big deal, like having reusable source for disinfection and that goes for, well PPE as well as air disinfection systems. Everywhere you have filters, and you have to keep replacing them when you run out. It's an ongoing cost and so I was thinking UBC is a great option that has not been explored nor has it been developed fully. We know that every biological organism is pretty much susceptible to it. So, just need to figure out what is the right configuration when we put it together so that it's useful. So, that it can be used and well that was the story. You know we'll get the theory, the experiments, got it to work and I really hope that it's something that will be useful in the future too, not just for the pandemic. I think if nothing else, the pandemic has really brought attention to the need for air hygiene. So, going forward again, I hope that it will turn out to be useful and again, thank you all so much for recognizing me.

Provost Clabo then introduced Shanmin Sultana. Shanmin is a junior, majoring in Sociology and she's also the President and co-founder of the student group Replenish Detroit. The organization was founded in early 2020 to increase access to affordable water, sanitation supplies and hygiene education for Detroiters. In just one year, Replenish Detroit has raised and donated more than \$5,000 worth of hygiene and sanitary supplies, including bleach, soap, children's diapers and feminine hygiene products. The group has also raised money to help pay water bills for struggling families, hosted interactive hand hygiene workshops with elementary school children and advocated for an end to water shutoffs in Detroit. Ms. Sultana made brief remarks.

Shanmin Sultana:

Hello everyone, thank you so much Interim Provost Clabo for the really wonderful introduction. My name is Shanmin Sultana and in addition to being an undergraduate student at Wayne State University, I'm the President and one of the proud co-founders of Replenish Detroit, a Wayne State University student organization on a mission to increase access to affordable water, sanitation and health curriculum through action, advocacy and awareness. We are so honored and humbled to receive the Profile in Warrior Strong recognition. For those unfamiliar with our work, Replenish Detroit members have worked tirelessly over the past year to advocate an end to the inhumane practice of water shutoffs, as

well as for a solution to water affordability in Detroit. In terms of direct action, we've been educating the campus community and public on the Detroit water crisis, volunteering with community water organizations to help eliminate water and food insecurity, providing critical COVID-19 relief through local nonprofit partnerships, facilitating health promotion and disease prevention learning workshops with Detroit youth and raising funds for Detroit families who are struggling to pay off past due water bills. None of the impact that we've made on our local community groups could have been accomplished without the guidance of our mentors such as Wayne State University Communications Professor Dr. Rahul Mitra, the support of our community partnerships and grantors, the generosity of our donors and the selflessness of our dedicated student member base. Our entire Board would like to wholeheartedly thank the community, as well as the Board of Governors for recognizing and celebrating our work today and we hope to carry forward the Warrior Strong spirit with us in our future work.

Provost Clabo thanked Shanmin and her colleagues for demonstrating what it means to be students in a truly urban serving university. She then thanked all of the participants and many colleagues on campus who continue to work so hard throughout this time and who demonstrated to all of us what it means to be Warrior Strong. More than 30 people were nominated for Profiles in Warrior Strong Recognition, and she closed by saying that additional stories will be highlighted at future Board meetings.

### **SPECIAL TOPIC: STRATEGIC PLAN OVERVIEW**

President Wilson called on VP Michael Wright for an overview and highlights of the university's current 2016/2021 Strategic Plan. This year concludes the current plan, Distinctly Wayne State, and the University will be developing a new 5-year plan during the coming year.

The plan represents the work of people across the university, including faculty, staff, and administrators, and was guided by cultural values of excellence, integrity, collaboration, innovation, and university inclusion. The plan was adopted by the Board after a comprehensive planning process in 2015 and the new planning cycle will begin in 2021. The year-long planning process for Distinctively Wayne involved input from hundreds of stakeholders, including the Board, students, faculty, staff, inspirational alumni and members of the community. There were also subcommittees, focus groups, online feedback, town halls and technical planning sessions for schools, colleges, and divisions. The roll out process enabled stakeholders to understand their particular role in it with a targeted communications strategy, including presidential announcements, public relations, signage and social media news.

A presidential dashboard measured progress for the last four to five years and individual schools, colleges and units tracked their initiatives, based on the strategic plan and strategic focus areas. The Board has received four previous presentations on strategic

focus areas, and there are two more to come. The seven strategic focus areas are student success, teaching excellence, research, diversity and inclusion, entrepreneurship, financial sustainability, and community engagement. Mr. Wright touched briefly on each of them.

Student success has four goals and many objectives, including cultivating a culture of student success, creating clear academic pathways that support progressive student success, increases in retention, progress towards a degree and graduation rates, and enhancing academic career training for all graduate students. The graduation rate had a goal of a 50% six-year graduation rate by 2021 and in 2020, the university had a 52% six-year graduation rate overall. The culture of student success supports the creation and implementation of programs like the Warrior VIP program, a comprehensive student support program helping students acclimate to college life and receive needed support services. The Student Success Operational Excellence Office helps build a culture of student success by fostering collaboration and innovation, and monitoring student needs, with a data driven approach measuring KPI's. The General Education Program was restructured during the last five years, creating clear academic pathways to eliminate the achievement gaps for underrepresented students.

Financial sustainability goals included increasing enrollment, developing a culture of philanthropy throughout the university, diversifying and enhancing sources of revenue, achieving operational excellence in processes and ensuring environmental sustainability. Highlights in this area include the three highest enrollments for FITIACs, first time in any college students, occurring in 2018, 19 and 20, through recruitment, marketing, communication, and innovative scholarship programs like the Warrior Way Back and the Heart of Detroit, which were very news worthy and copied by other universities. The 30,000 goal for overall enrollment has not been achieved, but points to future opportunities, including graduate degrees and international students, which suffered during the pandemic, and the Adult Learner opportunity. Expanded transfer pathways and strategic partnerships with community colleges built the University's strong reputation and made it far easier to recruit students into Wayne State.

The Warrior Strong campaign was launched. The number of on campus student experiences were increased, including AP day and STEM day. Tier one media and faculty media placement was increased and a program called The Conversation helped place academic articles by faculty into publications. The Op-Ed project works with faculty to enhance their ability to both write and then place Op-Eds.

From a philanthropy side, the Pivotal Moment's goal of \$750 million was reached one year early and is at \$776.5 million. A lot of funds were raised towards the endowment, with a goal of having the endowment reach \$500 million. The university is very near that goal. VP Burns noted that with the combination of \$148 million in commitments, \$17.6 million in cash gifts, and the estate gifts, that sum will put the university beyond that endowment fund goal. Giving increased from WSU's internal family, students, faculty, staff and alumni, and a number of new programs were created that have found support,

including Warrior Giving Day, Inspire from Within, Warrior Funder Crowdfunding and Pay It Forward.

Operational excellence included advocating for the implementation of a PELL metric which has helped produce over \$1 million in additional revenue to the university. A new campus master plan is in the beginning phase of implementation, with a new culture of service across finance and business operations. Diversity and inclusion had two main goals: 1) leverage the University's diversity to create a diverse and inclusive campus so every group and individual feels valued, and 2) implement and enhance academic programs focused on cultural language and global competencies.

VP Chamblee presented updates on the very thorough climate survey from January of 2018 and it is yielding a wealth of information that can help guide the University. It is now at the school and college level, where it is being analyzed, shared and discussed with the deans and the leadership in the schools and colleges. The Office of Multicultural Student Engagement was established in November of 2015. The Black Faculty and Staff Association was established in 2016 and the Latinx Faculty and Staff Association established in 2018.

Community engagement had three goals, which included continuing to enhance leadership, the revitalization of Detroit and the development of innovative, meaningful, sustainable, and mutually beneficial community-based service learning experiences. Metrics include a database of community engagement activities called the community engagement registry. There are many activities, but no centralized way understands, due to the pandemic. Additional Detroit public school partnerships have been developed, and additional K-12 programs have been developed.

Programs were implemented to increase the presence of the President and Provost in the Detroit community. Communications efforts included creating Warriors, a twice weekly magazine dedicated to showcasing the people and programs that support the University's community engagement efforts. Also created was D, a weekly newsletter working with the Michigan Chronicle, and that reaches more than 55,000 readers. The University also earned APLU's Innovation and Economic Prosperity Award for community engagement around literacy education, workforce and development.

Entrepreneurship had two goals, to create a thriving culture where new ideas and inventions are consistently developed and to simplify, coordinate and enhance the process of innovation and entrepreneurship. Highlights include the launch of the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Steering Committee with TechTown and Wayne State faculty and simplifies Wayne State's strategic priority of student-centered entrepreneurship, education and program opportunities. The Office of Business Innovation was created to streamline private sector engagement, own and elevate technology commercialization and coordinate innovation and entrepreneurship activities. The Board was very involved in the creation of OBI.

The WSU innovation studio was launched and is a collaborative space for students to dabble in entrepreneurship and entrepreneurial activities. The third annual STEAM challenge event is coming up and will be hosted by the School of Social Work and the Mike Illich School of Business. The theme is innovating change and developing solutions towards a just society, and the program will be awarding \$25,000 in prizes. There are interdisciplinary teams and the event is judged by leaders in the local entrepreneurial community.

There are two Board updates on focus areas coming up. The update on April 30 will focus on teaching excellence and the update on June 25 will focus on research.

Mr. Wright concluded his report.

### **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The President reported that 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 those committees. He called on each of the Committee chairs for a report.

#### *Academic Affairs Committee*

Governor Gaffney advised that the committee considered a number of recommendations including the establishment of a new online program in the College of Education. Two programs in the College of Education were discontinued and three were discontinued in the College of Nursing. These actions were part of the Consent Agenda that passed at the beginning of this meeting.

#### *Budget and Finance Committee*

Governor Barnhill advised that the committee heard a full agenda of informational reports, including an update and background on the 2021/2022 campus dining and rate setting for the coming year, a report on the university's audited financial statements, and an update from Treasury. Also included were an update on capital projects and an overview of purchasing exceptions, those expenditures with purchase orders greater than \$25,000 issued without competitive bids.

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

The Provost and the vice presidents submitted informational reports describing activities in their divisions. President Wilson advised that there were action items that will be taken one by one.

#### **Academic Affairs Informational Report**

There were no additional highlights for this report.

### **University Subcontract to License Technology to a Company**

Vice President Lanier advised that there were several contracts needing approval from the Board. Prior to presenting those, VP Lanier referenced VP Wright's previous strategic plan presentation and added a few comments. He noted the University's focus on increasing the number of underrepresented minorities in the biomedical sciences, and referenced the BUILD program, in partnership with University of Detroit-Mercy. BUILD also includes programs on campus that support undergraduates and graduates in this regard for research experiences. He advised the Board that the University has received two major grants from the National Institute of Health for training programs to support this mission. One is a training grant for graduate students working towards their PhD from underrepresented populations and the second is for undergraduate students and both provide a full stipend for two years. He noted the precursor to these grants was led by Joe Dunbar, a very esteemed professor at the university who shepherded these training programs, which were called the Initiative to Maximize Student Diversity.

### **Conflict of Interest contracts**

Vice President Lanier presented three contracts for Board approval with companies owned or partially owned by Wayne State University employees. 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 these contracts are shown below.

### **UNIVERSITY SUBCONTRACT TO LICENSE TECHNOLOGY TO A COMPANY OWNED BY A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY MEMBER**

#### **AleloPharma, Inc**

(i) The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and AleloPharma, Inc.

(ii) The contract will provide the following terms:

(a) Scope: An option to acquire an exclusive, worldwide royalty bearing license.

(b) Duration: The term of the option shall be for twelve (12) months with the opportunity to extend for a further period of twelve (12) months upon payment of additional consideration.

(c) Financial Consideration: An initial option fee of \$2,000.

(d) No University employees are assigned in connection with the licensing contract.

(iii) Dr. Rodrigo Fernandez-Valdivia's pecuniary interest consists of a current fifty percent (50%) ownership of AleloPharma, Inc, with Dr. Felipe Palacios holding the remaining 50% equity. Dr Fernandez-Valdivia will therefore have the potential to financially benefit from the commercial success of the company. Dr. Fernandez-Valdivia has filed a Financial Conflict of Interest with the Office of Research Integrity.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Busuito and supported by Governor Thompson, the Board of Governors authorized the President or his designee to enter into an option with AleloPharma, Inc., a Michigan C-Corporation for an exclusive option for an exclusive license for commercialization of the intellectual property encompassing the development of an ultra-specific and ultra-sensitive SARS-CoV2 detection technology.

The motion carried with a roll-call vote:

Governor Barnhill – yes	Governor Kumar - yes
Governor Busuito - yes	Governor Land - yes
Governor Gaffney - yes	Governor Stancato - yes
Governor Kelly – yes	Governor Thompson - yes

**UNIVERSITY CONTRACT FOR RESEARCH AND SERVICES FROM SERAPH BIOSCIENCES, LLC A COMPANY CO-OWNED BY A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY MEMBER**

**Seraph Biosciences, LLC.**

(i) The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and Seraph Biosciences, LLC.

(ii) The contract will provide:

(a) Scope: Fabrication of prototype devices for beta testing and validation of diagnostic algorithm for the real time detection of strain specific pathogens as well as toxin and chemical detection.

(b) Duration: The amendment to the original contract will be extended from the prior extension of thirty months to a duration of seventy-two months.

(c) Financial Consideration: The amount of the contract will not exceed \$4,005,008 which includes indirect costs at a rate of 26%.

(d) University Facilities to be utilized: The research will be performed in the Smart

Sensors and Integrated Microsystems Laboratories in the Engineering Development Center at Wayne State University.

(e) Employees Assigned to the Services: Sally Yurgelevic, M.S.; Changhe Huang, PhD; Michelle Brusatori, PhD; Barbara House, M.A.; Gregory Auner, Ph.D.; Mr. David Sant, B.S.; Christopher Thrush, BA; and S. Kiran Koya, Ph.D.

(iii) Dr. Auner’s pecuniary interest consists of a current interest of approximately 11.5% ownership in each of Medical Engineering Partners (MEP) which has a majority ownership in Seraph Biosciences and he will therefore have the potential to financially benefit from the commercial success of the companies.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Thompson, and supported by Governor Stancato, the Board of Governors authorized the President or his designee to enter into an agreement to increase the current contract by \$1,000,000, from \$3,005,008 to \$4,005,008 in research services for Seraph BiosciencesLLC. The Board of Governors has already entered into a contract with Seraph Biosciences, LLC in 2016. The contract will be prototype fabrication and validation of a Raman spectroscopy system for the detection and identification of an array of pathogens, toxins, chemicals and pathogenic moieties.

The motion carried with a roll-call vote:

Governor Barnhill – yes	Governor Kumar - yes
Governor Busuito - yes	Governor Land - yes
Governor Gaffney - yes	Governor Stancato - yes
Governor Kelly – yes	Governor Thompson - yes

**UNIVERSITY CONTRACT FOR RESEARCH AND SERVICES FROM QPATHOLOGY, A COMPANY CO-OWNED BY A SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FACULTY MEMBER**

(i) The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and QPathology.

(ii) The contracts will provide:

(a) These contracts are for the generation of data during these multi-year research studies. The contracts allow for the retention of key research personnel in the Prasad-Fribley lab, individuals who, combined, have many years of experience with the procedures to be used in this study and for the purchase of necessary equipment reagents, supplies computers, publication and travel as described in the PI’s budgets and budget justifications.

(b) Duration: The contracts will be for 60 months.

(c) Financial Consideration: The amount of the contracts will not exceed \$7,615,979 which includes QP’s indirect cost rate of 20%. Semi-annual payments

by QP are contingent upon QP's receipt of a semi-annual Progress Report which will be due 30 days prior to the semi-annual payment.

- Project 1: The role of zinc and synthetic thymulin analogs in the development of natural killer cells and cancer immunotherapy
  - January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2025
  - \$3,308,666 includes IDC at 20%
- Project 2: Clinical study to determine if zinc supplementation can improve insulin resistance, inflammation and immunity in the elderly
  - January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2025
  - \$1,917,578 includes IDC at 20%
- Project 3: Zinc improves cerebrovascular morbidity in patients with diabetes
  - January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2025
  - \$2,389,733 includes IDC at 20%

(d) University facilities to be utilized include the laboratory of Drs. Ananda Prasad and Andrew Fribley in the Elliman Building and Lande Buildings on the SOM campus, and also ancillary facilities at Scott Hall, the Karmanos Cancer Center, and the Integrative Biosciences Building, and the Eugene Applebaum College of Pharmacy, all at WSU.

(e) Employees Assigned to the Services: Ananda Prasad, MD, PhD, Distinguished Professor, Department of Oncology and Andrew Fribley, PhD will be the Co-Principal Investigators for these services to prevent any conflicts of interest, real or perceived, that may arise in the conduct of the laboratory services.

(iii) Dr. Jena's pecuniary interest consists of co-ownership of QPathology. He receives no compensation from this contract. As a co-founder of QPathology he has the potential to financially benefit from the commercial success of the company.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Kumar and supported by Governor Thompson, the he Board of Governors authorized the President or his designee to enter into three (3) multi-year contracts with QPathology (QP). The contracts are for evaluation and elucidation of the role of zinc in different human pathologies, and will initially focus on: (1) the ability of thymulin (a zinc-controlled peptide) to modulate T cell maturation and improve cancer immunotherapy; (2) the ability of zinc to decrease inflammation and chronic illnesses in the elderly; and (3) the ability of zinc to improve cardiovascular reactivity and reduce stroke in patients with type 2 diabetes. Importantly, all of the techniques and expertise necessary to complete these projects are available in the WSU laboratories of Ananda Prasad, MD, PhD and Andrew Fribley, PhD (Elliman and Lande), Warren Lockets, MD

(Scott Hall and IBio), and Steven Firestine, PhD (Eugene Applebaum School of Pharmacy).

The motion carried with a roll-call vote:

Governor Barnhill – yes	Governor Kumar - yes
Governor Busuito - yes	Governor Land - yes
Governor Gaffney - yes	Governor Stancato - yes
Governor Kelly – yes	Governor Thompson – yes

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

Vice President Lindsey advised that President Biden has signed the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which supplies some relief to higher education and that Wayne State is in line for about \$57 million of assistance. Approximately half of these funds will be dedicated directly to students. He noted there would be additional funds coming to state and local governments and that may impact the university.

### **Economic Development Report**

Vice President Staebler had nothing new to add to his report.

### **Development and Alumni Affairs**

Vice President Burns reported that Wayne State Giving Day comes up on April 8. It is an annual campus wide event that increases visibility and builds support for the University. Last year, \$798,000 was raised from 1,685 donors and that number is expected to grow this year.

### **Establishment of Endowment Funds**

Governor Kelly asked whether the donor of \$1 million, Dr. David Fromm, is a Wayne State alumna? Governor Busuito, who knows Dr. Fromm, responded that he is not an alum, but is the former Chair of the Department of Surgery. Governor Kumar noted that Dr. Fromm also wrote several text books and is an excellent surgeon, and that he was so pleased that Dr. Fromm is donating to the University.

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Governor Kelly and supported by Governor Thompson, the Board of Governors established endowment funds that total \$1,400,225.31 for the purposes presented. The motion carried.

### **1. DR. JULIANN BINIENDA ENDOWED SUPPORT FUND**

This endowed student support fund is established in the School of Medicine's Department of Family Medicine and Public Health Sciences with a generous pledge of \$40,000.00 from Dr. Juliann Binienda. \$40,000.00

**2. LILLIAN J. CASSIE, ED.D. ENDOWED RESEARCH FUND**

This endowed research fund is established to promote and support faculty research on vocal music education in the Department of Music at the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts with a generous gift of \$25,000.00 from Kristian R. Cassie.

\$25,000.00

**3. DRS. KEVIN AND ROXANE CHAN ENDOWED SUPPORT FUND FOR THE POST BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM**

This endowed student support fund is established to provide support for the Wayne State University School of Medicine's Pre-Medical Post Baccalaureate Program with a generous pledge of \$25,000.00 from Drs. Kevin M. Chan, M.D. and Roxane R. Chan, Ph.D.

\$25,000.00

**4. DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FOR DIVERSITY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences with a generous pledge of \$25,000.00 from Caroline Maun.

\$25,000.00

**5. JOHN M DORSEY, MD. ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine with a generous gift of \$25,000.000 from John M. Dorsey, M.D.

\$25,000.00

**6. FINISH LINE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Irvin D. Reid Honors College with gifts and pledges that were raised for this purpose and total \$25,000.00.

\$25,000.00

**7. DAVID FROMM, M.D. ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the College of Education with a generous pledge of \$1,000,000.00 from David Fromm, M.D.

\$1,000,000.00

**8. ADDIE GREEN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education at Wayne State University with a generous gift of \$30,000.00 from Robert B. Fields, Ph.D. \$30,000.00

**9. SKYLAR HERBERT ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**10. HONIGMAN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education at Wayne State University with a generous pledge of \$50,000.00 from Honigman LLP. \$50,000.00

**11. DR. JERRY LIU AND MRS. CLAIRE WU ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the School of Medicine with a generous pledge of \$25,000.00 from Dr. Jerry Liu and Mrs. Claire Wu. \$25,000.00

**12. BEN & SYLVIA MANLOVE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**13. ALAN S. SCHENK ENDOWED CHAIR IN TAXATION**

This endowed chair is established to support the scholarly activities of the Alan S. Schenk Endowed Chair in Taxation in the School of Law with initial gifts raised for this purpose and totaling \$20,234.45. \$20,234.45

**14. DR. M.R. AND MALTI TATWAWADI ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

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

**15. THOMAS T. AND ELIZABETH C. TIERNEY ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Mike Ilitch School of Business with a generous gift of \$100,000.00 from Thomas T. and Elizabeth C. Tierney. \$100,000.00

**16. KATHLEEN WILSON-THOMPSON ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowed scholarship fund is established to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Law School with a generous pledge of \$125,000.00 from Kathleen Wilson-Thompson and Donald Thompson. \$125,000.00

**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 Kelly and supported by Governor Busuito, the Board of Governors approved the dissolution of the Patricia A. and Robert C. Morency Endowed Scholarship in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Education. Dr. Stephanie Hrabar has requested, and Wayne State University agrees, to the dissolution of the Patricia A. and Robert C. Morency Endowed Scholarship (060620/477292), and the transfer of the funds ("Fund Balance") in the corpus and beneficiary accounts of the Patricia A. and Robert C. Morency Endowed Scholarship Fund to the Wayne A. Pryor-Mary Lou Motl Fellowship Fund #1982 at the Greater Cincinnati Foundation. This dissolves the endowment fund established on January 6, 2016, for the Patricia A. and Robert C. Morency Endowed Scholarship Fund. Upon approval by the Board of Governors, the Patricia A. and Robert C. Morency Endowed Scholarship Fund will be dissolved, and a Fund Balance of at least \$30,970.06 will be transferred to the Greater Cincinnati Foundation per the terms of the Patricia A. and Robert C. Morency Endowed Scholarship Custodial Transfer Agreement.

Transfer Amount  
\$30,970.06

The motion carried.

**BOARD EXPENSES**

Secretary Miller advised that this is the annual informational report on Board expenses for calendar year 2020. The office is pursuing some refunds for the remaining expenses on the report. Prior travel credits had been issued for travel impacted by COVID-19.

**SUMMARY OF BOARD MEMBER EXPENSES**  
**January 1,2020-December 31, 2020**

Board Member	General Fund Expenses	Designated Fund Expenses	Total
Bryan Barnhill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Michael Busuito	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mark Gaffney	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marilyn Kelly	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Anil Kumar	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sandra Hughes O'Brien	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shirley Stancato	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dana Thompson	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
 COVID Impact on Expenses			
Travel Credit for future flights thru 12/31/22			\$665.92
Booking fees not refunded			\$75.00
 TOTAL EXPENSES 2020			 \$740.92

## RATIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC VOTES

Background information on each of the three items was provided to the Board under separate cover. Each of these actions each had timeliness issues that required action prior to the March 12, 2021 meeting of the Board of Governors.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Gaffney and supported by Governor Land, the Board of Governors ratified the three actions adopted by the Board of Governors by electronic vote since the Board's last public meeting on January 29, 2021.

1. An action to name the first week of February National Gun Violence Survivor's Week. This action was unanimously approved by the Board via electronic votes completed on January 31, 2021.

2. An action to authorize the issuance of a promissory note to WDET from the Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) in the aggregate amount of \$505,734. This loan is eligible for forgiveness and the University will apply for forgiveness as outlined by the SBA. This action was unanimously approved by the Board via electronic votes completed on February 11, 2021.

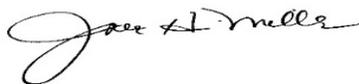
3. An action to approve the appointment of Rebecca Cooke as Treasurer of the Board of Governors, effective February 8, 2021. This action was unanimously approved by the Board via electronic votes completed on February 15, 2021.

The motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Julie H. Miller  
Secretary to the Board of Governors