



## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

June 5, 2020

### Special Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. by President Wilson. The meeting was live-streamed with all participants attending remotely. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present, with the following Board members in attendance:

Governors Barnhill, Busuito, Gaffney, Kelly, O'Brien, Stancato, and Thompson; and President Wilson

Board Members Absent: Governor Kumar

**Also Present:** Provost Whitfield, Vice Presidents Burns, Cooke, Lanier, Lessem, Lindsey, Staebler, Wright; Deputy General Counsel Johnston, and Secretary Miller.

### CONSENT AGENDA

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

#### Budget and Finance:

- A. Science Hall Roof Replacement 2020 (Budget and Finance)
- B. Scott Hall Vivarium Update (Budget and Finance)

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

#### **Science Hall Roof Replacement 2020 (Budget and Finance)**

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Governor Thompson and seconded by Governor Kelly, the board authorized the President or his designee to approve spending to design, solicit bids and award contracts for the replacement of the Science Hall Building roof for a cost not to exceed \$850,000. Funding for this project will be provided from the Deferred Maintenance Reserve.

**Scott Hall Vivarium Updates (Budget and Finance)**

**ACTION:** Upon motion by Governor Thompson and seconded by Governor Kelly, the board authorized the President or his designee to approve spending for construction documents, bid solicitation and awarding construction contracts to make improvements to the Scott Hall Vivarium for a project cost not to exceed \$3,965,000. Funding for this project will be provided from the School of Medicine, the Department of Research, the Strategic Initiative Fund and Deferred Maintenance.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT**

President Wilson reported that one of the Board's standing committees, the Budget & Finance Committee, met during the morning session and called on Governor Barnhill for a report.

**Budget and Finance Committee Report**

Governor Barnhill summarized the committee's morning meeting, and advised that the committee considered three action items and heard three informational reports from the administration. Two of the were a part of the consent agenda just approved and included funding for updates to the Scott Hall Vivarium and replacement of the roof at Science Hall. Informational reports included the balance in the contingency fund, an update on capital projects and an overview of purchasing exceptions for expenditures/purchase orders greater than \$25,000 issued without competitive bids.

The final item considered by the committee was the recommendation of a freeze for tuition rates for fiscal year 2021. President Wilson provided introductory comments, and Interim Vice President Rebecca Cooke reviewed the formal recommendation. Other than the adoption of the budget, which will be considered at the September board meeting, there is no other item that the Board holds in higher regard for its impact on our students, and on the broader campus community, than the adoption of tuition rates. He then turned the floor back to President Wilson for consideration of action on FY 2021 Tuition rates.

**Proposed Tuition and Fee Rates, FY 2021**

President Wilson advised that per the Board's policy, the tuition recommendation is not included on the consent agenda but comes forward to the board for separate consideration. The following motion was placed on the floor:

**MOTION:** Governor Stancato moved, and Governor Kelly supported, a

motion that the Board of Governors approve the FY 2021 tuition rates and mandatory fees as presented. In summary, Wayne State University will freeze FY 2020 rates for FY 2021. Tuition and fee rates will remain unchanged for undergraduates and graduate and most professional students, with the exception of School of Medicine MD program students, previously approved by the Board of Governors in May.

President Wilson opened the floor for comments. Governor Kelly noted that in a telephone conversation with Governor Anil Kumar, who was unable to attend this meeting, he advised her that if he were present, he would vote in favor of a tuition freeze.

Governor Thompson made a brief statement.

I'm voting to approve tuition freeze proposed today for same reason that I voted against the administration's proposal to increase the medical school tuition for fiscal year 2021. Our students are facing an unprecedented global health and economic crisis and shouldn't also have to bear the burden of increased tuition. Medical school students should not have had to bear this increase either. Going forward, we should work to ensure that our budget reflects our values and our priorities and if we are truly committed to our academic mission, the administration should put forth a budget in the coming months that values our students, faculty and staff, and reduces administrative bulk. In the wake of the recent killings of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmad Aubrey and other African Americans brutalized by the police, and private citizens, we must, as an institution, remain as committed as ever to our mission, which is of course, to create and advance knowledge, prepare a diverse student body to thrive and positively impact local and global communities. We must acknowledge the fact that since the president took the helm of this institution, white enrollment is up 4% and black enrollment is down 32%. Baccalaureate degrees awarded to white students are up 41%, and those awarded to black students are down over 10%. And I also wonder why starting last year we are no longer providing a breakdown of minority faculty on our Website. If we are truly committed to preparing a diverse student body and we are truly committed to diversity equity and inclusion, we have to pay more than just lip service to these concepts. I challenge this president and his administration to take specific and active measures to ensure we are admitting and graduating a larger number of black students. I challenge this president and his administration to take specific and active measures to diversify the faculty and staff. The urgency of these times demands nothing less.

Governor O'Brien advised that she would vote in favor of the tuition freeze proposal for many of the same reasons she voted against the increase in tuition for the medical school, and feels the same issues that impact the general student body, the reason for the tuition freeze, impact the students at the School of Medicine. She expressed a wish that that SOM vote could be reconsidered, but

was not sure if that was possible. Governor Gaffney responded that the general fund of the university was in better shape than the School of Medicine's budget and noted that difference is why he voted for an increase in the medical school tuition, and why he will vote for freezing the general tuition. Governor Gaffney reminded the Board that the University recently received national awards and recognition for improvements in the minority graduation rate, commented on the excitement surrounding the appointment of a new incoming dean, who is an African American woman, and agreed in part with Governor Thompson regarding continuing these good efforts. Governor Busuito believes that raising tuition at the School of Medicine did not help the University nationally and in the student social media chats. In terms of graduation rates, Governor Busuito asked how the community is helped if the University graduates a higher percentage of minorities, but the absolute numbers of minorities are significantly lower. President Wilson disagreed with Governor Busuito's comment, and noted that at the time that he and Governor O'Brien published an op ed piece two years ago, the numbers were higher because graduation rates were higher. He added that there is a presentation on June 19th on student success that will go through much of this data. Governor O'Brien commented that while the university has won national awards for great work done with black graduation rates, the bar for improvement was low. She noted that in talking about winning awards for raising the graduation rate to 21% of the black student population, additional background information should be provided. These numbers are not where they should be. President Wilson agreed and indicated that everyone believes the University should do better and improve these numbers, and that goal remains steadfast.

Governor Barnhill thanked the board and noted that the tuition freeze was one major issue where they are in agreement, and hopes that attention will be paid to that as news circulates about the action that will be taken this morning. He also appreciates the agreement about the need to continue advancement of the black community. He acknowledged that more work needs to be done but also acknowledged the progress made thus far. He added that the university has a black man as the president and a black man as a provost, as well as strong representation from the community on the Board of Governors. He believes that everyone on the board supports continued progress, and that in itself is a mark of progress for our university, and where we are as a community, as it includes folks who are white, Latina and from the other side of the political aisle.

Governor Kelly reflected that it has been a very difficult decision for the board to freeze tuition, as the board will force the University to confront a budget shortfall for the coming year of as much as \$60 million. This will also impact efforts to improve statistics and achievements with respect to particularly the black and the underprivileged community. She commented further on the amount of work undertaken by the Board in seeking and reviewing information, and in discussions weighing the pros and cons of this decision. She believes the board has acted responsibly in recommending the freeze and commends them for it. She also commended President Wilson and his administration for their many long hours of work in finding a clear path to lead the university through these very troubling times.

President Wilson thanked Governor Kelly and thanked the Board for its support, and believes that this action will be in the best interest of students. A vote on the motion was then taken.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Governor Stancato and supported by Governor Kelly, the Board of Governors voted to approve the FY 2021 tuition rates and mandatory fees as presented. In summary, Wayne State University will freeze FY 2020 rates for FY 2021. Tuition and fee rates will remain unchanged for undergraduates and graduate and most professional students, with the exception of School of Medicine MD program students, previously approved by the Board of Governors in May.

The table below summarizes the tuition rates for a resident student in general programs:

WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY FY 2021 TUITION RATE RECOMMENDATION				
Category & Level	Resident - per Credit Hour			
	FY 2020	FY 2021	\$ Diff.	% Diff.
Undergrad-Lower Division	\$397.05	\$397.05	\$0.00	0.00%
Undergrad-Upper Division	\$471.19	\$471.19	\$0.00	0.00%
Graduate (General Programs)	\$678.55	\$678.55	\$0.00	0.00%

In terms of mandatory fees, Wayne State University requires all students to pay a registration fee (on a semester basis) and a student services fee (on a per credit hour basis). It is proposed that the registration fee remain unchanged from FY2020 rates for all undergraduate students and all graduate and professional students (excluding School of Medicine MD program students, who are charged a separate fee). The student services fee rate is also proposed to remain unchanged from FY2020 rates for undergraduates and for graduate and professional students (MD program is charged a rate based on their class level, approved separately).

It is also recommended that the Board of Governors authorize the President or his designee to make adjustments to the rates for special programs or where otherwise appropriate.

The motion carried.

The table below details the specific changes for all Wayne State University tuition rates and mandatory fees for FY 2021. The Board of Governors, at the May 1, 2020 meeting, approved tuition and fees for the School of Medicine’s MD program.

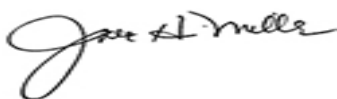
Wayne State University Proposed FY 2021 Tuition and Fees								
Category & Level	Resident				Non-Resident			
	FY 2020	FY 2021	\$ Change	% Change	FY 2020	FY 2021	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Undergraduate - Lower Division</b>								
<u>Tuition Rates</u>								
All Schools (other than listed below)	\$397.05	\$397.05	\$0.00	0.0%	\$909.40	\$909.40	\$0.00	0.0%
Business	\$424.44	\$424.44	\$0.00	0.0%	\$936.79	\$936.79	\$0.00	0.0%
Kinesiology - Education	\$424.44	\$424.44	\$0.00	0.0%	\$936.79	\$936.79	\$0.00	0.0%
Engineering and CLAS - Sciences	\$403.97	\$403.97	\$0.00	0.0%	\$916.31	\$916.31	(\$0.00)	0.0%
Fine, Performing and Communication Arts	\$424.44	\$424.44	\$0.00	0.0%	\$936.79	\$936.79	\$0.00	0.0%
Public Health - CLAS	\$424.44	\$424.44	\$0.00	0.0%	\$936.79	\$936.79	\$0.00	0.0%
Nursing	\$424.44	\$424.44	\$0.00	0.0%	\$936.79	\$936.79	\$0.00	0.0%
<u>Mandatory Fees</u>								
Student Services Fee - all undergrads (per credit hour)	\$37.82	\$37.82	\$0.00	0.0%	\$37.82	\$37.82	(\$0.00)	0.0%
Registration Fee (per semester)	\$235.16	\$235.16	\$0.00	0.0%	\$235.16	\$235.16	(\$0.00)	0.0%
<u>Other Student Fees (per semester)</u>								
Engineering Support Fee - Lower Div., Full-Time	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Engineering Support Fee - Lower Div., Part-Time	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Sciences Support Fee - Lower Div., Full-Time	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Sciences Support Fee - Lower Div., Part-Time	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Honors Support Fee - Lower Div., Full-Time	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Honors Support Fee - Lower Div., Part-Time	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%
<b>Undergraduate - Upper Division</b>								
<u>Tuition Rates</u>								
All Schools (other than listed below)	\$471.19	\$471.19	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,083.52	\$1,083.52	\$0.00	0.0%
Business	\$513.68	\$513.68	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,126.00	\$1,126.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Kinesiology - Education	\$513.68	\$513.68	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,126.00	\$1,126.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Engineering and CLAS - Sciences	\$478.16	\$478.16	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,090.48	\$1,090.48	\$0.00	0.0%
Fine, Performing and Communication Arts	\$513.68	\$513.68	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,126.00	\$1,126.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Public Health - CLAS	\$513.68	\$513.68	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,126.00	\$1,126.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Nursing	\$617.81	\$617.81	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,230.13	\$1,230.13	\$0.00	0.0%
<u>Mandatory Fees</u>								
Student Services Fee - all undergrads (per credit hour)	\$37.82	\$37.82	\$0.00	0.0%	\$37.82	\$37.82	\$0.00	0.0%
Registration Fee (per semester)	\$235.16	\$235.16	\$0.00	0.0%	\$235.16	\$235.16	\$0.00	0.0%
<u>Other Student Fees (per semester)</u>								
Engineering Support Fee - Upper Div., Full-Time	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Engineering Support Fee - Upper Div., Part-Time	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Sciences Support Fee - Upper Div., Full-Time	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Sciences Support Fee - Upper Div., Part-Time	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Honors Support Fee - Upper Div., Full-Time	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Honors Support Fee - Upper Div., Part-Time	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	0.0%

Wayne State University Proposed FY 2021 Tuition and Fees								
Category & Level	Resident				Non-Resident			
	FY 2020	FY 2021	\$ Change	% Change	FY 2020	FY 2021	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Graduate Programs</b>								
<u>Tuition Rates</u>								
All Schools (other than listed below)	\$678.55	\$678.55	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,469.75	\$1,469.75	\$0.00	0.0%
Business, Engineering, Information Sci.	\$787.55	\$787.55	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,578.75	\$1,578.75	\$0.00	0.0%
Kinesiology - Education	\$771.44	\$771.44	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,562.64	\$1,562.64	\$0.00	0.0%
Global Executive Track - Engineering	\$1,575.09	\$1,575.09	\$0.00	0.0%	\$2,366.29	\$2,366.29	\$0.00	0.0%
Fine, Performing and Communication Arts	\$712.47	\$712.47	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,503.68	\$1,503.68	\$0.00	0.0%
Law (Graduate Programs)	\$1,055.56	\$1,055.56	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,158.00	\$1,158.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Medicine	\$845.26	\$845.26	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,595.71	\$1,595.71	\$0.00	0.0%
Nursing	\$925.72	\$925.72	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,716.93	\$1,716.93	\$0.00	0.0%
Pharmacy and Health Sciences	\$771.44	\$771.44	\$0.00	0.0%	\$1,562.64	\$1,562.64	\$0.00	0.0%
<u>Mandatory Fees</u>								
Student Services Fee - all graduates (per credit hour)	\$54.56	\$54.56	\$0.00	0.0%	\$54.56	\$54.56	\$0.00	0.0%
Registration Fee (per semester)	\$315.70	\$315.70	\$0.00	0.0%	\$315.70	\$315.70	\$0.00	0.0%
<b>Professional Programs</b>								
<u>Tuition Rates</u>								
Law (JD Program) 1st, 2nd Year and Unranked	1,055.56	1,055.56	\$0.00	0.0%	1,158.00	1,158.00	\$0.00	0.0%
Law (JD Program) Final Year	1,035.87	1,035.87	\$0.00	0.0%	1,138.31	1,138.31	\$0.00	0.0%
Medicine (MD Program) 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year - Per Credit Hour	681.00	712.00	\$31.00	4.6%	1,227.00	1,258.00	\$31.00	2.5%
Medicine (MD Program) 4th Year - Per Credit Hour	681.00	712.00	\$31.00	4.6%	1,417.00	1,258.00	(\$159.00)	-11.2%
Medicine (MD Program) 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year - Annual Flat Rate	34,039.00	35,571.00	\$1,532.00	4.5%	61,414.00	62,949.00	\$1,535.00	2.5%
Medicine (MD Program) 4th Year - Annual Flat Rate	33,210.00	35,571.00	\$2,361.00	7.1%	69,109.00	62,949.00	(\$6,160.00)	-8.9%
Pharmacy (Pharm.D Program) All Years	771.44	771.44	\$0.00	0.0%	1,562.64	1,562.64	\$0.00	0.0%
<u>Mandatory Fees</u>								
Student Services Fee (per credit hour) Law, Pharmacy	54.56	54.56	\$0.00	0.0%	54.56	54.56	\$0.00	0.0%
Student Services Fee (per credit hour) MD All Years	26.00	27.00	\$1.00	3.8%	26.00	27.00	\$1.00	3.8%
Registration Fee (per semester) Law, Pharmacy	315.70	315.70	\$0.00	0.0%	315.70	315.70	\$0.00	0.0%

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by



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Secretary to the Board