



OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

April 26, 2024

Regular Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m. by President Espy. Secretary Miller called the roll. A quorum was present, with the following Board members in attendance:

Present: Governors Atkinson (via video), Barnhill, Busuito (via video), Gaffney, Kumar, Kelly, Land (via video), and Stancato; President Espy

Also Present: Provost Clabo, Vice Presidents Ezzeddine, Obasi, Ripple, and Staebler, Chief of Staff Smiley; Interim Vice President Gielczyk, Associate Vice President Hafner, and Secretary Miller

PUBLIC COMMENT

Information on public comment can be found in Appendix I.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

President Espy asked for a motion to approve the Consent agenda, which includes the following items:

A. Approval of the Official Proceedings of March 6, 2024 (Regular Board)

Recommendations from the Academic Affairs Committee

B. Establishment of a New Program for the Occupational Therapy Doctoral Program (Academic Affairs)

C. Discontinuance of the Undergraduate and Graduate Certificates in Applied Behavior Analysis (Academic Affairs)

Recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee

D. Transfer from the Contingency Reserve

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Stancato and supported by Governor Land, the Board of Governors approved the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

The next item on the agenda was approval of personnel recommendations submitted by Provost Clabo.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Gaffney and supported by Governor Atkinson, the Board of Governors approved the personnel recommendations for tenure, promotion to full professor and administrative appointments other than those separately submitted. The motion carried.

College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts

Jeffrey Sposato, for the appointment as Professor with continuing tenure per University year in the Department of Music effective July 1, 2024.

Special Notes on Administrative Appointments

Laurie M. Lauzon Clabo, for the appointment of Provost and Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs, effective March 4, 2024, for the term of three years, subject to the pleasure of the President or his/her designee during the term of the assignment. Reported to BOG March 6, 2024.

College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts

Jeffrey Sposato, for appointment as Chair, effective July 1, 2024, for the term of 5 years, in the Department of Music, subject to the pleasure of the President or their designee during the term of assignment.

School of Social Work

Debra Patterson, for the appointment of Acting Dean, effective April 1, 2024-September 30, 2024, subject to the pleasure of the President or his/her designee during the term of the assignment.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FACULTY RECOGNITION AWARDS

Annually, the Board recognizes faculty selected by a committee of their peers with an award recognizing an extraordinary contribution to scholarship in the preceding year. Five faculty received the award at this meeting, which included a citation and a plaque, presented by a member of the Board, President Espy, and Board Chair Stancato. This year's recipients were:

Professor Mark Huttemann, Center for Molecular Medicine, School of Medicine, for the publication of Cytochrome c lysine acetylation regulates cellular respiration and cell death in ischemic skeletal muscle (Nature Communications, 2023); award presented by Governor Barnhill.

Professor Daniel Isakson, Department of Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of *Stable Homotopy Group of Spheres: From dimension 0 to 90* (Publications Mathematiques des L'IHES, 2023); award presented by Governor Kelly.

Professor Michelle Jacobs, Department of Sociology, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of *Indigenous Memory, Urban Reality: Stories of American Indian Relocation and Reclamation* (New York University Press, 2023); award presented by Governor Gaffney.

Professor Daniel Kashian, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of *Forest Ecology*, 5th edition, (Wiley Press, 2023); award presented by Governor Kumar; and

Professor Kidada Williams, Department of History, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, for the publication of *I Saw Death Coming: The History of Terror and Survival in the War Against Reconstruction* (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2023); award presented by Governor Stancato.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

From her written report, President Espy extended congratulations to Adaure Iwuh, a 4th year public health student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the Honors College, for her selection as a 2024 Harry S. Truman Scholar, one of only 60 students from around the nation to be selected for this prestigious award, and this year's only recipient from a Michigan college or university. Kevin Deegan-Krause, Faculty Fellowships Coordinator in the Office of Fellowships, added that Ms. Iwuh is one of the most remarkable students he has met. He advised that the university has been working to identify, encourage and mentor students to apply for such awards, and there has been increased success in recent years for WSU students being selected for such honors, winning major awards. Most recently, WSU students were selected as recipients of the 2023 Marshall Scholarship, a 2023 Rangel Fellowship and a 2022 Fulbright Foundation Award, all very competitive and extremely prestigious awards.

SPECIAL TOPIC: OUR MOMENT IN TIME FOCUS AREA: OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

Vice Presidents Ahmad Ezzeddine, Academic Student Affairs, Ezemenari Obasi, Research, and Ned Staebler, Economic Development provided a team presentation focused on the Outreach and Engagement area of the University's Our Moments in Time Strategic Plan. The presentation covered three main areas: economic mobility, economic partnerships and growth, and innovation, and highlighted the university's achievements and challenges in each area. The team used metrics and comparative data from a number of sources, including Third Way's Economic Mobility Index, the Higher Education Research and Development data, and the APLU IEP designation as part of the narrative for the presentation.

VP Ezzeddine began with an overview and update on economic mobility, where WSU is focused on leading and participating in the economic growth and prosperity of Detroit and Michigan, and strengthening its efforts as an engine of social mobility for its students. WSU currently serves as the leading institution in the State of Michigan for social mobility, as tracked through Third Way's Economic Mobility Index. The Index measures the ability of individuals and families to move between income or wealth brackets over time and within a particular society or economy. Another measure is the Price to Earnings Premium, which shows how long it takes students from low-income families to recoup the cost of their investment in earning their degree. The presentation also provided comparison and ranking information on WSU's performance against its peers.

A number of University programs are designed to support and enhance mobility and engagement, which include the tuition guarantee, the College to Career initiative, and community partnerships, all helping to fuel the University's prosperity agenda.

Turning to community partnerships and economic impact, Vice President Staebler explained that the University has an array of community partnerships, and has an extensive \$2.6 billion economic impact on the local economy, a real econometric data point. Other measures of economic impact include the 6000 businesses that Tech Town has helped over the last 20 years to raise \$400 million in other capital research partnerships. These funds have come from a variety of sources, including for-profits, community partners and nonprofits, and state and local governments. The university is also classified by the Carnegie Foundation as a Community engaged university, which sets it apart from many of its peers.

Vice President Obasi cited a partnership with CVS Pharmacy as an example. The partnership was created to engage the community in participatory research, and provide better access to care. Accompanying slides showed that over the past five years, the university has been lagging behind its peers, however, in terms of both community partnerships and research expenditures, and has dropped in national rankings as well. To reverse these trends, the university is developing a concierge service that will connect outside partners with the university's talents and resources, in turn strengthening tech commercialization, making the university more accessible, utilizing its rich resources, great research enterprise and outstanding faculty.

MTRAC, another program of interest, is a collaboration between the state, the MEDC, and five universities, including Wayne State University, to support translational research and commercialization in various sectors, such as ago-bio, mobility and advanced computing. Dr. Obasi summarized an example of a grant from MTRAC to develop and test a noninvasive device for treating tinnitus, a condition that causes ringing in the ears. This project also ultimately led to tech commercialization and a spinoff company that the university is engaged with.

As part of the restructuring, the university's tech commercialization office is moving under the Vice President of Research's Office, with a search for new leadership underway. As Dr. Obasi looks ahead, focus will include increasing key performance indicators, including invention disclosures, licensing income and start-ups, among others. The new AVP will

be charged with revitalizing how the university does business, working proactively with faculty and engaging the entire team to move the needle forward.

The university is one of the few institutions that has multiple designations for innovation and engagement, including as a minority-serving institution, a community-engaged institution, mentioned earlier, and an APLU-IEP institution. All of these are indicators of the university's commitment to innovation, diversity and social impact.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Three of the Board's standing committees met earlier in the day. President Espy called on each of the Committee chairs for a report.

Academic Affairs Committee

Governor Stancato advised that the action items approved by the Academic Affairs Committee were included in the Consent Agenda approved earlier in the meeting. The committee also heard a presentation on the College to Career Initiative, which included examples of programs in the College of Engineering and the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences that exemplify work being done in this area. Students involved in these projects provided their first-hand accounts of their very positive experiences.

Budget and Finance Committee

Governor Barnhill advised that the committee received an overview of the annual audit of the University's financial statements, approved a transfer from the contingency fund, received standard informational reports and spent the remainder of the meeting in discussions about two significant issues, the FY 2024-2025 Campus Board Rate Recommendation, and the proposed rates for FY 2024-2025 School of Medicine tuition. Actions related to the setting of fees for students are of critical importance to the Board, and the committee held a thoughtful and detailed discussion on these recommendations. He turned the floor to President Espy for action on those items.

President Espy then presented each of the following recommendations for action, and asked for a motion to adopt:

FY 2024-2025 CAMPUS HOUSING ROOM AND BOARD RATES

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Barnhill and supported by Governor Stancato, the Board of Governors approved the FY 2025 Board rates, as shown in the tables below. All meal and block plans increase by 3% or 5% as proposed. The Board of Governors delegated the authority to the Corvias-WSU Housing Partnership in 2017 to set annual room rates at 3% or less without further Board approval. FY 2024-2025 rates remain flat; therefore, no board action is required. The motion carried.

The tables below detail the specific rates and changes to the meal plans for 2024-2025. There is no change to the room rates this year. A table affirming the room rates is also included.

Meal Plan Rates For FY 2024-2025

Meal Plans	2023-24 Annual	2024-25 Annual	Increase	Increase per Semester
Warrior Pass + \$150 Warrior + \$50 One Card Dollars	\$4,600	\$4,738	3%	\$69
Weekly 15 + \$300 Warrior + \$100 One Card Dollars	\$4,600	\$4,738	3%	\$69
Block 175 + \$425 Warrior + \$125 One Card Dollars	\$4,600	\$4,738	3%	\$69
Weekly 14 (new plan)	-	4,000	-	-
Block 110 + \$425 Warrior + \$125 One Card Dollars	\$3,580	\$3,687	3%	\$54
Block 75 + \$225 Warrior + \$75 One Card Dollars	\$2,160	\$2,225	3%	\$32
Block Plans				
15 Block (carry over Fall to Winter)	\$129	\$135	5%	\$6
30 Block (carry over Fall to Winter)	\$245	\$257	5%	\$12
45 Block (carry over Fall to Winter)	\$360	\$378	5%	\$18

Room Rates For Fy 2024-25

		2023-24	2024-25	
Ghafari & Atchison Halls		Annual	Annual	Increase
Single Occupancy room with private bath		\$9,259	\$9,259	0.0%
Large Single Occupancy room with private bath		\$10,232	\$10,232	0.0%
Double Occupancy room with private bath		\$7,008	\$7,008	0.0%
Triple Occupancy room with private bath		\$5,968	\$5,968	0.0%
The Towers Residential Suites				
	Suite Types			
Double Occupancy room with shared bath	A	\$7,340	\$7,340	0.0%
Single Occupancy room with private bath	E and G	\$9,860	\$9,860	0.0%
Double Occupancy room within a suite	B and C	\$8,146	\$8,146	0.0%
Single Occupancy room within a regular suite	C, D and F	\$8,407	\$8,407	0.0%
The Thompson Suites				
Single Occupancy room with shared bath		\$9,562	\$9,562	0.0%
Double Occupancy room with shared bath		\$7,156	\$7,156	0.0%
Triple Occupancy room with shared bath		\$6,171	\$6,171	0.0%
Chatsworth Suites				
Single Suite with private bath		\$9,679	\$9,679	0.0%
Double Occupancy room in 4-person suite w/shared bath		\$8,712	\$8,712	0.0%
Double Occupancy room in 6-person suite w/shared bath		\$8,388	\$8,388	0.0%

Anthony Wayne Drive Furnished Apartments

Studio apartment single	\$13,387	\$13,387	0.0%
One-bedroom apartment single	\$13,934	\$13,934	0.0%
Two-bedroom apartment single per room	\$12,363	\$12,363	0.0%
Four-bedroom apartment single per room	\$10,655	\$10,655	0.0%

University Towers Unfurnished Apartments

One-bedroom unfurnished (can be shared by 2)	\$11,187	\$11,187	0.0%
Two-Bedroom unfurnished (can be shared by up to 4)	\$12,857	\$12,857	0.0%
Three Bedroom unfurnished (can be shared by up to 6)	\$17,289	\$17,289	0.0%

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE FY 2024-2025 TUTION AND FEE RATES - SCHOOL OF MEDICINE MD PROGRAM

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Kumar and supported by Governor Barnhill, the Board of Governors adopted increases in the FY 2024-2025 base tuition rate of 5.5 percent for resident students and 1.5 percent for non-resident students in the M.D. program in the School of Medicine.

The Board also adopted an increase of 5.5 percent in the Student Medical School Support Fee (an annual fee), and the Student Service Fee (a per term fee).

With the term conversion in 2022 (one term to four terms), all students registered for at least 10 credits per term will be charged a flat term rate (annual rate/four terms) along with associated fees. All students registered for less than 10 credits per term will be charged per credit hour along with associated fees.

As part of this resolution, the Board authorized the President or her designee to adjust tuition rates and fees for special or joint programs or where otherwise appropriate.

Finally, this tuition recommendation applies only to students enrolled in the School of Medicine MD program and is not an indication of rates for the general student body or an obligation by the Board of Governors regarding rates that will be set for the rest of the University's programs.

The motion carried.

Details for the tuition and fee rates as adopted, by program year and residency status, are shown in Table 1 (tuition), Table 2 (Medical School Support Fee), and Table 3 (Student Service Fee) below:

RECOMMENDED ANNUAL MD PROGRAM TUITION AND FEES

TABLE 1: Flat Tuition Rates

Year in MD Program	Residency Status	Annual Rate (>40 credits)			Per Credit Hour (<40 credits)			Percent Change
		FY 2024 Tuition	Proposed FY 2025 Tuition	Dollar Change	FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Dollar Change	
M1	Resident	\$37,895	\$39,975	\$2,080	\$759	\$801	\$42	5.50%
M1	Non-Resident	\$66,008	\$66,998	\$990	\$1,319	\$1,339	\$20	1.50%
M2	Resident	\$37,895	\$39,975	\$2,080	\$759	\$801	\$42	5.50%
M2	Non-Resident	\$66,008	\$66,998	\$990	\$1,319	\$1,339	\$20	1.50%
M3	Resident	\$37,895	\$39,975	\$2,080	\$759	\$801	\$42	5.50%
M3	Non-Resident	\$66,008	\$66,998	\$990	\$1,319	\$1,339	\$20	1.50%
M4	Resident	\$37,895	\$39,975	\$2,080	\$759	\$801	\$42	5.50%
M4	Non-Resident	\$66,008	\$66,998	\$990	\$1,319	\$1,339	\$20	1.50%

Table 2: Student Medical School Support Fee

Year in MD Program	FY 2024 Annual Fee	Proposed FY 2025 Annual Fee	Dollar Change	Percent Change
M1	\$1,024	\$1,080	\$56	5.50%
M2	\$1,024	\$1,080	\$56	5.50%
M3	\$1,024	\$1,080	\$56	5.50%
M4	\$1,024	\$1,080	\$56	5.50%

Table 3: Student Service Fee

Year in MD Program	FY 2024 Per Term Fee	Proposed FY 2025 Per Term Fee	Dollar Change	Percent Change
M1/M2/M3/M4	\$385	\$406	\$21	5.50%

Personnel Committee

Governor Gaffney reported that the focus of today's meeting was on the presentation of the 2023 Equal Opportunity Status Report, an annual report that provides demographic information on the University's approximately 4600 full-time employees. The report provides information on % of minority men, minority women and women by various employment categories, changes in these respective categories over a five-year period, and how WSU ranks in comparison to other Michigan public universities. The report also includes summary information on the number of complaints filed with and overseen by the Office of Equal Opportunity.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP**CONFLICT OF INTEREST CONTRACTS**

Vice President Obasi presented a contract for 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 vote 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.

University Subcontract to License Technology to a Company Owned by a College of Engineering Faculty Member

- i) The parties involved in the contract are Wayne State University and Perpetual Sciences, LLC.
- ii) The contract will provide that:
 - a) Scope: An option to acquire an exclusive, worldwide royalty bearing license
 - b) Duration: The term of the option shall be for a period of 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 \$1,000
 - d) No University employees are assigned in connection with the licensing contract.
- iii) Dr. Harris' pecuniary interest consists of a one hundred percent (100%) ownership of Perpetual Sciences, LLC. Dr. Harris will therefore have the potential to financially benefit from the commercial success of the company. Dr. Harris has filed a Financial Conflict of Interest with the Office of Research Integrity.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Barnhill and supported by Governor Gaffney, the Board of Governors authorized the President or her designee to enter into an option with Perpetual Sciences, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability company for an exclusive license for commercialization of the intellectual property encompassing the development of a "Solid State Shunt Valve with Active CSF Outflow Regulator." The motion carried with a roll-call vote:

Danielle Atkinson - Y
Bryan Barnhill - Y
Michael Busuito - Y
Mark Gaffney - Y

Marilyn Kelly - Y
Anil Kumar - Y
Terri Lynn Land - Y
Shirley Stancato - Y

ESTABLISHMENT OF ENDOWMENTS

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Land and supported by Governor Stancato, the Board of Governors approved the establishment of endowment funds that total \$1,179,672.25 for the purposes presented. The motion carried.

The Endowment Funds are as follows:

1. The Elizabeth Brunette Endowed Vocal Music Fund to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to student financing their education in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. \$25,000
2. The Gloria J. Huhn, D.O., Ph.D. Memorial Endowed Lecture to provide support for expenses associated with scholarly lectures in the School of Medicine's Department of Emergency Medicine. \$56,000
3. The Ninia Family Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$27,022,25
4. Nurse Anesthesia Endowed Scholarship (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Education. \$75,650
5. Dr. Joan Perry Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Education. \$35,000

6. The Schon Family Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the Law School. \$100,000
7. The Ronald G. Shell & Paricia J.W. Shell Climate Change Research Endowed Fund to promote and support training for, and research conducted by Ph.D. students in the College of Engineering. \$25,000
8. The Paul and Patricia Stobbe Scholarship Fund to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$81,000
9. The Alexandros Tselis, M.D., Ph.D., Endowed Education Support Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to provide major support for the Department of Neurology. \$200,000
10. The A. Dayle Wallace Memorial Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. \$25,000
11. The William H. Weihofen Physics and Astronomy Support Fund (Fund Functioning as an Endowment) to provide major support for the Physics and Astronomy Department. \$500,000
12. The Barbara Zonca Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the college of Nursing. \$30,000

C. Correction: Request for Dissolution of Endowment

Vice President Ripple presented a recommendation on dissolution of an endowment:

ACTION: Upon motion made by Governor Land and supported by Governor Busuito, the Board of Governors approved the correction of the dissolution of the Irvin D, Reid Endowed Athletic Scholarship as presented. The motion carried.

DIVISIONAL REPORTS

President Espy advised that the divisional reports from executive leadership are available in the meeting materials, and the officers are available should Board members have any questions.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie H. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" being the most prominent.

Julie H. Miller
Secretary to the Board of Governors

Appendix I

President Espy opened the floor for public comment. She welcomed members of the campus community present for the meeting, and advised that public comment helps to enhance the Board's understanding and contribute to decision making. Fifteen requests to address the Board were received. Two individuals were not present when called.

The names of the speakers and their statements are as follows:

1. Ridaa Khan
2. Maha Albujug
3. Jackson Robak
4. Page Simard
5. Haneen Hamideh
6. Jenna Mahmoud
7. Layla Saatchi
8. Thomas Pedroni
9. Elena Herrada
10. Zaynah Jadallah
11. Lana Kadi
12. Bianca Garcia
13. Laura Kraftowitz - not present (sent document/comments on April 30) - see attachments
14. TK Khan - TOPIC - MINIMUM WAGE FOR ALL STUDENT EMPLOYEES - (sent resolution -Thu 4/25/2024 1:29 PM) - see attachments;
asked to be remove from list of speakers via email -Fri 4/26/2024 2:32 PM
15. Danielle Aubert - TOPIC - WAYNE ACADEMIC UNIONS