



## BOARD OF GOVERNORS

September 13, 2024

Presiding: Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy, President

### Revised Agenda

- Miller I. Roll Call
- Espy II. Approval of Consent Agenda\*

**Action Requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Approval of the Official Proceedings, June 26, 2024 Regular Board Meeting

*Approve proceedings as presented.*

- B. Approval of the Revised 2024-2025 Schedule of Meetings

#### ***Recommendations from the Academic Affairs Committee***

- C. Establishment of a New Program for the Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Early Childhood Education
- D. Establishment of a New Program for the Bachelor of Science in Education with Major in Middle Childhood Education
- E. Establishment of a New Program for the Bachelor Science in Education with a Major in Multi-Age Childhood Education
- F. Change the name of the Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Early and Elementary Education to the Bachelor of Science in Education with a Major in Elementary Education
- G. Change the name of the Master of Arts in Teaching with a Major in Early and Elementary Education to the Master of Arts in Teaching with a Major in Elementary Education

#### ***Recommendations from the Budget and Finance Committee***

- H. Undergraduate Library (UGL) - Phase 2 Student Success Hub
- I. Kresge Eye Institute Laboratories Move to C.S. Mott

J. State Hall Renovation - Fund Source Swap

Clabo III. Approval of Personnel Recommendations\*

**Action Requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors approve the personnel recommendations for tenure, promotion to full professor and administrative appointments other than those separately submitted.

Miller IV. Ratification of Executive Committee Actions\*

**Action Requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors ratify the actions adopted by the Board of Governors since the Board's last public meeting.

1. Request for authorization for the President, or her designee, to approve spending to design, solicit bids, and award contracts to continue the renovation of the Gretchen C. Valade Jazz Center portion of the Hilberry Gateway Performance Complex, located on 4743 Cass Avenue with a project cost not to exceed \$2,000,000. Funding for this project will be provided by the Reserve for Special Non-Recurring funds and philanthropic funds. This action was approved by the Board of Governors on July 3, 2024, with a vote of 6-2.
2. Approval of the appointment of Bethany Gielczyk as Senior Vice President for Finance and Business Affairs, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer. The appointment was approved by the Board of Governors on August 16, 2024, with a vote of 7-0-1. The effective date of this appointment is August 16, 2024.

V. Recommendations from the University Leadership

Obasi A. University Subaward from a Company Which is Partially Owned by a College of Engineering Faculty Member\*

**Action requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors authorize the President or her designee to contract with Signal-Wise, LLC to further develop intellectual property F-VAC (Forced-Vibroacoustic Component) Analysis. This contract will be to perform services under a National Science Foundation Small Business Technology Transfer Program Phase I entitled, "*AI- and Laser-assisted Targeted Noise Control.*" (roll call vote required)

- Obasi B. University Contract to License Technology to a Company Owned by a School of Medicine Faculty Member\*

**Action requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors authorize the President or her designee to enter into a contract with Boritran, Inc., a Michigan Limited Liability Corporation for an option for an exclusive license for commercialization of the intellectual property encompassing the development of a diagnostic entitled 'Vaginal Microbiome Snapshot (VMS),' and a potential therapeutic through the creation of combination vaginal ovule containing 750mg metronidazole and 600 mg boric acid for treatment of bacterial vaginosis. (roll call vote required)

- Obasi C. University Contract to License Technology to a Company Owned by a School of Medicine Faculty Member\*

**Action requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors authorize the President or her designee to enter into an option with NCNS Therapeutics, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability corporation for an exclusive option for an exclusive license for commercialization of the intellectual property encompassing the development of a therapeutic to treat neurodegenerative disease. (roll call vote required)

- Obasi D. University Contract to License Technology to a Company Owned by a School of Medicine Faculty Member\*

**Action requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors authorize the President or her designee to enter into a contract with Ripple Biosciences, LLC, a Michigan Limited Liability Corporation for an option for an exclusive license for commercialization of the intellectual property encompassing the development of a diagnostic entitled "Sperm Epigenetic Aging Predicts Reproductive Outcomes." The proprietary technology and associated trade secrets describe an epigenetic clock (*i.e.*, biological aging) for sperm that is associated with time-to-pregnancy (TTP) among couples trying to conceive. The 'clock' is also associated with gestational age, current smoking and phthalate exposure - indoor pollutants - and can assist in directing treatment options. (roll call vote required)

- Ripple E. Establishment of Endowment Funds\*

**Action requested:** Motion that the Board of Governors establish endowment funds that total \$3,761,111.37 for the purposes presented.

1. The Eric W. Ayers Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the School of Medicine. \$25,000

2. The Community Chorus of Detroit Vocal Music Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Fine, Performing and Communication Arts. \$55,000
3. The Corey Family Endowed Pipeline Support Fund to provide major support to the Law School for expenses associated with the Law and the Real World C2 Pipeline Program. \$25,000
4. The Foster Family Evening Program Endowed Support Fund to provide support for expenses associated with the enhancement of Wayne Law's Part-Time Evening Program (the "Program"). \$1,500,000
5. The Blanche Goodell Endowed Scholarship for Students of Foreign Language to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. \$276,111.37
6. The Gregory Hazen Family Department of Ophthalmology, Visual and Anatomical Sciences Resident Endowed Support Fund for expenses associated with the Resident Training Program at the Kresge Eye Institute, WSU School of Medicine. \$50,000
7. The Linda and Herbert Henkel Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education in the Mike Ilitch School of Business. \$25,000
8. The James Kaskas Endowed Distinguished Faculty Fellowship to provide support for scholarship through awards to distinguished members of the faculty in the Department of Physics and Astronomy in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. \$250,000
9. The Milan Talreja Memorial Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress and provide assistance to students in financing their education at Wayne State. \$25,000
10. The John and Irene Endowed Scholarship to recognize scholastic achievement, encourage continued progress, and provide assistance to students financing their education in the College of Education. \$30,000

11. The William H. Weihofen Physics and Astronomy Professorship (FFE) to provide support for an annual amount to be applied toward the compensation for a faculty member in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, and may provide related support such as research, equipment, or travel funding for the holder of the professorship. \$1,500,000

VI. Board Committee Reports

Stancato A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Barnhill B. Budget and Finance Committee

Gaffney C. Personnel Committee

Stancato VII.

Espy VIII. President's Highlights of University Report

Espy IX. Special Topic Presentation:

- Introduction to New Leaders & New Roles
  1. Dr. Ahmad M. Ezzeddine, Senior Vice Provost for Partnerships, Workforce & International Initiatives
  2. Dr. Charles Cotton, Vice Provost, Enrollment Management
  3. Dr. Darryl Gardner, Vice Provost, Student Success, Support and Engagement
  4. Lynsey Crum, Assistant Vice President, Alumni Relations
  5. Dr. Taunya Phillips, Assistant Vice President, Technology Transfer

Espy X. Public Comment

- Nuzmeya Abdrabboh
- Emma Stamp
- Paige Simard
- Lejla Bajgoric
- Nadiah Almassudi
- Jennifer Moss
- Ridaa Khan
- Kevin Mardirosian
- Safia Haniya Yusuf
- Thomas Pedroni
- Jenna Mahmoud
- Nashat Imran
- Jenna Sukkar

- Lana Kadi
- Zaynah Jadallah
- Jada Shorter

Espy XI. Adjournment

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\* Attachment