



Special Meeting YSU Board of Trustees Minutes

Youngstown State University - Board of Trustees

Apr 28, 2021 at 5:00 PM EDT

@ Virtual

Attendance

Members Present:

Anita A.

Hackstedde, Capri S. Cafaro, Charles T. George, John R Jakubek, Allen L. Ryan Jr., Joseph J. Kerola, Galatiani G. Lopuchovsky, James E. "Ted" Roberts, Molly S. Seals, Victoria M. Woods

Members Absent:

Helen Lafferty, Michael A. Peterson, Eric A. Spiegel

Guests Present:

Seth Briskin, Holly Jacobs, Cindy Kravitz, Neal McNally, Jennifer Pintar, Rebecca Rose, Mike Sherman, Brien Smith, James P. Tressel, Sharon Zembower

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The following members were present and participated in the meeting remotely:

Ms. Cafaro, Home, Liberty Township, Ohio

Dr. Hackstedde, Office, Salem, Ohio

Dr. Jakubek, Cleveland

Mr. Kerola, Masury, Ohio

Atty. Roberts, Vero Beach, Fla.

Atty. Ryan, Office, Warren, Ohio

Ms. Seals, Hawaii

Mr. George, Office, Youngstown

Ms. Woods, YSU campus

Ms. Lopuchovsky, YSU campus

Mr. Peterson, Dr. Lafferty and Mr. Spiegel were absent.

II. Proof of Notice of the Meeting

Pursuant to Article II, Section 2, of the board's Bylaws, notice of the meeting was timely provided to each of the trustees, the student trustees, the national/global trustee and to the president, as well as publicly noticed on the Board of Trustees website and to the news media.

III. Disposition of the Minutes

Minutes of the board's meetings in March 2021 will be considered at the board's next regularly-scheduled meeting in June 2021.

IV. Report of the President of the University

President Tressel, noting that the Spring Semester is coming to a close, thanked faculty for their work and thanked students for their patience and hard work. He said the university will hold in-person commencements on Friday and Saturday, May 7 and 8, in Stambaugh Auditorium, for both the class of 2020 and the Spring class of 2021. He said the new Excellence Training Center is being finalized, announced that the women's golf team won the Horizon League crown, and noted the recent Student Awards program, college convocations and the annual student fashion show held at the downtown amphitheater.

V. Reports of the Committees of the Board

In accordance with the board's practice, and in the absence of objection, the committees' recommended resolutions will be considered for adoption by unanimous consent.

Chair Hackstedde noted that the **University Affairs Committee** recommends one resolutions for adoption by the board:

a. **RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A FACULTY VOLUNTARY SEPARATION/RETIREMENT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University has undertaken the Academic Program Enhancement and Effectiveness Initiative as a component of the Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future to optimize the portfolio of academic programs and to gain appropriate curricular efficiencies; and

WHEREAS, a compliment to this process includes optimizing the instructional/academic needs of the university; and

WHEREAS, YSU-OEA leadership proposed to Administration the development of a program whereby faculty would be given the opportunity to separate from the University and receive an incentive; and

WHEREAS, the Administration and YSU-OEA leadership collaborated in developing a possible Voluntary Separation/Retirement Program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and President's designees have the authority to sign any documents relating to a Voluntary Separation/Retirement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the University shall make cash payments for the sole purpose of a one-time offer to participants under a Voluntary Separation/Retirement Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes the President and designees, with respect to a Program, to take any and all actions necessary or desirable to implement, maintain, and administer such a Program.

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There being no objection, the chair declared the resolution adopted by general consent.

VI. Communications, Memorials, and News Updates

None.

VII. Unfinished Business

None.

VIII. New Business

None.

IX. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair Hackstedde thanked board members for their time and expressed appreciation to the YSU administrative leadership and the leadership of the OEA faculty union for collaborating on helping the university move forward, including the resolution approved today. She said she looks forward to the in-person graduation celebrations and a more typical academic year going forward.

A. Additional Comments by the President of the University (as warranted)

President Tressel thanked the board for its continued guidance and advice, and he said he was excited about the university administration and OEA faculty leaders putting together a plan that is of great benefit to many faculty members and to the institution as a whole.

X. Dates and Times of Upcoming Regular Meetings of the Board

Upcoming Meeting Dates:

10:00am, Thursday, June 3, 2021

10:00am, Thursday, September 2, 2021

10:00am, Thursday, December 2, 2021

Chair Hackstedde said it is anticipated that the June 3, 2021 meeting, as well as the board's committee meetings on June 2, 2021, will be conducted in-person.

XI. Adjournment