

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING  
OF  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF  
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

Tod Hall  
Thursday, March 5, 2020

Pursuant to notice duly given, a regular meeting (the three hundred sixty-fifth) of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University convened at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 5, 2020, in the Board Room in Tod Hall.

All eleven trustees and the National/Global Trustee were present at the meeting, to-wit: Mr. David C. Deibel, chairperson of the board, who presided, Dr. Anita A. Hackstedde, Mr. James E. Roberts, Dr. John R. Jakubek, Ms. Molly S. Seals, Mr. Michael A. Peterson, Mr. Capri S. Cafaro, Mr. Charles T. George, Mr. Allen L. Ryan, Jr., Mr. Rocco L. Core, Ms. Victoria M. Woods and National/Global Trustee Mr. Eric A. Spiegel.

Also present were: Mr. James P. Tressel, President of the university; Dr. Brien Smith, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Mr. Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Ms. Holly A. Jacobs, Vice President and University General Counsel, Mr. Eddie J. Howard, Vice President for Student Affairs, Jr., Dr. Mike Sherman, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Board Professional and Mr. Franklin S. Bennett, Jr., Secretary to the Board of Trustees. Also present were approximately 50 persons, including deans, members of the faculty, students, administrators, and members of the news media.

The chairperson called the meeting to order.

ITEM I – PROOF OF NOTICE OF MEETING.

Evidence was available to establish that pursuant to Article II, Section 1, of the board's *Bylaws*; written notice of today's regular meeting was timely provided to each of the trustees, the student trustees, the national/global trustee and to the president.

ITEM II – DISPOSITION OF MINUTES FOR MEETINGS HELD DECEMBER 5, 2019

A draft copy of the minutes of the board's regular meeting held December 5, 2019 (#364) had been provided to the trustees prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, additions or deletions thereto, the minutes of the meeting were approved as provided.

ITEM III – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

Mr. Tressel extended his thanks and appreciation to the board of trustees and the students, faculty and staff of Youngstown State University for their extraordinary work that continues to be accomplished during challenging times.

#### ITEM IV – REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD.

The chairperson asked whether any trustee had an objection to the approval by unanimous consent of the resolutions recommended for adoption by the committees of the board. There being no objection to adoption by consent of any the proposed resolutions listed in the agenda, the chairperson stated that those recommended resolutions would be considered for adoption by consent. The board considered the following committee reports and recommendations:

1. Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee

Dr. Smith introduced Dr. Alan Tomhave, associate professor and chair and Dr. Mark Vopat, professor, both of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, advisors to the National Champion YSU Ethics Bowl Team. Dr. Tomhave and Dr. Vopat introduced the members of the YSU Ethics Bowl Team: Ms. Samantha Fritz, Mr. Jacob Tomory, Mr. Moataz Abdelrasoul, Ms. Eva Lamberson and Mr. Michael Factor.

Dr. Smith introduced Dr. Gary Walker, chairperson of the Department of Biological Sciences. Dr. Walker reported that the Department of Biological Sciences is actively engaged in research and that YSU students are involved in every aspect of that research. Dr. Walker said that students engaged in research activity gain valuable experience in developing analytical and critical skills. Dr. Walker described his research on muscle development and rudimentary studies in tissue engineering.

Dr. Smith then introduced Dr. Kristin Bruns, assistant professor in the Department of Counseling, School Psychology and Educational Leadership. Dr. Bruns described projects on which she is currently working: “Assessing New Admission Graduate Counseling Students’ Attitudes, Knowledge and Skills for Working with Suicidal Clients,” which has been funded with a grant from the YSU Office of Assessment, and “Suicide Assessment in the Curriculum: Assessing Counselor Education,” which has been funded with a University Research Council Grant.

Dr. Smith then introduced Ms. Marcy A. Grossman, a graduate student seeking a master’s degree in Accounting from the Williamson College of Business Administration. Ms. Grossman discussed her participation in campus activities and professional development opportunities while a student at YSU, including Beta Alpha Psi (an accounting student group), the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and an internship with the Hill, Barth & King firm.

Dr. Smith introduced student Ms. Ashley Fabian, secretary of the YSU Coalition Against Human Trafficking, who reported on the activities of that student organization which began a year ago to help raise awareness and explore policy implications to protect students and other people at-risk of human trafficking.

Following the faculty and student presentations, the chairperson noted that the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee was recommending three resolutions for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolutions adopted by general consent:

Youngstown State University Board of Trustees' Resolution  
Defining Serious Misconduct and Endorsing University Responses and  
Actions Regarding Circumstances Associated with Serious Misconduct

**YR 2020-38**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees instructed administration to propose enhanced policies and procedures related to "...serious misconduct, including but not limited to, sexual misconduct and acts of violence..." no later than March, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as enhancements to such policies and procedures were being considered, those enhancements were to be presented to and feedback received from Undergraduate Student Government, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the Graduate Council that includes graduate student representatives, and the Academic Senate and were to be adjusted in consideration of the feedback (as is the case) particularly from the perspective of creating a safe and secure campus and an accepting and inclusive campus culture for all students, employees, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the University has taken under consideration instituting a Serious Misconduct Rule; and

WHEREAS, it is important to have clear standards in reporting the academic and conduct standing of students, including student athletes; and

WHEREAS, there has been and will continue to be a robust educational and organizational development approach for the entire campus community, regarding sexual misconduct and harassment and serious misconduct; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for the admissions and athletic departments to have knowledge of students' history of serious misconduct prior to coming to Youngstown State University.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- Serious misconduct is defined as, "any act of sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, any assault that employs the use of a deadly weapon as defined in Ohio Revised Code 2923.11 (A) or causes serious bodily injury; and
- The definition of serious misconduct will be included in both the Student Code of Conduct as well as the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics policy on athletic participation and transfers; and

- The Serious Misconduct Rule will require that both transfer and current students who have been convicted of or pled guilty to or no contest to a felony or misdemeanor involving serious misconduct, or has been subject to official university disciplinary action due to serious misconduct shall be required to report such and will be subject to heightened scrutiny for admission and participation in intercollegiate athletics and extracurricular activities; and
- The definition of sexual misconduct in the Code of Student Conduct and the University Policy on Sexual Misconduct 3356-2-03.1 will be made consistent; and
- Students transferring from another school will be required to report findings of serious misconduct and a determination will be made if circumstances warrant additional parameters; and
- Additional parameters will be placed upon students returning from suspension for violations of serious misconduct, including conduct probation with loss of good standing for one calendar year preventing the student from participating in any extracurricular functions including athletics, student organizations, and student employment. After one year, students may petition the Vice President for Student Affairs for permission to participate in extracurricular activities and employment. Coaches may petition for student athletes through the process set forth below; and
- Should there be NCAA eligibility, a waiver of the Serious Misconduct Rule, may be granted. The respective head coach may petition a review committee that will make a recommendation to the Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and the Vice President of Student Affairs who will make the final decision; and that
- A process to consider such a petition will be developed; and
- The review committee will consist of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Director of Title IX and Associate Director of Student Conduct; and
- For the application of the Student Code of Conduct there will be a Responsible Action Exemption (Bystander Intervention) that will apply in serious misconduct cases; and
- Appropriate language will reflect both expulsion and suspension on an Addendum to the official transcript; and
- A standardized narrative response will be developed and consistently utilized to answer any question related to academic standing or conduct standing reported through the NCAA; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Code of Student Conduct, the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics Handbook, and any other departmental or unit process or procedures documents be adjusted to reflect the above elements of this Resolution, including any other adjustments necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution, as clarified, if necessary, by the president and be in place by March 23, 2020.

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Resolution to Modify  
Appointment of Graduate Assistants, Graduate Research Assistants,  
Graduate Assistant Interns, and Teaching Assistants Policy, 3356-0-03.1

**YR 2020-39**

WHEREAS, University Policies are reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Appointment of Graduate Assistants, Graduate Assistant Interns, and Teaching Assistants policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy Appointment of Graduate Assistants, Graduate Assistant Interns, and Teaching Assistants, policy number 3356-9-03.1, shown as Exhibit A attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

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Resolution to Authorize  
Conferral of Honorary Degree – Dr. Thomas Shipka

**YR 2020-40**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby authorize the conferral of a Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.) degree, honoris causa, upon Thomas A. Shipka, with all the rights and privileges attendant thereto.

2. Institutional Engagement Committee.

The chairperson said that the Institutional Engagement Committee was recommending two resolutions for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolutions were adopted by general consent:

Resolution to Accept WYSU Memberships

**YR 2020-41**

WHEREAS, Board policy provides that the President shall compile a list of memberships to the University for each meeting of the Board of Trustees and present the list accompanied by his recommendation for action by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the President has reported that the memberships as listed in Exhibit B attached hereto are being held pending acceptance and he recommends their acceptance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby accept these memberships on behalf of Youngstown State University and requests that the President acknowledge the acceptance of these memberships.

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Resolution to Accept Gift of Real Estate

**YR 2020-42**

WHEREAS, Youngstown State University Board of Trustees policy provides that the Board of Trustees may be the recipient of gifts of real estate as determined by the President and as recommended to the Institutional Engagement Committee of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Youngstown State University Foundation owns real estate located within the University's campus as identified on the property map ("Real Estate") attached hereto as Exhibit C; and

WHEREAS, the Youngstown State University Foundation seeks to gift the Real Estate to the Board of Trustees for use by the University; and

WHEREAS, the President recommends that the Board of Trustees accept the gift of Real Estate from the Youngstown State University Foundation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees does hereby accept the gift of Real Estate from the Youngstown State University Foundation.

3. Finance and Facilities Committee.

The chairperson said that the Finance and Facilities Committee was recommending four resolutions for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolutions adopted by general consent:

Resolution to Approve  
Proposed Housing Rates Changes for Fiscal Year 2021

**YR 2020-43**

WHEREAS, Ohio law provides that each Board of Trustees of state-assisted institutions of higher education may establish special purpose fees, service charges, and fines and penalties; and

WHEREAS, University Housing is seeking to adjust certain housing rates and charges for the start of fiscal year 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the proposed adjustments to rates, as shown in Exhibit D, attached hereto.

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Resolution to Approve Interfund Transfers

**YR 2020-44**

WHEREAS, University Policy Number 3356-3-11.1, Budget Transfers, requires Board of Trustees approval for inter-fund transfers of \$100,000 or more for operating purposes or for any purpose other than a specific capital improvement project, for capital improvements or construction projects of \$500,000 or more, and for transfers out of operating reserves regardless of amount; and

WHEREAS, certain accounting and budget adjustments and transfers outside the operating budget are necessary during the course of a fiscal year and at the end of a fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the transfer of funds, as detailed in Exhibit E.

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Resolution to Modify and Retitle Deposit of University Funds Policy, 3356-3-07

**YR 2020-45**

WHEREAS, University Policies are being reviewed and re-conceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies;

WHEREAS, the Deposit of University Funds policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy governing Deposit of University Funds, policy number 3356-3-07, to be retitled as Designation of the University's Official Bank, shown as Exhibit F attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

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Resolution to Modify  
Surplus Property Policy, 3356-4-02

**YR 2020-46**

WHEREAS, University Policies are reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Surplus Property policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy Surplus Property, policy number 3356-4-02, shown as Exhibit G attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

Mr. Peterson reported that the Audit Subcommittee met on March 4, 2020, and received updates on internal audit matters.

Ms. Cafaro reported that the Investment Subcommittee also met on March 4, 2020. The subcommittee received reports from clearstead, the university's investment advisors, regarding the university's endowment and non-endowment investments.



4. University Affairs Committee.

The chairperson noted that the University Affairs Committee was recommending five resolutions for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolutions adopted by general consent:

Resolution to Ratify  
Personnel Actions – Intercollegiate Athletics

**YR 2020-47**

WHEREAS, the *Policies of the Board of Trustees* authorize the President to manage the University, including appointing such employees as are necessary to effectively carry out the operation of the University and any other necessary personnel actions; and

WHEREAS, new appointments and other personnel actions have been made subsequent to the December 5, 2019, meeting of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, such personnel actions are in accordance with the 2019-2020 Budget and with University policies 3356-2-02, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Recruitment and Employment; 3356-7-36, Hiring and Selection Process, Contracts and Compensation for Intercollegiate Athletic Coaches; 3356-9-02, Selection and Annual Evaluation of Administrative Officers of the University; and 3356-7-42, Selection of Professional/Administrative Staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby ratify and confirm the personnel actions as listed in Exhibit H attached hereto.

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Resolution to Modify  
Public Use of University Grounds for Expressive Activity Policy, 3356-4-21

**YR 2020-48**

WHEREAS, University Policies are reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Public Use of University Grounds for Expressive Activity policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy Public Use of University Grounds for Expressive Activity, policy number 3356-4-21, shown as Exhibit I attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

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Resolution to Modify  
Military (Uniformed Service) Leave Policy, 3356-7-12

**YR 2020-49**

WHEREAS, University Policies are reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Military (Uniformed Service) Leave policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy Military (Uniformed Service) Leave, policy number 3356-7-12, shown as Exhibit J attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

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Resolution to Modify  
Acting President Policy, 3356-9-04

**YR 2020-50**

WHEREAS, University Policies are reviewed and reconceptualized on an ongoing basis; and

WHEREAS, this process can result in the modification of existing policies, the creation of new policies, or the deletion of policies no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, action is required by the Board of Trustees prior to replacing and/or implementing modified or newly created policies, or to rescind existing policies; and

WHEREAS, the Acting President policy has been reviewed pursuant to the five-year review cycle, and formatted in accordance with Policy 3356-1-09, Development and Issuance of University Policies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby approve the modification of the University Policy Acting President, policy number 3356-9-04, shown as Exhibit K attached hereto. A copy of the policy indicating changes to be made is also attached.

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Resolution to Ratify  
Personnel Actions – Faculty/PA Staff

**YR 2020-51**

WHEREAS, the *Policies of the Board of Trustees* authorize the President to manage the University, including appointing such employees as are necessary to effectively carry out the operation of the University and any other necessary personnel actions; and

WHEREAS, new appointments and other personnel actions have been made subsequent to the December 5, 2019, meeting of the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, such personnel actions are in accordance with the 2019-2020 Budget and with University policies 3356-2-02, Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Recruitment and Employment; 3356-9-02, Selection and Annual Evaluation of Administrative Officers of the University; 3356-7-42, Selection of Professional/Administrative Staff; and 3356-7-43, Externally Funded Professional/Administrative Staff;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University does hereby ratify and confirm the personnel actions as listed in Exhibit L attached hereto.

5. Executive Committee.

The chairperson noted that the University Affairs Committee was recommending one resolution for adoption by the board. There being no objection thereto, the chairperson declared the following resolution adopted by general consent:

Youngstown State University Board of Trustees'  
Resolution Related to Strategic Allocation, Reallocation, and  
Distribution of Resources to Take Charge of Our Future

**YR 2020-52**

WHEREAS, the Youngstown State University community has engaged in collaborative consultation to develop the next strategic plan: *Plan for Strategic Actions to Take Charge of Our Future*; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has provided direction via various resolutions that endorses a planning process, focuses on effectiveness, and considers both sustainability and community engagement, as well as “Taking Charge of Our Future” to create a vibrant institution and to assure a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, there are significant changes in the higher education landscape, including demographics, perceptions regarding the value of a Bachelor’s degree, state funding uncertainty, and student sources of funding shifting more and more towards loans that must be repaid; and

WHEREAS, the system and culture of higher education has traditionally existed in the forms of buildings, amenities, people, debt and other items creating long-term obligations of continuously increasing and on-going costs; and

WHEREAS, tuition and fees did not increase over many years that now constrains spending that creates challenges while creating a degree with high value, an important attribute of a degree from Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, to plan for a vibrant and sustainable future, reasonable consideration of an appropriately sized, scaled, and scoped institution is warranted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the physical environment, academic and student success and experience programs are essential to success, and our faculty and staff are valuable assets and as such should be appropriately reflected in future budgets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the investment in the physical environment and in the Athletics program are critical components to the university’s ability to

attract students and which, have strategic purpose and benefit that support the attractiveness and visibility of the campus and university; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees acknowledges the roles that faculty and staff have in contributing to educational excellence and program vitality, so long as academic programs have appropriate enrollment; and

6. Governance Committee.

A. Nomination of 2020-20201Board Officers. The chairperson reported that in accordance with the board's Bylaws, the Governance Committee had met and today makes its report to the board regarding its nominations of officers for the year starting this June. Today's report constitutes a first reading only. Voting on the election of officers will take place at the board's June regular meeting. The Governance Committee's recommendations for the 2018-2019 board officers are:

Chairperson	Dr. Anita K. Hackstedde
Vice Chairperson	Dr. John R. Jakubek

B. Nomination of National/Global Trustee. The chairperson reported the Governance committee recommends that the board of trustees elect Dr. Helen K. (Lamb) Lafferty as a National/Global Trustee for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2020. Today's report constitutes a first reading only. Voting on the election of the position will take place at the board's June regular meeting.

ITEM V – COMMUNICATIONS AND MEMORIALS

The chairperson recognized the secretary to the board who read aloud the following resolution:

Resolution of Appreciation – David C. Deibel

**YR 2020-53**

WHEREAS, David Charles Deibel received a degree in engineering from Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, on June 7, 2011, Ohio Governor John R. Kasich, Jr. appointed Mr. Deibel as a Trustee of Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, for the following nine years Mr. Deibel served faithfully as a Trustee of Youngstown State University, and generously devoted his time, talents, skills and efforts to the best interests of the University, its students, faculty and staff; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Board, Mr. Deibel served with distinction as a member of the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee, Executive

Committee, Finance and Facilities Committee, Institutional Engagement Committee, University Affairs Committee and Governance Committee as well as presidential search and ad hoc committees and subcommittees of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University, and

WHEREAS, from June 2018 to June 2019, Mr. Deibel served as Vice Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and from June 2019 to June 2020, served as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Deibel's commitment to the University is clearly evidenced by his induction to the YSU Athletics Hall of Fame twenty years ago; his long-time membership in the YSU Penguin Club, having served as its president in 1987 and 1988; his near-perfect attendance at hundreds of meetings of the YSU Board of Trustees and its committees and his unfailing presence and participation at meetings and gatherings of the greater University and Youngstown communities, all while serving as the President of Boardman Steel, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, during his term as a trustee of Youngstown State University, Mr. Deibel served as a mentor and friend to three YSU presidents and brought steady leadership and perspective to the Board, always combined with an unfailing sense of humor and ready smile; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees express their appreciation to Dave Deibel for his devotion, dedication and efforts to promote the welfare and best interests of the students, faculty, and staff of Youngstown State University and the community which it serves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mr. Deibel.

Dr. Jakubek moved that the resolution read by the secretary be adopted by the board of trustees. Dr. Hackstedde seconded Dr. Jakubek's motion and the trustees voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as read by the secretary. Mr. Deibel stated that serving as a member of the board of trustees of Youngstown State University has been a true privilege.

The chairperson recognized the secretary to the board who read aloud the following resolution:

Resolution of Appreciation – Rocco L. Core

**YR 2020-54**

WHEREAS, Rocco Lawrence Core was appointed a Student Trustee of Youngstown State University on August 2, 2018, by Governor John R. Kasich; and

WHEREAS, during his term as Student Trustee, Mr. Core served on the Academic

Excellence and Student Success, Institutional Engagement, Finance and Facilities, Governance, and University Affairs Committees as well as the Audit and Investment Subcommittees of the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Core served as Student Trustee while at the same time maintaining a rigorous academic and work regimen and campus leadership positions; and

WHEREAS, as a Student Trustee, Mr. Core served Youngstown State University, its faculty, staff, and especially its students, with distinction, bringing to the Board of Trustees a thoughtful, articulate and respected perspective on student issues and concerns; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Core's term as Student Trustee has proved mutually enriching to him and to the Board of Trustees, exemplifying the value of the Student Trustee experience both to the student and to the University; and

WHEREAS, its members wish to thank Rocco Core for the leadership and perspective that he brought to the Board of Trustees of Youngstown State University;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the members of the Board of Trustees express their appreciation to Rocco L. Core for his dedication and efforts to promote the welfare and best interests of the students, faculty, and staff of Youngstown State University and the community which it serves; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to Mr. Core.

Dr. Hackstedde moved that the resolution read by the secretary be adopted by the board of trustees. Mr. Peterson seconded Dr. Hackstedde's motion and the trustees voted unanimously to adopt the resolution as read by the secretary. Mr. Core said that he would never forget the experience of being a student trustee and thanked the members of the trustees and President Tressel for their encouragement and support.

Mr. Tressel stated that the following persons associated with the university had passed away:

Moesha S. Shelley, a student studying pre-law.

George Kulchytsky, faculty emeritus, History.

Judge Nathaniel Jones, alum, former U.S. Court of Appeals Judge for the Sixth Circuit.

Atty. Joseph Kondela, part-time faculty, History.

Margaret Magmore, retired, ROTC office.

Anthony Cougras, 1957 Youngstown College graduate and 1994 YSU Hall of Fame inductee.

ITEM VI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The board considered no unfinished business.

ITEM VII – NEW BUSINESS

The committee considered no new business.

ITEM VIII – CHAIRPERSON’S REMARKS

The chairperson had no additional remarks.

ITEM IX – TIME AND PLACE OF UPCOMING REGULAR MEETINGS

Upon motion duly made and seconded, which received the affirmative vote of all trustees present, the trustees resolved to set the following dates and times for the next regular meetings of the board to be held in the Board Room in Tod Hall:

10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 4, 2020  
10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 3, 2020  
10:00 a.m., Thursday, December 3, 2020

ITEM X – ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board of trustees, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was duly adjourned by unanimous vote of the trustees at 10:58 a.m.

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Chairperson

ATTEST:

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Secretary to the Board of Trustees