

YSU Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, March 2, 2023, 11 a.m. Trustees Meeting Room, Tod Hall

(Resolutions and Other Supporting Documents in Appendix)

Attendance

Members Present:

Charles T. George, John R. Jakubek, Elsa Khan, Anita A. Hackstedde, Joseph J. Kerola, Eric Spiegel, Laura Lyden, Julie Centofanti, Michael A. Peterson. Trustee Molly S. Seals attended the meeting virtually from Hawaii. Trustee Sergul A. Erzurum attended the meeting virtually from Florida. Trustee Alan Ryan was absent.

I. Call to Order

Chair Jakubek called to order the 387th meeting of the YSU Board of Trustees, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll Call

Present at the meeting were trustees:

- George
- Hackstedde
- Jakubek
- Kerola
- Seals (virtually from Hawaii)
- Lyden
- Erzurum (virtually from Florida)
- Peterson

National/Global Trustees

- Spiegel

Student Trustees

- Centofanti
- Khan

III. **Proof of Notice of the Meeting**

Board Secretary Trustee Seals provided proof of notice of the meeting pursuant to Article II, Section 1 of the Board's bylaws. She noted that written notice of the meeting was timely provided to each of the trustees, student trustees, national/global trustees and to the president, as well as it was publicly noticed on the board of trustees website and to the media.

IV. **Disposition of the Minutes for the Previous Meeting**

Chair Jakubek said that draft copies of the minutes of the board's Regular Meetings and/or Special Meetings were provided to the trustees prior to the meeting. There being no corrections, additions or deletions thereto, the minutes of the meeting are approved.

V. **Report of the President of the University**

President Lafferty shared that this was normally the time she would be sharing and discussing her goals, but given that she has only been on the job for one month, she would instead just share her pride of our university. She shared her experience with meeting with a number of groups and individuals, including the Academic Senate, Student Government Association, her Presidential Mentors, the Diversity and Equity Gala, and a host of other meetings and events. She shared how proud she was to serve as Interim President at a university with such excellent faculty, bright and innovative students, great administrative leaders and others who care so much about this university.

VI. **Presentations**

The following presentations were made to the Board:

Student - Tori Blandine, MS Environmental Science.

Faculty - Dragana Crnjak, professor, Art.

Student Organization - Julie Centofanti, Transcribing Initiative.

Athletics - Aline Scott, head coach, and player Isidora Sisic, Women's Volleyball.

VII. **Reports of the Committees of the Board**

Chair Jakubek asked if any board member requested a separate vote on any resolution associated with any of the committees of the board. Hearing none, Chair Jakubek said a roll call vote will be used to endorse all resolutions associated with each committee.

A. **Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee**

The roll call for the following resolution associated with the Academic Excellence and Student Success Committee passed unanimously.

1. Resolution to Approve Religious Accommodations of Students Policy, 3356-8-09

B. **Investment Committee**

The roll call for the following resolutions associated with the Investment Committee passed unanimously.

1. Resolution to Approve an Outsourced Chief Investment Officer Investment Strategy
2. Resolution to Approve the Addition of an Investment Manager for the Non-Endowed Long-Term Investment Pool
3. Resolution to Approve Clearstead's Recommendation to Rebalance the Non-Endowment Long-Term Investment Pool

C. Finance and Facilities Committee

The roll call for the resolutions below associated with the Finance and Facilities Committee passed unanimously.

1. Resolution to Modify Purchasing Policy, 3356-3-01
2. Resolution to Modify Acceptable Use of University Technology Resources Policy, 3356-4-09
3. Resolution to Approve an Increase to the International Application Fee

Audit Subcommittee Chair Peterson reported that the subcommittee met on March 1, 2023, and heard reports on the university's Anonymous Reporting Hotline, the FY23 Second Quarter Internal Audit Plan, Audit Matrix Open Audit, Enterprise Risk Management, Sunshine Law Star Rating, NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures and the WYSU-FM Radio Station audit.

D. University Affairs Committee

The roll call for the resolutions below associated with the University Affairs Committee passed unanimously, except for D.3., which was held until the June meeting.

1. Resolution to Modify Civic Leave with Pay, Excluded Professional/Administrative and Excluded Classified Staff Policy, 3356-7-11
2. Resolution to Modify Unscheduled Leave Policy, 3356-7-16
3. Resolution to Modify Distinguished Service Awards, Full-Time Excluded Professional/Administrative Employees and Full-Time Excluded Classified Employees Policy, 3356-7-27
4. Resolution to Modify President's Leadership Merit Awards Policy, 3356-7-22
5. Resolution to Modify Employee Health Insurance Programs Policy, 3356-7-22
6. Resolution to Ratify Personnel Actions

E. Governance Committee

Chair Jakubek reported on the nomination of officers for the YSU Board of Trustees for 2023-24. Nominees for chair are trustees Peterson and Seals; for vice chair, trustee Chuck George; and for secretary, trustee Anita Hackstedde. He said the election of officers will take place at the board's June meeting.

F. Executive Committee

No report

VIII. Communications, Memorials and News

Memorials

Interim President Lafferty recognized the following passings:

Alan Brass, donor; Carmella Cassese, owner, MVR; John D. Hyden, father of Associate Vice President for Facilities John Hyden; Mary Dimitriou, retired employee, Alumni and Events; Anthony S. Yukech, father of Associate Vice President and Chief Information Officer Jim Yukech; Kylearia "Kylie" Day, student, Marketing Management; Jedidiah Affum, graduate student, Communication; Stephen Gage, retired director of Bands and conductor for W.D. Packard Concert Band; Vincent Morgione, father of Associate General Counsel Greg Morgione; Bruce Waller, retired professor chair, Philosophy and Religious Studies; A. C. McCullough, radio host, WHOT-101.

IX. Unfinished Business

Chair Jakubek reported no unfinished business.

X. New Business

Chair Jakubek entertained a motion declaring the following resolutions of appreciation and recognition. Trustee Seals made the motion and the roll call was unanimous.

- A. Resolution to Designate James P. Tressel as President and Coach Emeritus
- B. Resolution to Confer an Honorary Degree upon Ellen J. Tressel
- C. Resolution of Appreciation for Service as a Student Trustee to Elsa Khan

XI. Chairperson's Remarks

Chair John Jakubek said he wanted to echo Interim President Lafferty's remarks about the hard work and enthusiasm of YSU employees. The future, he said, is bright and in good hands with "the generation of students we are producing here at YSU." Much of that is due to a talented and inspiring faculty: "You're not going to have a great university if you don't have a great faculty." Jakubek, a graduate of YSU, said he has worked with 31 trustees, 17 student trustees and six presidents in his time on the board. "It's been a great pleasure," he said, adding, "There are a lot of great things happening here." He also said, however, that YSU and higher education is facing many challenges, particularly with funding and enrollment. Changes, some that may impact people, will need to be made, he said. "We have to remember one thing: we are all in this together, and all of us will get through this together," he added.

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

Thursday, June 22, 2023 - 10 a.m.

Wednesday, September 22, 2023 - 10 a.m.

Thursday, December 7, 2023 - 10 a.m.

XIII. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Trustees, Chair Jakubek declared the meeting adjourned.

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APPENDIX

**Approved Resolutions
and other supporting documents**

**(Documents will be added after trustees review
and approve the narrative of the minutes)**