

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022**  
**RESEARCH, INNOVATION & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING**

Lewis Von Thaer, chair  
Reginald A. Wilkinson, vice chair  
Alexander R. Fischer  
Tanner R. Hunt  
Phillip Popovich  
Hiroyuki Fujita (*ex officio*)

Location: Sanders Grand Lounge, Longaberger Alumni House  
2200 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, Ohio 43210

Time: 1:00-2:30pm

**Public Session**

*ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION*

1. *Committee Chair's Remarks – Mr. Lou Von Thaer* 1:00-1:05pm
2. *Highlights of New Research, Innovation and Knowledge Achievements – Dr. Grace Wang* 1:05-1:15pm
3. *Recognition and Conversation with Select Winners of the President's Buckeye Accelerator – Ms. Cheryl Turnbull, Mr. Adithya Ramaswami, Mr. Garrett Carder, Ms. Anjali Prabhakaran* 1:15-1:25pm

ITEM FOR ACTION

4. Approval of May 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes – Mr. Lou Von Thaer 1:25-1:30pm  
1:30-2:30pm

**Executive Session**



**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

*May 18, 2022 – Research, Innovation & Strategic Partnerships Committee*

**Members Present:**

Lewis Von Thaeer  
Erin P. Hoeflinger

Reginald A. Wilkinson  
Carly G. Sobol

Phillip Popovich  
Gary R. Heminger (ex officio)

**Members Present via Zoom:**

Alexander R. Fischer  
Hiroyuki Fujita

**Members Absent:**

N/A

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Research, Innovation & Strategic Partnerships Committee of The Ohio State University Board of Trustees convened on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on the Columbus campus and virtually via Zoom. Committee Chair Lewis Von Thaeer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

***Items for Discussion***

1. Committee Chair's Remarks: Mr. Von Thaeer recognized committee members Erin Hoeflinger and Carly Sobol and thanked them for their service as this was their last meeting prior to the conclusion of their terms as trustees. He then gave a high-level overview of achievements that had occurred at Ohio State since the last committee meeting, including the launch of two new interdisciplinary research centers – the Gene Therapy Institute and the Center for Quantum Information Science and Engineering – which are part of President Kristina Johnson and Dr. Grace Wang's strategy to double research expenditures over the next decade and increase societal impacts. He also shared that President Johnson and Dr. Wang had met with a special working group of the Board of Trustees in April 2022 to discuss the university's plans around research and workforce development as a result of the Intel project coming to Ohio.
2. Highlights of New Research, Innovation and Knowledge Achievements: Dr. Wang, Executive Vice President for Research, Innovation and Knowledge, shared highlights related to four strategic priority areas: 1) Enable Curiosity-Driven Discoveries and Creative Expression; 2) Build Large-Scale, Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation Centers; 3) Design and Develop the Innovation District; and 4) Nurture Innovation and Entrepreneurship. One significant highlight included the second cohort of President's Research Excellence Accelerator Awards, which awarded a total of nearly \$750,000 in funding this round.

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3. Recognition and Conversation with Ohio State's 2022 Innovator of the Year – Dr. Melissa Bailey: Finally, Dr. Wang highlighted the winners of Ohio State's annual Innovator of the Year Awards. These awards go to individuals at Ohio State who are actively working to promote commercialization of university intellectual property through invention disclosures, patents applied for and/or received, technologies licensed, or spin-



off companies formed. This year's winners were Madison Tuttle, a PhD candidate from the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry (Next Generation Innovator of the Year); Dr. Katelyn Swindle-Reilly, an assistant professor in Engineering (Early Career Innovator of the Year); and Dr. Melissa Bailey from the College of Optometry (Innovator of the Year). Dr. Bailey joined the meeting to discuss her start-up companies, which were spun off from research she had conducted at Ohio State, and her team's development of contact lenses that can function as bifocals, as well as a software application to estimate patients' prescriptions for eyeglasses and contact lenses.

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**Items for Action**

4. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the February 9, 2022, meeting minutes; therefore, a formal vote was not required, and the minutes were considered approved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Mr. Von Thaer, and seconded by Mrs. Hoeflinger, that the committee recess into executive session to consider business-sensitive trade secrets required to be kept confidential by federal and state statutes.

A roll call vote was taken and the committee voted to go into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Von Thaer, Mrs. Hoeflinger, Mr. Fischer, Dr. Fujita, Dr. Wilkinson, Dr. Sobol, Dr. Popovich, and Mr. Heminger.

The committee entered executive session at 1:55 p.m. and the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.