

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND SEVENTH
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Columbus, Ohio, August 6, 2020

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, August 6, 2020, virtually, pursuant to adjournment.

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August 6, 2020, Board of Trustees meeting

Chairman Gary R. Heminger called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Members Present (online): Gary R. Heminger, Cheryl L. Krueger, Brent R. Porteus, Erin P. Hoeflinger, Alexander R. Fischer, Hiroyuki Fujita, John W. Zeiger, Lewis Von Thaeer, Jeff M.S. Kaplan, Michael Kiggin, Anand Shah

Members Absent: Abigail S. Wexner, Alan A. Stockmeister, Elizabeth P. Kessler

Mr. Heminger:

Good afternoon. We are going to wait a moment to make sure everyone is here. Will the Secretary please advise when a quorum is present?

Ms. Eveland:

A quorum is present.

Mr. Heminger:

Thank you. At this time, I would like to convene this meeting of the Board of Trustees. Thank you all for joining us today. We are meeting virtually in accordance with current recommendations provided by the CDC, and ordered by Governor DeWine, related to limiting in-person gatherings. We are also following the guidance outlined by the Ohio Attorney General's Office, which permits public meetings to be held virtually during this time of emergency. So thank you all for your flexibility.

Now, a few quick reminders: First, please ensure you are on mute unless you are speaking so we can avoid unnecessary background noise. To simplify this process, I will call on specific individuals to offer seconds to any motions. And please note that the public portion of this meeting is being recorded and livestreamed thanks to our partners at WOSU. With that, we will get started.

I would like to welcome Dr. Kristina Johnson, our incoming president, to The Ohio State University. Welcome, Kristina.

Dr. Johnson:

Thank you very much, I appreciate it, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. Heminger:

Our public session today will focus on two items, which will be presented by Provost McPheron. After hearing about both items, we will take one vote to approve at the end. Dr. McPheron, I will go ahead and turn the floor over to you, sir.

Dr. McPheron:

Thank you, Mr. Heminger. In May, the U.S. Department of Education issued new regulations regarding the processing of sexual misconduct allegations under Title IX, and they further required that campuses across the nation implement these regulations by August 14, 2020. Most of the required changes are being implemented through the university's policy revision process, which is underway currently.

Today, I'm requesting the board's approval of additions to the *Rules of the University Faculty* that align the faculty disciplinary process in faculty rule 3335-5-04 with the Sexual Misconduct Policy. The University Senate approved these changes on July 23 in a special meeting and your action today would put those changes into effect. The revised rule modifies the existing faculty disciplinary process for Title IX complaints, including by integrating the Office of Institutional Equity into the investigation and fact-finding process. When the Office of Institutional Equity makes a finding, the case would then be referred to a faculty panel, which would recommend a sanction. The findings and sanction may be appealed by either the complainant or respondent for a final decision to the university's Executive Vice President and Provost. As I noted, the university must adopt all required changes related to Title IX policy by August 14 to meet the federal deadline.

The second item for your consideration is to properly honor four of our students who passed away in the past year. As you all know, we will celebrate the graduation of about 1,600 graduates during our virtual summer commencement ceremony this Sunday. Based on the recommendations of their academic programs, the university proposes to award posthumous degrees to the following students:

- Hasan Khan, a senior who was majoring in Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering;
- Samuel Riley, who was majoring in Geographic Information Science;
- Jesse Sympson, who was completing an Associate of Arts degree in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the Marion campus; and
- Ahmed Thabt, who was pursuing a PhD in Physics and had completed the requirements for the master's degree that he would be awarded.

We, of course, will honor the privacy of the families, but we do want to celebrate their academic achievements. I'd be happy to answer any questions, Mr. Chairman.

ADDITION TO THE RULES OF THE UNIVERSITY FACULTY

Resolution No. 2021-01

Synopsis: Approval of the following addition to the *Rules of the University Faculty*, is proposed.

WHEREAS the University Senate, pursuant to rule 3335-1-09 of the Administrative Code, is authorized to recommend through the president to the Board of Trustees the adoption of amendments to the *Rules of the University Faculty* as approved by the University Senate; and

WHEREAS the proposed addition to rule 3335-5-04 in the *Rules of the University Faculty* was approved by the University Senate on July 23, 2020:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the attached addition to the *Rules of the University Faculty* be adopted as recommended by the University Senate.

(See Appendix XXX for background information, page XXX)

POSTHUMOUS DEGREES

Resolution No. 2021-02

Synopsis: Approval of Posthumous Degrees for summer term 2020, is proposed.

WHEREAS pursuant to paragraph (E) of rule 3335-1-06 of the Administrative Code, the board has authority for the issuance of degrees and certificates; and

WHEREAS the faculties of the colleges and schools shall transmit, in accordance with rule 3335-9-29 of the Administrative Code, for approval by the Board of Trustees, the names of persons who have completed degree and certificate requirements; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees on June 3, 2020, approved degrees and certificates to be conferred on August 9, 2020, to those persons who have completed the requirements for their respective degrees and certificates and are recommended by the colleges and schools; and

WHEREAS the College of Engineering has recommended Hasan Khan be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering degree, posthumously; and

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WHEREAS the College of Arts and Sciences has recommended Samuel Riley be posthumously awarded a Bachelor of Science in Geographic Information Science degree, posthumously; and

WHEREAS the College of Arts and Sciences has recommended Jesse Sympson be posthumously awarded an Associate of Arts degree, posthumously; and

WHEREAS the Graduate School and the College of Arts and Sciences have recommended that Ahmed Thabt be posthumously awarded a Master of Science in Physics degree, posthumously:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves that Hasan Khan, Samuel Riley, Jesse Sympson and Ahmed Thabt be awarded the above-named degrees, posthumously, on August 9, 2020.

Mr. Heminger:

Thank you. Any questions or comments for Dr. McPheron?

Upon the motion of Mr. Heminger, seconded by Mr. Porteus, the Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing motion by unanimous roll call vote, cast by trustees Mr. Heminger, Ms. Krueger, Mr. Porteus, Mrs. Hoeflinger, Mr. Fischer, Dr. Fujita, Mr. Zeiger, Mr. Von Thaeer, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Kiggin and Mr. Shah. Mrs. Wexner, Mr. Stockmeister and Ms. Kessler were absent.

Ms. Eveland:

Motion carries.

Mr. Heminger:

Thank you. At this time, I hereby move that the board recess into executive session to consider business-sensitive trade secrets required to be kept confidential by federal and state statutes.

Upon the motion of Mr. Heminger, seconded by Mr. Fischer, the Board of Trustees adopted the foregoing motion by unanimous roll call vote, cast by trustees Mr. Heminger, Ms. Krueger, Mr. Porteus, Mrs. Hoeflinger, Mr. Fischer, Dr. Fujita, Mr. Zeiger, Mr. Von Thaeer, Mr. Kaplan, Mr. Kiggin and Mr. Shah. Mrs. Wexner, Mr. Stockmeister and Ms. Kessler were absent.

Ms. Eveland:

Motion carries.

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Mr. Heminger:

Thank you. We are recessed.

The Board of Trustees meeting entered executive session at 1:07 p.m.

RECONVENING OF THE BOARD

Secretary of the Board Jessica A. Eveland called the meeting of the Board of Trustees back to order on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Ms. Eveland:

At this time, I would like to reconvene our meeting of the Board of Trustees. Is there any further business to come before the board at this time?

Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 2:31 p.m.

Attest:

Gary R. Heminger
Chairman

Jessica A. Eveland
Secretary