

April 6, 2005

Members of the University Community

I am pleased, Dear Colleagues . . .

. . . to forward for your information a summary of actions approved by The University of Akron's Board of Trustees on March 16, 2005.

Presentation to the Board

1. George Haritos, dean of the College of Engineering, chronicled the success of the student teams within the college and compared their performances to national benchmarks.

Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee

1. Approval of the Proposed Minor in Politics of Homeland Security in the Buchtel College of Arts and Science, AS-05-01

Trustees approved a minor that introduces students to the existing and potential threats to the nation, and the government's response to those threats. The program has been recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee and the Faculty Senate.

2. Approval of the Proposed Accelerated BS/MS Mathematics in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, AS-04-98, AS-04-99

Trustees approved a resolution to create an accelerated five-year BS/MS program that is responsive to advances in the science and engineering fields, where many career opportunities now require training in mathematical analysis. The program will introduce students to graduate studies sooner than a traditional program, allowing students to start their professional careers early while enhancing interdisciplinary research at the University. The program has been recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee and the Faculty Senate. It now will be submitted to the Ohio Board of Regents for final approval.

3. Approval of the Proposed Undergraduate Certificate in Gender Conflict in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Political Science, AS-05-31

Trustees approved a new certificate program in gender conflict from the Center for Conflict Management. The program is an outgrowth of a popular experimental class, Understanding Racial Conflict. Strong student support, faculty expertise in the subject matter and a successful Open Forum on Racial Conflict led the Center to propose the program, which has been recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee and the Faculty Senate.

4. Approval of a Name Change for the Associate of Computer Network Engineering Technology at Wayne College, WC-05-11

Trustees approved the name change that more accurately reflects the computer network engineering focus of this program. It had been called the associate of computer service and network technology. The name change has been recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee and the Faculty Senate. The matter now goes to the Ohio Board of Regents.

5. Approval of Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters to be conferred upon the Honorable Judge James R. Williams

Board members approved the awarding of an honorary degree to Judge James R. Williams at the recommendation of Trustee Dr. William Demas. Williams earned a bachelor of arts degree and a juris doctor degree from The University of Akron. He was the principal founder of both the Alpha Phi Alpha Homes, Inc., providing housing for moderate and low-income families and senior citizens; and the Alpha Phi Alpha Education Foundation, which supports many worthy projects in the Akron area. Williams has been honored by *Ebony* magazine as one of the 100 most influential Black Americans. In 1978, he was appointed by President Jimmy Carter as the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from the University of Akron in 1978 and the President's Social Responsibility Award from Kent State University in 1999. He was awarded the distinguished Sir Thomas Moore Award in 2001 by the Catholic Diocese, Saint Bernard Church and the Akron Bar Association. He also taught in the Akron Public Schools, served as a member of Akron City Council and was appointed judge of the Akron Municipal Court in 1985 and was re-elected twice. He was named to the Summit County Court of Common Pleas in 1989 and was re-elected twice.

6. Research Grants and Sponsored Programs Report – July 2004-February 2005

For July 2004-February 2005, externally funded research and other sponsored programs totaled \$19,372,755 for support of 282 projects. In the same period last year, \$20,608,481 was committed to support 282 projects. Eleven patents have been issued to the University this fiscal year, and UA has filed 26 new patent applications. In addition, 32 disclosures have been submitted, and seven license and option agreements have been signed.

External Affairs Committee

1. Cumulative Gift and Grant Income Report – July 2004-January 2005

For July 2004-January 2005, total giving was more than \$10.6 million, as compared with \$9.7 million for July 2003-January 2004. For July-January 2005, about 10,400 gifts were accepted, compared to 10,900 received during the same period last fiscal year.

Facilities Planning & Oversight

1. Approval of Associate Architect Design Contract for Rehabilitation of the Auburn West Tower

Trustees approved the awarding of this contract to Hasenstab Architects Inc. for \$1,168,214. The project includes complete renovation of the Auburn West Tower and the attached parking structure. Hasenstab, of Akron, was one of 16 firms to bid on the project and one of five that was interviewed by a campus committee.

2. Approval of Construction Contract to Perrin Asphalt Co. for Sidewalk Renovation

Trustees approved the awarding of this contract to Perrin Asphalt for \$165,020. Perrin will replace the sidewalk from the Auburn Science and Engineering Center to Memorial Hall, including the feeder sidewalks. Five companies bid on the project, and Perrin was the lowest and best bid.

Finance, Fiscal Policy, and Investment Committee

1. Financial and Investment Reports – July 2004-January 2005 (approved subject to audit)

Akron campus – Tuition and fee revenue for the period was \$159.7 million, or about \$1.2 million less than budgeted year to date. These revenues reflect summer, fall and preliminary spring collections; they are a function of generated student credit hours. Earnings from investments, endowments and other sources exceeded budget estimates by \$412,252. Expenses were \$138.1 million in the functional categories for the period, less than budgeted by \$9.4 million.

Wayne College – Tuition and fee receipts, reflecting summer, and preliminary spring and fall collections, were \$6.7 million, or \$578,374 less than budgeted. Receipts from continuing education department sales and other sources exceeded budget estimates by \$133,101. Total educational and general expenditures in the functional categories were \$5 million, which was less than budgeted by \$1.3 million.

The market value of the University endowment increased by \$2.8 million between July and December 2004. The increase – which includes gifts, bequests, fund transfers and

endowment income – raises the total market value to \$50.5 million as of December 31, 2004. Combined endowment assets – the University endowment plus the foundation endowment – now total \$172 million.

2. Use of Facilities Agreement — University of Akron Wayne College

Trustees approved an agreement with Glenn Burkholder and Davel Farms Inc., that allows them to lease University property adjacent to Wayne College at no charge for the sole purpose of farming. As part of the one-year agreement, Burkholder and Davel agree to be indemnified and to hold the University harmless. The agreement covers two parcels that total 36 acres.

3. Natural Gas Contract Update

Trustees approved a natural gas service agreement with Amerada Hess Corp. at a rate of \$9.82 mcf – an increase in cost of 33 percent over the prior agreement – that will be in effect from September 1, 2005, to July 31, 2006. Physical Facilities estimates that usage of natural gas on the 10 large accounts selected will cost about \$607,000 for the period.

4. Purchases for More Than \$150,000

Trustees approved a \$205,165 two-year software license renewal from Computer Associates International Inc. for the CA-11 Restart and Tracking, and Allfusion Panapt.

5. Personnel Actions (attached)

Committee on Rules

1. Revision to Rule 3359-1-03 — Committees on the Board

Trustees approved a rule change that adds to the committees of the Board a new standing committee called Audit Committee. The role and functions of the committee — to provide oversight of the University's financial practices, internal controls, and standards of conduct — are defined in detail.

2. Revision to Rule 3359-07-02 — Office of University Internal Auditor

Trustees approved a rule change that results in changes to the selection and reporting relationship for the University internal auditor. The auditor will be appointed by the Board upon the joint recommendation of the president and the Audit Committee of the Board. He or she will report to the vice president for business and finance on administrative matters and to the Board of Trustees through the Audit Committee on functional matters. The auditor had reported to the vice president and general counsel.

New Business

1. Student Investment Club Portfolio Management

Trustees approved a resolution that permits the Student Investment Club in the Department of Finance to use lower-cost portfolio trading methods rather than the full-service broker named in the resolution (No. 6-24-96) that established the investment club and its rules. The change will allow for cost-effective day-to-day management of the portfolio, which was originally established by James and Vanita Oeschlager through Oak Associates Ltd.

Notes

1. President's Report

I began my remarks with an update on the University Park Alliance project. I reminded the Board of the \$2.5 million grant provided by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation to The University of Akron to form the alliance and to catalyze the redevelopment of a 40-block area around the University. Improvements include sidewalks, lighting and the recent relocation of McDonald's on East Exchange Street. Plans also include the construction of a new residence hall on South Exchange Street and the relocation of the bank that is on the site.

Board members were shown the plans for the renewal area in the Spicertown area south of East Exchange Street and east of Brown Street. Ken Stapleton, director of the alliance; Ted Curtis, vice president for capital planning and facility management; and others have been working closely with the city of Akron to develop this plan. The investment in the area, to be called Spicer Village, will be \$30-40 million, most of it coming from developers. The city will invest \$4-7 million in the project.

In the first phase, the commercial segment along Exchange Street will be redeveloped. Anchored by Don Drumm Studios, the commercial area will have retail space at street level and apartment-type dwellings above.

About 120 town homes will be offered to the public in Spicer Village. Two styles of town homes will be available: one that is more modern with rooftop terraces, parking in the back, and off-street parking; and the other will be more traditional. Phil Maynard, the CEO at ASW Properties Ltd., and Kevin Bord are the lead developers.

Summa Health System and the University have identified private, discretionary funds to offer as an incentive for faculty, staff and others in the University family to eventually relocate to this area. I thanked Mr. Curtis, his staff and Mr. Stapleton for their contributions to this project.

Several highlights were shared with the Board:

- The Inter-University Council of Ohio addressed the House Subcommittee on Higher Education regarding Ohio's "Return on Educational Investment" and the need for a new

partnership among the state of Ohio, the Ohio Board of Regents and Ohio's two- and four-year colleges and universities. Proposals include tax and Medicare/Medicaid reform, the development of new jobs through technology investment and a comprehensive plan for talent development to bring Ohio from being below the national average in educational attainment to at least average or above.

The proposed Return on Educational Investment works like this: Ohio's two- and four-year colleges and universities pledge to increase the enrollment and graduation rates of Ohioans by at least 30 percent by 2015 — requiring an initial investment of \$7.5 million this year, followed by \$23 million next year. If this investment were continued, it would pay back to the state \$4 for every \$1 that is invested. From all of the economic analysis done, it is the only investment that the state might make that actually has a net economic return to the state coffers. My testimony included a presentation on the importance of research and higher education's role in Ohio's economy. Later, John LaGuardia, vice president of public affairs and development, and I, along with others, had dinner with State Rep. Shawn Webster, the chairman of the Subcommittee on Higher Education.

- The University received a private donation to acquire a police dog named Hera after the Greek goddess. The German shepard is assigned to Patrol Officer Pam Helmick, and they are in training. The dog will be used to sweep buildings for explosives before events and to work with officers as needed in picking up scents during investigations.
- A team of University of Akron entrepreneurship students was selected as a finalist in the national 2005 Spirit of Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development Business Plan Competition. Todd Finkle, associate professor of management and director of the Fitzgerald Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies, and his group are doing a great job getting recognition. The on-site Akron Business Plan Competition will be held Saturday, April 2 in the Martin University Center.
- I concluded my remarks by noting that I continue to represent the University on the Council of Competitiveness and on the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. The Council of Competitiveness will meet soon to launch the implementation strategy for the National Innovation Initiative, and PCAST will meet to review the National Nanotechnology Initiative.

2. Next regular meeting

April 27, 2005, 10 a.m., Board Room, Student Union, Third Floor

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Luis Proenza

**Personnel Transactions Approved by the Board of Trustees
March 16, 2005**

Appointments

Curtis C. Barclay, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 02/21/05; **Bill Bleil**, assistant football coach, Athletics, 02/15/05; **Gay Brooks**, accounting clerk senior, Development, 02/16/05; **LuAnn Coldwell**, assistant director, career development, Center for Career Management, 01/21/05; **Sarah M. R. Cravens**, assistant professor, Law, 08/29/05; **Ashish Das**, visiting professor, Statistics, 01/18/05; **Amy Dreussi**, visiting assistant professor, Public Administration and Urban Studies, 01/18/05; **Michelle Enlow**, visiting instructor, Nursing, 01/18/05; **Holly Gartner**, assistant director, Development, 03/14/05; **Eric Green**, associate director, recreation and wellness services programming, Recreation and Wellness Services, 01/24/05; **Johnnie A. Green**, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 02/07/05; **Jess W. Hays**, director, Academic Advisement, member, General Faculty, 04/04/05 (rehire per reemployment agreement); **Younghoon Kim**, postdoctoral research associate, Chemistry, 01/26/05; **Janet Klein**, assistant professor, History, 08/29/05; **Musa Kamal**, Harold A. Morton distinguished visiting professor, Polymer Engineering, 01/31/05; **Woraphon Kataphinan**, research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 01/01/05; **Richard Lavoie**, associate professor, Law, 08/29/05; **Peter Linberger**, associate professor, Bibliography and interim head, collection management, University Libraries Collection Management, 02/01/05; **Margaret E. Matejkovic**, assistant to the dean, Law, 02/01/05; **Stefan Padfield**, assistant professor, Law, 08/29/05; **Charles Parsons**, assistant to the dean for distributive education, Polymers Dean's Office, 02/01/05; **Eileen Pennisi**, director, data management and information technology, Education Dean's Office, 02/07/05; **Catherine Ridenour**, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 03/07/05; **Reichel Samuel**, research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 01/31/05; **Stacie A. Sandrock**, employment services assistant, Human Resources, 11/22/04; **Bradley A. Stevenson**, assistant professor, Finance, 08/29/05; **Tonya Switzer**, office assistant, Admissions, 01/18/05; **Michele Tannenbaum**, coordinator, student services, Music, 02/07/05; **David M. Todaro**, visiting instructor, Management, 01/18/05; **Jessica R. Waggy**, secretary, Word Processing Center, Wayne College, 12/27/04; and **Sandra I. White**, grant administrative assistant, Education Dean's Office, 01/24/05.

Changes

Zia S. Ahmed, director, University Dining Services, promotion and title change from assistant director, 01/24/05; **Donald R. Appleby**, manager, access services, University Libraries Circulation, title change from library associate senior, 02/07/05; **Frank Bove**, assistant professor, Bibliography and electronic resources librarian, University Libraries Teaching and Training, transfer from University Libraries Reference, 02/01/05; **Melissa Bowman**, coordinator, academic programs, Polymer Science, transfer from Admissions, 01/24/05; **John T. Dieringer**, master horticulturist certified, Physical Facilities, title change from master horticulturist, 12/27/04; **Gregory P. Drungil**, storekeeper, Dining Services, promotion and title change from food utility worker and status change from temporary to regular, 01/26/05;

Roger Durbin, associate dean, University Libraries and professor, Bibliography, relinquish title of head, Collection Management, 02/01/05; **Stephanie L. Emerson**, administrative secretary, Mechanical Engineering, transfer from Cashier's Office, 02/21/05; **Tara Farwell**, assistant grounds keeper certified, title change from assistant groundskeeper, Physical Facilities, 12/27/04; **Todd Finkle**, associate professor, Management and director, Fitzgerald Institute, Intellectual Property Center fellow, title change from Fitzgerald Institute fellow, Entrepreneurship, 08/30/04; **Sally Gamauf**, psychologist emeritus and director emeritus, Office of Accessibility, title change from director, Office of Accessibility, Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator for students, psychologist, and member, General Faculty, 06/30/05; **Holli L. Golden**, housekeeping worker, Residence Life and Housing, status change from part-time to full-time, 01/20/05; **Stephen Harp**, professor, History, relinquish title department chair, 05/15/05; **Durrell Hollis**, assistant building services worker, Residence Life and Housing, promotion and title change from housekeeping worker, 12/20/04; **Josephine Johnson**, administrative secretary, Institute of Polymer Science, transfer from Office of Technology Transfer, 02/07/05; **A. Sue Jones**, student services counselor, Admissions, promotion and title change from program assistant, 10/04/04; **Elizabeth Kinion**, assistant dean, Professional Practice and Academic Nursing Center and fellow, Institute for Lifespan Development and Gerontology and professor, Nursing and campus director, NEOU Masters of Public Health, title change from director, Professional Practice and Academic Nursing Center, 01/01/05; **Robert J. Kraus**, manager, Physical Facilities, promotion and title change from building maintenance superintendent and status change from regular to temporary, 01/10/05; **Theodore C. Lehr**, coordinator, classroom services, University Libraries Audio Visual Services, promotion and title change from audio visual assistant and change from part-time to full-time, 01/10/05; **Raymond McCray**, plumber, Residence Life and Housing, promotion and title change from general maintenance worker and status change from temporary to regular, 11/15/04; **Matthew S. Meier**, master grounds keeper certified, Physical Facilities, title change from master grounds keeper, 12/27/04; **Jason Mize**, building maintenance superintendent, Physical Facilities, title change from master carpenter certified, 12/20/04; **Joseph Moorhead**, assistant football coach, Athletics, additional title of pass game coordinator, 02/02/05; **William Nunn**, associate vice president, Student Affairs, title change from associate vice president for enrollment services, 12/21/04; **Phyllis O'Conner**, assistant dean, University Libraries and professor, Bibliography, relinquish title of head, Circulation, 02/01/05; **David A. Palmer**, interim associate director, maintenance and operations, Physical Facilities, title change from building maintenance superintendent, 12/20/04; **Matthew Powell**, library associate senior, Law Library, promotion and title change from library associate, 01/31/05; **Kathleen Ross-Alaolmolki**, assistant dean, Academic Nursing Programs and associate professor, Nursing, title change from director, Academic Nursing Programs, 01/01/05; **Megan Sermersheim**, employee training and development specialist, Human Resources, promotion and title change from employee training specialist, 02/01/05; **Cynthia A. Sheeks**, administrative assistant, Development, promotion and title change from secretary, 01/17/05; **Margaret Shriber**, manager systems technology, Development, job reclassification via job audit and title change from departmental systems administrator, 05/19/03; **Michael Tosko**, assistant professor, Bibliography and interim head, teaching and training, University Libraries Teaching and Training, transfer from University Libraries Collection Management, 02/01/05; **Delmus Williams**, professor, Bibliography, University Libraries Cataloging, transfer from University Libraries Dean's Office, 02/01/05; and **Margaret Wineman**, assistant dean, Nursing Research and Scholarly Activity and

professor, Nursing, title change from director, Nursing Research and Scholarly Activity, 01/01/05.

Separations

Rong Bai, postdoctoral research fellow, Polymer Engineering, 01/29/05; **Kristian Clark**, coordinator, group exercise, incentive programs, Student Recreation and Wellness Services, 01/16/05; **Stephen C. Collar**, recruiting officer, Military Science, 12/31/04; **Ashok K. Dutt**, professor, Geography and Planning and professor, Urban Studies, 05/31/05; **Frank Falk**, professor, Sociology and acting chair, Classical Studies, Anthropology, and Archaeology and fellow, Institute for Lifespan Development and Gerontology, 05/31/06; **Sally M. Gamauf**, director, Office of Accessibility and member, General Faculty and psychologist, Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator for students, 06/30/05; **Arthur V. George**, associate professor, Transportation and Business Management Technology, 05/31/05; **Jess W. Hays**, director, Academic Advisement and member, General Faculty, 03/31/05 (retire per reemployment agreement); **Steven R. Heslep**, assistant building services worker, Gardner Student Center, 12/20/04; **Ronald C. Johnson**, laboratory machinist, Polymer Engineering, 12/31/04; **Sirina Putthanarat**, research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 01/31/05; **Sagar Rane**, postdoctoral research associate, Polymer Science, 01/31/05; **Bindu Raveendra**, research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 01/27/05; **Lisa Starr**, employee training and development specialist, Human Resources, 01/25/05; **Dean L. Stockert**, adjunct assistant professor, Military Science, 01/15/05; **C. Michael Walsh**, assistant to the dean, Law, 01/11/05; **Daniel R. Warner**, mover, Physical Facilities, 01/13/05; **Jeremy L. White**, duty officer, Aerospace Studies, 01/07/05; **Carl Wright**, master building services worker certified, Physical Facilities, 02/28/05; and **John Zarski**, professor, Education and fellow, Institute for Lifespan Development and Gerontology, (deceased), 02/06/05.