

November 18, 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 at its regularly scheduled meeting on October 19, 2005, and a special meeting on November 1, 2005. Actions approved during the special meeting are under New Business and are labeled as such.

**Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee**

1. Parking Permit for Community Members of SRWC

Trustees approved a recommendation for the creation of an unrestricted parking permit option and fee structure for certain members of the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. This unrestricted permit will be available to alumni, community members and spouses of students, alumni, faculty, staff and retirees who are patrons of the SRWC. Those patrons also will continue to have the option of purchasing a restricted permit that places limits on when and where they can park.

2. Formation of the Office of Service Learning and Civic Engagement

This academic year, the University received a grant to bring an AmeriCorps Vista member to campus to focus on involving students in service-learning activities. Renewal of the grant is anticipated for two years, by which time the service-learning program should be established. The formation of this office, which will not require additional budgetary support, is expected to accelerate the establishment of the program. The office will be part of the Office of the Senior Vice President and Provost.

3. Ph.D. in Integrated Bioscience in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences

This joint Ph.D. program, designed to prepare students to understand modern biology in the context of integrated biological systems, will be offered by the departments of Applied and Theoretical Mathematics, Biology, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical and Biomolecular

Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Computer Science and Polymer Science. Students in the program will take three core courses in integrated bioscience and then take an array of courses from the various participating departments. Students will be required to incorporate an integrative aspect in their biology-based research project, which will require information from multiple disciplines. This program has been recommended by the Curriculum Review Committee, the Faculty Senate and the Office of the Provost.

4. Research Grants and Sponsored Programs Report – July 2005-September 2005

For July-September 2005, funding for externally funded research and other sponsored programs was \$11,127,439 to support 110 projects. In the prior fiscal year, the year-to-date amount was \$12,241,524 to support 137 projects. During the current fiscal year, four patents have been awarded, seven patent applications have been filed by the institution and 15 disclosures have been submitted. For the same period last year, four patents had been issued, five patent applications had been filed, and nine disclosures had been submitted.

**External Affairs Committee**

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

For July 2005-August 2005, total giving was more than \$1,877,040, as compared with \$1,951,273 for July 2004-August 2004. For July 2005-August 2005, 1,436 gifts were accepted, compared to 1,330 received during the same period last fiscal year.

**Facilities Planning & Oversight Committee**

1. Guzzetta Hall Addition, Phase I, Bid C

Trustees approved the awarding of contracts totaling \$5.59 million to three companies: Dunlop and Johnson, the general contractor; J.W. Didado Electric Inc. for electrical work; and S.A. Comunale Co. for plumbing and fire protection. Each provided the lowest bid. The contract is less than 1 percent over the budgeted amount; the budget will be balanced through "value engineering."

**Finance, Fiscal Policy, and Investment Committee**

1. Financial Reports – Preliminary July 2005-August 2005 (approved subject to audit)

**Akron campus** – Preliminary tuition and fee revenue for the two-month period was \$97.4 million, or about \$1.2 million less than budgeted. These revenues reflect summer and preliminary fall collections; they are a function of generated student credit hours. Earnings from investments, departmental sales and services, and other sources exceeded budget estimates by \$655,209. Expenses were \$39.3 million in the functional categories for the period, less than budgeted by \$7.6 million.

**Wayne College** – Preliminary tuition and fee receipts – reflecting summer and preliminary fall collections – were \$4.1 million, or \$138,985 less than budgeted. Receipts from continuing education department sales and other sources exceeded budget estimates by \$57,914. Total educational and general expenditures in the functional categories were \$1.45 million, which was less than budgeted by \$307,081.

2. Revision of Master Banking Resolution

Trustees approved a revision to the resolution, adding Seasingood Short-term Asset Manager Inc. to the University's portfolio for investment managers for operating funds.

3. Purchases of More Than \$150,000

Trustees approved a Department of Biology proposal to purchase a dynamic nano-force tensile test system for ultra-thin fibers from MTS Systems Corp. for \$334,345. The supplier was determined to be the sole source of the system.

4. Personnel Actions (attached)

**Rules Committee**

1. Rule Change Related to Acceptance of Credit Cards by the University

Trustees approved a rule change (O.A.C. 3359-3-06) that strengthens controls for accepting credit cards and retention of that information. The recommendations were the result of an external review. The new policy is consistent with the relevant federal law, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act.

2. Rule Change Related to Proof of High School Graduation or Equivalent

Trustees approved a rule change (O.A.C. 3359-60-03) that requires proof of high school graduation or G.E.D. score for all applicants except those who have been home schooled.

3. Rule Changes Related to Student Requirements

Trustees approved rule changes (O.A.C. 3359-60-03) that require students to see their advisers if they have not completed their general education requirements in the first 48 credit hours or if they have not been accepted into a degree granting college by the time they have completed 48 hours. Registration will be restricted for such students until they visit their advisers.

**New Business**

1. 1997 Bond Issue Refunding

During the November 1 special meeting, Trustees approved the refinancing of about \$23 million in debt service from the 1997 bond issue. The refinancing will transpire only if bond rates move favorably, which could save the University \$800,000 to \$1 million.

2. Pertaining to State Support for Advancing Scientific Knowledge

Trustees approved a resolution concerning state Issue 1, which permits the state to issue about \$2 billion in bonds for several purposes, including the support of research, innovation and commercialization. The action was taken during the November 1 special meeting.

3. Approval of Rental Lease

Trustees on November 1 approved the rental of property at 560 Allyn Street in Akron for the establishment of a Community Outreach Partnership Center. As part of a Housing and Urban Development grant to UA's University Park Alliance, it is necessary for the University to rent a structure for the center, which will house a variety of programs and services provided by the College of Education, Geography and Planning, Public Administration and Urban Studies. The lease agreement is for 30 months (the duration of the HUD grant term) at \$500 per month.

4. Group Benefits Providers, Calendar Years 2006-2007

On November 1, the Trustees approved the carriers for the University's group health benefits program effective January 2006 to December 2007. Selection of the vendors and the group health plans was approved for immediate implementation for employees who are not members of the Akron-AAUP bargaining unit. (Note: subsequent to the Board of Trustees meeting, the terms and conditions of the group health benefit plans were also tentatively agreed to by Akron-AAUP on behalf of faculty members, and Akron-AAUP agreed that the bargaining unit faculty would participate in open enrollment with the nonbargaining unit employees.

Medical Mutual of Ohio

Traditional Indemnity Medical  
Flexible Spending Accounts  
COBRA Administration  
Preferred Provider Organization Medical

HomeTown Health Network

HMO Medical (Akron General Network)

Summa Care HMO

HMO Medical  
(Summa Health Systems)

Kaiser HMO

HMO Medical

Standard Insurance Company

Dental

United Health Care/Spectera Vision

Vision

Fort Dearborn

Short-term Disability

Envision Pharmaceutical Services

Prescription Drug Plan

Minnesota Life

Employee Life  
Dependent Life  
Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Mutual of Omaha

Long-term Disability

**Notes**

1. President's Report

I began my report by thanking Dean John Kristofco and the faculty and staff of Wayne College for the progress made on the campus, both academically and physically.

I reported that Intel Corporation has ranked our University third among the top wireless campuses in the United States. The only other Ohio campuses ranked in the top 50 were Case Western Reserve at No. 8 and the University of Dayton at No. 17.

In the interest of time, several brief items were shared with the Board:

- I congratulated the men's soccer team and coach Ken Lolla for becoming the first Mid-American Conference team in any sport to be ranked No. 1 in the nation.
- The National Inventors Hall of Fame has been working with the Akron Public Schools and the University on a program that Provost Elizabeth Stroble initiated to create a middle school science and mathematics academy at the hall of fame. The project has been accepted by the state as part of the district's school construction program. The academy, now in the planning stages, is expected to open in 2008.

- Dr. Ron Levant, the new dean in the Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, was one of very few academic representatives to attend a White House conference on mental health. Dr. Levant also has been invited by the U.S. secretary of defense to join a small team of visitors on a trip to the U.S. Naval base at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba. This invitation is testament to the high regard that he is held in his profession.
- I reminded the Trustees of the October 24 groundbreaking for The University of Akron's Medina County University Center.
- Holly Harris Bane, director of strategic initiatives, will be honored by the Ohio Educational Service Center Association and the Ohio School Boards Association at their joint conference November 14 in Columbus. She was praised for her work on the Medina County University Center.
- Candace Campbell Jackson, assistant to the president, has been selected by Crain's Cleveland Business as one of its "40 under 40." The magazine feature calls attention to 40 influential leaders in the region who are under the age of 40.
- I closed by drawing the Trustees' attention to several articles, reports and actions related to the challenges that higher education is facing. Articles from *The Economist* magazine and reports from the Council on Competitiveness ("Innovate America") and the National Academies ("Rising Above the Gathering Storm") were provided to the Board members. I also noted that Margaret Spellings, the U.S. secretary of education, has chartered a commission to report on higher education issues, and the American Council on Education has begun a project to re-establish the public compact with public higher education. Within our state, Ohio Speaker Jon Husted has issued a challenge to the higher education community, and a legislative study committee also has been established by Ohio Representative Sean Webster to examine higher education in Ohio.

The University is trying to get ahead of the curve on these matters. An Academic Plan that defines the institution's design principles is being developed, and the University has begun to establish a new framework by which its success will be measured. Rather than measuring the institution's success by how many students have been excluded, the University needs to measure itself by how much value is added to each student enrolled. Rather than valuing the separation between universities and their communities – the old ivory tower situation – The University of Akron has a history of valuing its relationships with and its impact upon the community. Unlike other institutions that measure themselves by how much separation they have in the silos between their disciplines, our University continues its commitment to working in an interdisciplinary manner to solve real-world problems and, thus, improve our community, our region, our state, our nation and the world.

To that end, I have challenged the campus to explore how the University can develop new approaches to its academic programs and to its way of doing business, not only in developing operational excellence, but literally developing new lines of programmatic success that bring to us new opportunities for revenue enhancement.

Moreover, I have taken the following steps. I have proposed, through my work on the Council on Competitiveness, that the council begin a national initiative of university-based innovation that would parallel the national innovation initiative. Within the state of Ohio, through the Higher Education Leadership Council, the University is working on several innovation initiatives as well. I also have set up and invited the Trustees to attend a December 1 conversation with Stephen R. Portch, who served as principal consultant to the Ohio Commission on Higher Education. Mr. Portch will provide insight into the areas the University can develop to be innovative and to ensure its own success, which will be beneficial given the diminished support coming from Columbus for higher education.

2. Next meeting: 10 a.m. Wednesday, December 14, 2005, in the Board Room on the third floor of the Student Union.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Luis Proenza

**Personnel Transactions Approved by the Board of Trustees  
October 19, 2005**

**Appointments**

**Laurel A. Bleil**, secretary, Admissions, 08/31/05; **Gary Bogue**, assistant director, Development, 09/19/05; **Ricardo Campos-Ramos**, research associate, Chemistry, 08/29/05; **Javier Coronado-Aliegro**, instructor, Modern Languages, 08/29/05; **F. John Case**, senior associate vice president for business and finance and CFO designee, 12/01/05 (appointment made during November 1 special meeting); **Scott A. Crawford**, coordinator Student Union operations, Student Life, 08/29/05; **Subhranil De**, postdoctoral research fellow, Polymer Engineering, 09/15/05; **Carolyn Felton**, academic advisor, Academic Achievement Programs, 09/06/05; **Tony Frost**, visiting assistant professor, Chemistry, 08/29/05; **Lynn Gaddis**, instructor, Nursing, 09/12/05; **Jennifer L. Gobrogge**, publications specialist, Development, 09/12/05; **Aljie Han**, postdoctoral research associate, Civil Engineering, 08/15/05; **Anne Hanson**, coordinator, distance learning, Political Science, 09/06/05; **Kwang Un Jeong**, postdoctoral research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 08/28/05; **Lori Kraft**, assistant professor, general technology, Engineering and Science Technology, 08/29/05; **William Kraus**, associate vice president, Enrollment Management, 11/07/05; **Liao Liang**, postdoctoral research associate, Chemistry, 09/16/05; **Martha Meconi**, instructor, mathematics, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, 08/29/05; **Erin Miller**, coordinator, hearing aid dispensary, Speech, Language/Pathology and Audiology, 10/05/05; **T. Shane Olivett**, coordinator, academic advising – athletes, Academic Advisement Center, 08/29/05; **Arthur J. Payne**, computer Web specialist, Education, 08/30/05; **Andrea B. Ryce**, delivery worker, Mailing Services, 09/06/05; **Stacey Moore**, director, Office of Accessibility, 09/19/05; **Jeanine L. Thomas**, manager, Athletics Study Table, 08/22/05; **Numan Waheed**, postdoctoral research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 09/06/05; and **Anne Weiner**, assistant professor, Family and Consumer Sciences, 01/17/06.

**Changes**

**Barbara Berasi**, administrative assistant, Greek Life, title change from administrative secretary, 06/27/05; **Andrea Brewer**, director, Audiology and Speech Center, Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology, promotion and title change from acting director, Audiology and Speech Center and college lecturer, Speech/Language Pathology and Audiology, 08/29/05; **Michele Campbell**, assistant dean, student life, Student Union, title change from senior associate director, Gardner Student Center, 07/01/05; **Amy Conwi**, disability specialist and service coordinator, Office of Accessibility, additional title of interim director, 05/01/05; **Valerie Cox**, coordinator, Student Union Conference Center, title change from coordinator, Gardner Student Center events services, 06/27/05; **Diane Doll**, associate director, Student Union operations, Student Union, title change from budget administrator senior, 07/01/05; **Gabor Erdodi**, senior research scholar, Institute of Polymer Science, promotion and title change from research scholar, 06/06/05; **Vicki Fete**, assistant director, Student Union Conference Center, title change from assistant director, Gardner Student Center conference and events services, 06/27/05; **Mark Foster**, professor, Polymer

Science, associate director, Akron Global Polymer Academy for Polymer Science, additional title of department chair, Polymer Science, 09/01/05; **Carin Helfer**, AGPA content specialist, Akron Global Polymer Academy, transfer and title change from senior postdoctoral research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 08/01/05; **Danelle Holmes**, accountant, Office of the Controller, transfer and title change from budget administrator, Music, 09/06/05; **Lu-Kwang Ju**, professor, Chemical Engineering, additional title of department chair, 08/29/05; **Lisa Johnson**, coordinator, UA Adult Focus, title change from administrative assistant, 05/16/05; **Juliet Jordan Lowery**, coordinator, career planning and marketing, Office of Multicultural Development, title change from coordinator, academic support services, 09/08/05; **Radhakrishnan Karunakaran**, senior research scholar, Institute of Polymer Science, promotion and title change from research scholar, 06/27/05; **Wendi Knowles**, student services counselor, Admissions, promotion and title change from secretary, 09/12/05; **Katharine Kolcaba**, associate professor, Nursing, relinquish title of fellow, Institute for Lifespan Development and Gerontology, 08/29/05; **Rose Marie Konet**, manager, computer based assessment, member, General Faculty, additional title of Faculty Senate Executive Committee secretary, 08/30/05; **John Kramanek**, assistant director, maintenance and technology, Student Union, title change from assistant director, Gardner Student Center building operations, 06/27/05; **Kevin Kreider**, professor, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, additional title of interim department chair, 08/29/05; **Martin Lacayo**, coordinator, academic support services, Office of Multicultural Development, title change from coordinator, career planning and marketing, 09/08/05; **Richard Londrville**, associate professor, Biology, additional title of interim department chair, 08/29/05; **Lorri March**, coordinator, campus programs, Student Union, title change from coordinator, programs, 07/01/05; **Paul J. Marsh**, senior systems analyst programmer, Application Services, title change from interim application services tech lead, 08/22/05; **Ronald McDonald**, director, leadership development and special projects, Student Development Office, title change from assistant dean, Student Affairs, 07/01/05; **Jason E. Miller**, graphic design specialist, Akron Global Polymer Academy, basis change from regular to temporary, 03/01/04; **Jason Mize**, building maintenance superintendent, Physical Facilities, title change from master carpenter, certified, 08/22/05; **Charles Monroe**, associate dean, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, professor, Geography and Planning, additional title of interim department chair, Public Administration and Urban Studies, 08/29/05; **Denise Montanari**, assistant director, Commuter Central, Student Union, title change from coordinator, Gardner Student Center marketing and assessment, 07/01/05; **Michael Morsches**, director, Developmental Programs, reclassification via job audit, 08/01/05; **David Palmer**, interim associate director, Maintenance and Operations, title change from building maintenance superintendent, 08/22/05; **Heather L. Piper**, retail manager, Dining Services, promotion and title change from team coordinator, 09/05/05; **Susan A. Scheks**, administrative assistant, College of Business Administration Dean's Office, promotion and title change from administrative secretary, 08/15/05; **Demetrius Scott**, general maintenance repair worker, Residence Life and Housing, status change from part time to full time, 07/29/05; **Darin Siley**, examiner assistant, Admissions, promotion and title change from office assistant, 08/08/05; **James T. Stewart**, master HVAC technician, Residence Life and Housing, title change from master maintenance repair worker, 05/30/05; **Michael Taschner**, professor, Chemistry, additional title of interim department chair, 08/29/05; **Kristin Thomas**, academic adviser II, Academic Advisement Center, status change from temporary full time to regular full time, 09/01/05; **George Tilden**, assistant director, Game Room and Theatre, Student Union, title change from assistant director, Gardner Student Center building evening operations, 07/01/05;

**Kenneth Torisky**, senior public relations representative, Institutional Marketing, promotion and title change from public relations representative, 08/18/05; **Allyson Van Horn**, secretary, Student Life, promotion and title change from office assistant, Student Development, 09/19/05; **Juanita F. Ward**, administrative assistant senior, University College, promotion and title change from office assistant, 08/29/05; **Courtney Wilcoxson**, coordinator, Student Union information services, title change from coordinator, Gardner Student Center events services, 06/27/05; and **Larry A. Wright**, general maintenance repair worker, Residence Life and Housing, status change from part time to full time, 07/29/05.

### Separations

**Curtis Barclay**, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 08/18/05; **James Barnett**, dean, College of Business Administration, Global Business Executive in Residence, 08/26/06; **Richard B. Batman**, postdoctoral research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, 08/19/05; **Matthew S. Bussey**, assistant building services worker, Student Recreation and Wellness Services, 08/22/05; **Helen Dannemiller**, assistant professor, Nursing, 10/31/05; **Joseph Foley**, instructor, Nursing, 09/18/05; **Josephine Johnson-Sherard**, administrative secretary, Institute of Polymer Science, 09/16/05; **Jong Min Keum**, postdoctoral research fellow, Polymer Engineering, 08/25/05; **Frank Landis**, postdoctoral research associate, Biology, 09/16/05; **Carrie A. Leyda**, police 911 telecommunicator, University Police, 09/07/05; **Kristal Lovette**, head teacher, Center for Child Development, 09/05/05; **Michael Mencl**, maintenance repair worker, Physical Facilities, 08/26/05; **Robin Pelton**, testing specialist, Counseling Testing Career Center, 12/31/05; and **Ralph Turek**, professor, Music, 12/31/05.