

February 23, 2006

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 meeting on January 25, 2006.

Presentation to the Board

1. Dean Cynthia Flynn Capers from the College of Nursing presented "A Look at Enrollment and Scholarship in the College of Nursing."

Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee

1. Research Grants and Sponsored Programs Report – July-December 2005

For July-December 2005, funding for externally funded research and other sponsored programs was \$21,975,337 to support 204 projects. In the prior fiscal year, the year-to-date amount was \$17,035,827 to support 224 projects. During the current fiscal year, four patents have been awarded, 14 patent applications have been filed by the institution, and 32 disclosures have been submitted. For the same period last year, eight patents had been issued, 12 patent applications had been filed, and 24 disclosures had been submitted.

External Affairs Committee

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

For July-November 2005, total giving was \$12.7 million, as compared with \$7.1 million for July-December 2004. For July-November 2005, 7,362 gifts were accepted, compared to 6,744 received during the same period last fiscal year.

Facilities Planning and Oversight Committee

1. Polsky Building Renovation

Trustees approved construction contracts for plumbing, electrical, heating/cooling, and fire protection work related to the expansion of the Taylor Institute for Direct Marketing in the Polsky Building. The project is being funded by Gary and Karen Taylor. Gary Taylor, an alumnus, is founder and chairman of the board of InfoCision Management Corp., one of the largest direct-marketing companies in the nation.

2. Gift of Property

Trustees accepted a gift of about 1,015 square feet of property from Alpha Gamma Delta sorority on the southwest corner of Spicer and Carroll streets for the construction of decorative corners for the Greek Village.

3. Purchase of Property

Trustees approved the purchases of property at 383 Power Street for \$80,000, and at 344 and 348 Thompson Court for \$77,000 each.

Finance, Fiscal Policy, and Investment Committee

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

Akron campus – Preliminary tuition and fee receipts for the five-month period were \$93.1 million, or about \$1.66 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 \$1.58 million. Expenses were \$103.2 million in the functional categories for the period, less than budgeted by \$20.2 million.

Wayne College – Preliminary tuition and fee receipts – reflecting summer and preliminary fall collections – were \$3.9 million, or \$154,426 less than budgeted. Receipts from continuing educational department sales and other sources exceeded budget estimates by \$109,717. Total educational and general expenditures in the functional categories were \$3.9 million, which was less than budgeted by \$1.15 million.

2. Purchases of More Than \$150,000

Trustees approved the purchase of two electron microscopes for the Institute of Polymer Science. A high-resolution field emission scanning electron microscope will be purchased for \$356,000, and a transmission electron microscope for \$324,002 – both from the low bidder, JEOL USA Inc. of Peabody, Mass.

3. Modification of Miscellaneous Fees

Subsequent to the Trustees' approval of miscellaneous fees for the Student Recreation and Wellness Center in April, the Board approved lower membership fees for faculty, staff, and retirees. The lower fee schedule was announced on campus in December.

4. Use of Facilities Agreement

Trustees approved a one-year lease of about 34 acres of real property at The University of Akron Wayne College to Glenn Burkholder and to Davel Farms Inc., to be used for the purpose of farming upon a condition that the University is indemnified and held harmless by both lessees.

5. Personnel Actions (attached)

Committee on Rules

1. Rule Change Related to Contract Professional Grievance Committee

Trustees approved a rule change to O.A.C. 3359-22-04 that provides for the appointment of grievance committee members from the current members of the Contract Professional Advisory Committee and aligns their terms of office with their CPAC appointments. CPAC initiated the change.

2. Rule Change Related to Contract Professional Grievance Procedures

Trustees approved a rule change to O.A.C. 3359-22-05 that provides for greater clarity regarding the contract professional grievance procedure and seeks to improve the response time when a grievance is filed. CPAC initiated the change.

New Business

1. Resolutions Honoring Athletics

Trustees approved resolutions that express the Board's gratitude and congratulations to the players and the coaches of the women's cross country team, the men's soccer team and the football team, all of which earned Mid-American Conference championships this fall. A fourth resolution was presented to Michael P. Waddell, associate athletics director for external relations, for "energetically and successfully" leading efforts to promote Zips athletics. Waddell created the "Fear the Roo" campaign.

Notes

1. President's Report

I began my report by welcoming new Student Trustee Deneal Michaels and our new athletic director, Mack Rhoades, both of whom were in attendance.

Because 2006 is being touted throughout Ohio as the year of higher-education reform, most of my report focused on the legislative climate in Columbus. I started by quoting State Sen. Randy Gardner of Bowling Green, who said, "The first priority is to make higher education a higher priority..." Though it is unclear what shape the reform will take, it is progress to be center stage.

Clearly, legislators are reconsidering how to allocate monies, how best to assess what the state needs and, most importantly, how to arrive — finally — at a vision for the state through the efforts of higher education and other appropriate bodies. Lawmakers increasingly will focus on raising participation and graduation rates, because Ohio is below the national average in the percentage of its population that completes either an associate's or baccalaureate degree.

Inherent in many other comments by lawmakers are some of the traditional legislative concerns about accountability, cost-effectiveness, accessibility, and the recognition of the growing role of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics on the future of the state and the vital need for Ohioans to be prepared in this regard. In that context, Governor Taft, as part of his final State of the State Address, called for a more rigorous high school curriculum, including four years of mathematics, three years of science, two years of foreign language, and that it be in place to affect the 2011 graduating class.

Completion of this curriculum will be a prerequisite for admission into any four-year college or university of the state, and there will be a junior-year assessment or a tracking of the progress of these students in that curriculum. Any student who graduates without the required success and/or preparation will have remedial education available only at two-year colleges such as Wayne College or Summit College.

The new curriculum will be a measure of how well high schools are preparing students for college and for work, and high school students will have an opportunity to earn advanced credits toward college as part of their high school program. Importantly, students will be permitted to opt out of that curriculum only by signing, along with their parents, a disclaimer that states they understand and accept what they are giving up by declining to fulfill the prescribed course schedule.

In addition, the Governor will propose incentives for colleges and universities to enhance degree-completion rates. I have stressed that, in this new paradigm, a university should not be defined by how many students it excludes, but rather by the value it adds to its students and community.

I also shared these highlights with the Board:

- In the December issue of the Akron Bar Association’s monthly publication *The Examiner*, association President Terrence Ufholz devoted his column to The University of Akron School of Law. The University has a good working relationship with the Akron Bar – most likely the best relationship of any bar/law school in the state. As Dean Richard Aynes recently pointed out in a letter to Provost Stroble and me, “Many law schools and local bar associations ignore each other. Others are competitors, especially in the field of continuing legal education. Some of the cooperative ventures that we have entered into with the Akron Bar Association can be found in other parts of the state, but no ones does all that we do and no one has such a strong relationship.”
- Alumnus Shane Wolfe was named press secretary for the U.S. Department of Interior.
- Tania Beltich, in the College of Education, will soon travel to Washington as the first UA student to be accepted as a “People to People” facilitator. In that role, she will work with select middle school students who have been chosen to participate in the program, as they visit sites in the nation’s capital, including Congress, the Supreme Court, and the White House. People to People, which is an invitation-only student ambassador program, is celebrating its 50th anniversary.
- Senior Stephanie Saraceno, who served as an intern last summer with Knight Ridder in Washington, has been asked by the newspaper chain to help with photography coverage at this year’s Super Bowl in Detroit. Stephanie currently has more than 100 photographs posted on the wire that have been published in newspapers across the country, including one on the front page, above the fold, in the Miami Herald. She has a 3.8 GPA, carries 25 credits this semester, and has a part-time job.

I concluded my remarks by acknowledging the Office of Residence Life and Housing for the national awards it continues to receive.

2. Next meeting: 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 22, 2006, 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
January 25, 2006

Appointments

Nicole Adams, academic adviser II, Summit College Dean's Office, 01/02/06; **Suzanne Allen**, director, Development – Major Gifts, 01/03/06; **Michelle M. Andrews**, assistant building services worker, Student Recreation and Wellness Center, 12/04/05; **Theresa Beyerle**, coordinator, marketing and outreach, UPNA, 12/19/05; **Bryan A. Blanton**, locksmith, University Police, 12/19/05; **Carol Brodbeck**, coordinator, Nursing Outreach Program, 01/04/06; **Paul T. Graham**, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 01/02/06; **Aijie Han**, postdoctoral research associate, Civil Engineering, 12/16/05; **Connie R. Heldenfels**, secretary, Residence Life and Housing, 10/31/05; **Lori A. Horton**, testing specialist, Counseling, Testing and Career Center, 01/02/06; **John M. Pastor**, database administrator, Application Systems Services, 12/12/05; **Jacqueline Peck**, visiting associate professor, Curricular and Instructional Studies, 01/17/06; **William F. Pinder**, delivery worker, Mail Services, 11/14/05; **Beth A. Raies**, office assistant, Developmental Programs, 12/05/05; **Mack Rhoades**, director, Athletics, 01/17/06; **Carol Scotto**, assistant professor, Nursing, 01/17/06; and **Richard A. Smith**, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 12/12/05.

Changes

Donald R. Appleby, interim manager, access services, University Libraries Circulation, title change from library associate specialist, 02/06/06; **Karin Billions**, associate professor emeritus, Communication, Speech and Theatre Arts, Wayne College, title change from associate professor, 01/01/06; **Cynthia Capers**, dean, Nursing, professor, Nursing, fellow, Institute for LifeSpan Development and Gerontology, additional title of coordinator, Academic Leadership Initiatives, 08/26/06; **F. John Case**, vice president for finance and administration, and chief financial officer, title change from senior associate vice president for finance and administration, and CFO designee, 02/01/06; **Christina Christian**, office assistant, Civil Engineering, appointment status change from part time to full time, 01/02/06; **Daniel Coffey**, assistant professor, Political Science, additional title of fellow, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, 01/17/06; **Brian C. Collett**, maintenance worker facilities, Physical Plant, Wayne College, promotion and title change from general maintenance worker, 10/17/05; **Cathy Cooper**, coordinator, Academic Affairs Support, Wayne College, reclassification via job audit and title change from administrative assistant, 10/03/05; **J. Thomas Dukes**, associate provost, Academic Policies, Procedures and Reviews, professor, English, transfer from English and title change from professor, English, relinquish title of assistant department chair, English, 01/17/06; **Janice Eley**, professor emeritus, Hospitality Management, title change from professor, 01/01/06; **R. Frank Falk**, professor emeritus, Sociology, Classical Studies, Anthropology and Archaeology, title change from professor, Sociology, acting chair, Classical Studies, Anthropology and Archaeology, fellow, Institute for LifeSpan Development and Gerontology, 05/31/06;

Roberta M. Fox, administrative secretary, Institute of Polymer Science, transfer from Controller's Office and title change from account clerk senior, 12/05/05; **Julia Gammon**, professor, Bibliography, head, Acquisitions Department, additional title of interim marketing manager, University of Akron Press, 07/01/05; **Dmitry Golovaty**, associate professor, Applied Mathematics, additional title of associate professor, Mechanical Engineering, joint appointment with Theoretical and Applied Mathematics (primary) and Mechanical Engineering, 08/29/05; **Dan W. Henderson**, mover, Residence Life and Housing, title change from building services worker, 05/16/05; **Daniel Hickey**, director, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, title change from interim director, 01/01/06; **Walter Hixson**, professor, History, Americanist coordinator, additional title of editor, Series on International, Political and Economic History, 12/02/06; **Durrell Hollis**, mover, Residence Life and Housing, title change from building services worker, 05/16/05; **Dion V. Jenkins**, general maintenance worker, Residence Life and Housing, appointment basis change from part time to full time, 09/02/05; **Karl Kaltenthaler**, assistant professor, Political Science, additional title of fellow, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, 01/17/06; **Rachelle Kappler**, clinical instructor, Sport Science and Wellness Education, transfer from Student Recreation and Wellness Services, title change from manager, Wellness, adjunct clinical instructor, Education and status change from contract professional to faculty, 01/17/06; **Yong Moon Kwon**, senior research scholar, Institute of Polymer Science, promotion and title change from research scholar, 10/17/05; **Mary Lafferty**, administrative assistant, Athletics, reclassification via job audit and title change from secretary, 10/24/05; **Margaret Lazzarini**, records compliance officer, transfer from Student Life and title change from assistant director, Student Judicial Affairs, 01/01/06; **Peter Linberger**, associate professor, Bibliography, additional title of interim head, Collection Management, 02/01/06; **Marcia Main**, administrative assistant, Chemical Engineering, transfer from Engineering Cooperative Education Program, 11/28/05; **Jesse Marquette**, professor emeritus, Political Science, title change from professor, Political Science, director, Center for Policy Studies, fellow, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, 01/31/06; **Molly O'Brien**, associate professor, Law, additional title of research fellow, Constitutional Law Center, 01/16/06; **Roy Ray**, director of state governmental affairs, transfer from Office of Vice President for Finance and Business, title change from vice president, 02/01/06; **James Rogers**, professor, Education, fellow, Institute for LifeSpan Development and Gerontology, relinquish title of interim department chair, Counseling, 12/31/05; **Shannon Skelton**, secretary, Academic Achievement Programs, appointment change from part time to full time, 01/02/06; **Cydney Spohn**, assistant professor, Dance, title change from instructor, 09/01/04; **Marci L. Tomajko**, administrative secretary, Nursing, transfer from Registrar and title change from enrollment services associate, 11/28/05; **Michael Tosko**, assistant professor, Bibliography, additional title of interim head, Teaching and Training, 02/01/06; **William Wade**, maintenance worker facilities, Physical Plant, Wayne College, promotion and transfer from Akron, title change from groundskeeper and appointment basis change from regular to temporary, 10/31/05; and **Avril J. Wiebe**, student services counselor, University College Dean's Office, promotion and title change from cashier senior, 01/16/06.

Separations

Kay Alderman, professor, Education, 05/31/06; **Lester H. Bachman**, building services worker certified, Physical Facilities, 12/31/05; **Alphonso Lee Calhoun**, master building services worker certified, Physical Facilities, 12/31/05; **Lianhui (Kevin) Cong**, postdoctoral fellow, Institute of

Polymer Science, 12/06/05; **Gary B. Forshey**, maintenance repair worker, Physical Facilities, 11/15/05; **Lathardus Goggins**, professor, Geography and Planning, 12/31/05; **Carrie Hanson**, cook, Dining Services, 06/01/05; **Scott Hogue**, director, Ticket Operations, Athletics, 01/06/06; **Rebecca Jewell**, assistant director, Alumni, 01/18/06; **Erin Keller**, assistant director, Development, 12/30/05; **Elizabeth Kinion**, assistant dean, Professional Practice and Academic Nursing Center, fellow, Institute for LifeSpan Development and Gerontology, professor, Nursing, campus director, NEOUMPH, 06/30/06; **M. Sue Larson**, senior executive administrative assistant, Business and Finance, 01/31/06; **Ken Lolla**, head men's soccer coach, Athletics, 12/31/05; **Jesse Marquette**, professor, Political Science, director, Center for Policy Studies, fellow, Ray C. Bliss Institute of Applied Politics, 01/31/06; **Cathy Martin**, instructor, Marketing, 07/22/06; **Judith Palagallo**, professor, Mathematics, 07/31/06; **Sangrama Sahoo**, postdoctoral research associate, Chemistry, 10/28/05; **Mario Sanchez**, assistant men's soccer coach, Athletics, 01/08/06; **James Smith**, adjunct assistant professor, Military Science, 12/31/05; **Magdalena Veigl**, coordinator, Continuing Education, Workforce Development and Continuing Education, 01/06/06; **David A. Thompson**, senior research associate, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, 10/29/05; **Matt Wallerstedt**, associate head football coach, Athletics, 12/31/05; **William Wilkes**, building maintenance assistant superintendent, Physical Facilities, 11/30/05; **Kristy Wisner**, assistant director, cooperative education and internships, Center for Career Management, 01/13/06; and **Alice M. Zelnar**, library associate, University Libraries Acquisitions, 11/28/05.

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