

June 2008

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 regular meeting on May 19, 2008.

**Presentation to the Board**

Dean Martin H. Belsky from the School of Law discussed the school's successful trial advocacy teams.

**Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee**

1. Research Grants and Sponsored Programs Report – July 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008

For the first 10 months of the fiscal year, funding for externally funded research and other sponsored programs was \$31,040,608 to support 405 projects. For the same period in the prior fiscal year, the year-to-date amount was \$19,566,181 to support 356 projects.

To date this fiscal year, three patents have been awarded, 26 patent applications have been filed, and 36 disclosures have been submitted. For the same period last year, 10 patents had been issued, 30 patent applications had been filed, and 51 disclosures had been submitted.

**External Affairs Committee**

1. Cumulative Gift and Grant Income Report – July 2007-March 2008

Between July 1, 2007, and March 31, 2008, total giving was \$31.2 million, or about 69 percent more than the \$18.5 million received during the first nine months of the prior fiscal year. This fiscal year, 14,821 gifts have been accepted, compared to 13,327 for the same period last year.

**Facilities Planning and Oversight Committee**

1. Multiplex Student Housing – Professional Design Services

Board members authorized the administration to enter into a \$1.56 million contract with Design Group Inc. for design services for the residence hall to be constructed next to the football stadium. An interview team selected Design Group based on the firm's presentation and its relevant work experience.

2. Multiplex Student Housing – Construction Management Services

Board members authorized the administration to enter into a \$2.44 million contract with Kenmore Construction Co. Inc. for construction management services for the residence hall to be constructed next to the football stadium. Kenmore Construction was selected by an interview team based on the company's presentation and its relevant work experience.

3. Exchange Street Parking Deck Expansion – Professional Design Services

Board members authorized the administration to enter into a \$1.24 million contract with Creo Design Inc. for design services for the expansion of the Exchange Street Parking Deck. Creo was selected by an interview team based on the company's presentation and its relevant work experience.

4. Exchange Street Parking Deck Expansion – Construction Management Services

Board members authorized the administration to enter into a \$2.2 million contract with Thomarios for construction-management services for the expansion of the Exchange Street Parking Deck. Thomarios was selected by an interview team based on the company's presentation and its relevant work experience.

5. Wayne College Renovation and Expansion – Bid B

Board members approved a construction contracts to Jeffrey Carr Construction Inc. for \$2.4 million; Fine Mechanical for \$167,129; Schmid Mechanical for \$83,279; Meccon Inc. for \$697,300 and Montecalvo Electric for \$773,086. Wayne College is building a Student Life Building that will house Continuing Education and Workforce Development, the bookstore, the cafeteria, the J.M. Smucker Co. Multi-purpose Room and a student lounge.

6. Outdoor Living Room – Coleman Commons

The Board authorized the administration to enter into a \$501,800 contract with Licursi Co. Inc. and a \$192,900 contract with Speelman Electric for the first construction phase for the Coleman Commons area, a green space that will extend between the Student Union and the Student Recreation and Wellness Center. First phase improvements include the central and east lawn spaces with major walks. Subsequent phases will include fountains, amphitheatre,

braided walks and other amenities. Licursi and Speelman supplied the lowest and best bids for the project.

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

#### 1. Financial Report for Third Quarter of FY2008 – July 2007 –March 2008

Trustees reviewed the financial report for the first nine months of the current fiscal year, covering July 1, 2007 to March 31, 2008. In this period, revenue for the Akron campus was \$287.2 million, or about 0.04 percent above what was estimated in the budget. Total expenditures were \$217.3 million for the period, or about 3.7 percent less than what was budgeted. Revenue at Wayne College for the period was \$10.8 million, or about 1.9 percent above budget. Total expenditures for the same period at Wayne were \$7.6 million, or about 18 percent less than budgeted.

#### 2. Budgets for 2009 Fiscal Year

The University of Akron's proposed budget for FY09, based on estimated revenues, will be \$334 million for the Akron campus – a 5.4 percent increase from the FY08 budget of \$317 million. The resolution also included the budget for Wayne College, which at \$12.4 million is 5 percent higher than for FY08. Assumptions include a 9.8 percent increase in the State Share of Instruction (in exchange for no increase in tuition and fees), a 5 percent increase in most room rates, a 4 percent increase in the meal plans, and a 4 percent increase in student credit hours. Strategic investments will be made in scholarships, academic investment funds for faculty, facilities, athletics and development.

#### 3. Purchases of more than \$150,000

Board members approved purchases of: (1) \$851,311 to Oracle for the maintenance for all PeopleSoft software modules. Included in the maintenance are updates to tax tables, changes in applicable laws, fixes to the products and major revisions. (2) \$180,000 to Quantum Design for a magnetometer for the Department of Polymer Engineering; (3) \$789,813 to Transportation Equipment Sales Corporation to purchase up to nine Goshen commercial shuttle buses; (4) \$362,784 to Sirius Computer Solutions for IBM hardware maintenance through June 30, 2009; (5) \$476,930 to Computer Associates Inc. for a software license renewal that will extend to June 30, 2009; and (6) an award to Exelon Energy for 90 choice accounts for 24 months at the offer of NYMEX plus \$1.505/MCF burner tip price for all gas delivered and an award to Dominion Retail Inc. for one GTS account for a term of 24 months at the offer of index plus \$0.20/MMbtu city gate price full requirements.

The Trustees also approved contracts with IBM Corporation for various licensed programs that are covered by month-to-month agreements for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009. The University's actual costs for these products may vary from month-to-month depending on whether products are dropped or added as required by processing needs. The current quarterly cost is about \$147,558 or \$590,233 annually.

4. Personnel Actions (appended as amended)

**New Business**

1. Pay Raises for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees

Trustees authorized the President and administration to implement pay raises in accordance with the guidelines set by the Board. The raises will be presented to the Board for approval and ratification at the August meeting.

2. Shared-Services Agreement

The Trustees approved a shared-services agreement between UA and Lorain County Community College that will allow both institutions to share infrastructure. Both institutions also will work toward establishing a separate center that will provide services to each institution and other Ohio institutions of higher education.

3. Support of Orthopaedic Research Institute of Northeast Ohio

The Board approved a resolution to support and endorse cooperation among UA, NEOUCOM, Summa Health System, Akron General Health System and Akron Children's Hospital in providing a vehicle for collaborative education, research and clinical activities, including the possible creation of a separate nonprofit organization to oversee such collaboration.

4. Establishment of Mission and Center of Excellence

The Board endorsed in principle the establishment of a distinctive mission and center of excellence for the development, protection, marketing and commercialization of new technologies: globally distinctive chemical sciences and engineering engaged in regional industry clusters. The action stems from the state's Strategic Plan for Higher Education, which includes as a key strategy that each of Ohio's 13 public university main campuses will have distinctive missions that include a comprehensive, high-quality education as well as the establishment of nationally recognized centers of excellence.

5. Expression of Appreciation for Student Trustee Joe Crawford

The Board passed a resolution that expressed its appreciation to Joe Crawford for fulfilling his role as Student Trustee. Appointed to the Board in August 2006, Crawford served on the Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee and on the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee. His term on the Board will expire July 1.

Expression of Appreciation for Board Chairman Dr. William F. Demas

The Board approved a resolution that expressed its appreciation to Board Chairman Dr. William F. Demas, whose term expires July 1. Appointed to the Board in April 2000, Demas has served

with distinction on a number of committees throughout his term, and he served as Chairman for the 2006-07 and 2007-08 terms. He also is a member of the Zips Athletic Club, and he has served higher education in general through his many years of instruction and leadership at NEOUCOM, where he is professor of radiology. A member of the staff at Summa since 1986, Demas has served on many other professional, educational and community boards.

## Notes

### 1. President's Report

I began by acknowledging the outstanding achievement by our men's and women's track and field teams, as both won Mid-American Conference championships and their coach, Dennis Mitchell, was selected as MAC Coach of the Year. I asked Director of Athletics Mack Rhoades to convey out heartiest congratulations to Coach Mitchell and the teams for their continued excellence.

Your University is most fortunate to have been well ahead in planning for its future as the state's own strategic plan began to emerge and, as such, we are now in the enviable position of having largely completed work and finding that it dovetails very nicely with Chancellor Fingerhut's call for explicit and focused differentiation strategies. This is something that The University of Akron has done very well but now has some additional opportunities. This strategy, as we have reviewed in the past, will build on our recognition as a STEM-intensive University that drives economic competitiveness for our region with a unique mission of becoming the public research university for northern Ohio and serving as a center of excellence for the development, protection, marketing, and commercialization of new technologies. Under the New Business portion of the meeting, I presented a resolution adopting that strategic vision and enabling us to move forward aggressively in collaboration with the state.

I also shared a few highlights that capture the outstanding work of our students and faculty.

- An honors student in our College of Business Administration wrote the second-place-winning essay in a worldwide competition that drew more than 1,000 entries. The essay by Anika Feerasta described how manufacturing cities like Akron can reinvent themselves. Her father, Jamal Feerasta, is a professor in our Hospitality Management program.
- Three of our engineering students placed first in class in an unmanned aerial vehicle competition, continuing the College's exemplary record of student achievement.
- Dr. Joseph Kennedy and Dean Emeritus Frank Kelley received awards at the 173<sup>rd</sup> technical meeting of the Rubber Division of the American Chemical Society. Dr. Kennedy received the Charles Goodyear medal, the division's highest honor. Dean Kelley received the George Stafford Whitby award for distinguished teaching and research.
- With other partners, our History Department received a \$1 million Teaching American History grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will support a three-year program called Ohio as America, which will join teachers with historians, museum

professionals, and education experts to build connections that enrich teaching and learning of U.S. History in the region.

I closed my remarks by wishing Trustee Ann Brennan a happy birthday on behalf of the Board and extending my gratitude to the two Board members whose terms are ending: Board Chairman Dr. William F. Demas and Student Trustee Joe Crawford.

2. Next Regular Meeting

The Trustees will reconvene on Wednesday, Aug. 6, in the third-floor Board Room of the Student Union, with an executive session to begin at 8 a.m. and the public session to begin no earlier than 10 a.m.

3. 2008-09 Board Officers

The Board approved the recommendation of its nominating committee to elect the following officers for 2008-09: Philip S. Kaufmann, J.D., chairman; Ann Amer Brennan, J.D., and Roland H. Bauer, J.D., vice chairs; Ted A. Mallo, secretary; and Russell D. Sibert, assistant secretary.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Luis M. Proenza

**Personnel Transactions Approved by the Board of Trustees  
May 19, 2008**

**Appointments**

**Thomas Bacher**, director, University of Akron Press, 8/1/08; **Tessa L. Baxter**, events coordinator and assistant director, development, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, 4/21/08; **Cynthia Boll**, accountant, Associate Vice President and Controller, 4/21/08; **Marilyn Brodie**, administrative assistant senior, Engineering Dean's Office, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **Ryan D. Calcei**, assistant director, Admissions, 5/5/08; **Bethany J. Chafin**, examiner associate, Admissions, 4/21/08; **Denny C. Clutter**, internal auditor, University Internal Auditor's Office, 5/5/08; **Robert N. Cogar**, facilities maintenance worker senior, Medina County University Center, 3/24/08; **Theodore Curtis**, vice president, Capital Planning and Facilities Management, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **Antoinette East-Jenkins**, academic advisor, Academic Achievement Programs, 10/1/08; **William A. Francis**, associate dean, Buchtel College of Arts and Sciences, professor, English, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **Desale Habtzghi**, assistant professor, Statistics, 8/25/08; **Gary T. Holes**, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 04/14/08; **Rosemary A. Houlihan**, manager, Student Financial Aid, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees; 6/3/08; **Karil L. Klayko**, administrative secretary, Senior Vice President and Provost, 4/21/08; **Sharalyn J. Laster**, assistant professor, Bibliography, reference librarian, government documents, University Libraries – Reference, 6/1/08; **Lisa A. Lazar**, assistant professor, Bibliography, performing arts librarian, University Libraries – Collection Management, 8/1/08; **Peter J. Leahy**, senior research associate, director, public service research and training, Institute for Health and Social Policy, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **James V. Lenavitt**, associate professor, Art, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 8/25/08; **Dale M. Lewison**, director, Office of the Director for the Taylor Institute for Direct Marketing and the Suarez Applied Marketing Research Laboratories, professor, Marketing and International Business, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **Desnay Lohrum**, director, benefits administration, Human Resources, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **Robert G. Lord**, distinguished professor, Psychology, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **Ted A. Mallo**, vice president and general counsel, secretary, Board of Trustees, Inspector General liaison, assistant attorney general, adjunct associate professor, Education, member, general faculty, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08; **Anita Meehan**, adjunct instructor, Nursing, 5/1/08; **Matthias S. Perry**, maintenance repair worker, Physical Facilities, 4/21/08; **Val S. Pippis**, assistant professor, Communication, 8/25/08; **Susan E. Ramlo**, adjunct professor, Chemistry, 5/19/08; **Vito Restaino**, senior systems analyst programmer, Application Systems Services, 4/28/08; **Christopher M. Romano**, facilities maintenance worker, Medina County University Center, 4/14/08; **Michael Schuldiner**, professor, department chair, English, 8/1/08; **John M. Senko**, assistant professor, Geology and Environmental Science, 8/25/08; **Michael M. Sheng**, professor, department chair, History, 7/1/08; **Henry C. Stevens**, adjunct professor, Chemistry, 1/1/08; **Charles Van Tilburg**, manager, computer science labs, Computer Science, 4/8/08; **John P. Vesalo**, coordinator, Academic Achievement Programs, 10/1/08; **Christopher**

**H. Wandel**, maintenance repair worker, Physical Facilities, 4/14/08; **David G. Wasik**, special assistant to vice president, Information Technology, special projects manager, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 4/1/08; **Gail D. Williams**, assistant building services worker, Physical Facilities, 4/14/08; and **Michael B. Wright**, Goldbar recruiter, Military Science, 5/12/08.

**Changes**

**Deon J. Alexander**, building maintenance superintendent, Physical Facilities, promotion and title change from maintenance repair worker, 4/14/08; **Anthony E. Barnes**, manager, governmental communications, Vice President Public Affairs and Development, transfer from Institutional Marketing, 10/1/06; **Mary Biddinger**, assistant professor, English, additional title of editor, Akron Series in Poetry, 4/2/08; **Karen Dickerson**, associate director, Admissions, reclassification via job audit and title change from senior assistant director, 2/1/08; **Edward Dipold**, network engineer, Network and Communications Services, reclassification via job audit and title change from electronic technician, 1/21/08; **Therese M. Dowd**, associate professor emeritus, Nursing, title change to award emeritus status, 8/1/08; **James R. Emore**, associate professor emeritus, Accounting, College of Business Administration Dean’s Office, title change to award emeritus status, 6/30/08; **Kelly L. Fay**, program assistant, Education Dean’s Office, title change from office assistant, 9/17/07; **Misty Franklin**, college program specialist, Law, reclassification via job audit and title change from administrative assistant, 2/4/08; **Kristine M. Gill**, associate professor emeritus, Nursing, title change to award emeritus status, 6/1/08; **Richard Glotzer**, professor, Family and Consumer Sciences, fellow, Institute for LifeSpan Development and Gerontology, promotion and title change from associate professor, 8/25/08; **Mary Jane Grebenc**, manager, classification and research, Human Resources, reclassification via reorganization and title change from compensation analyst senior, 5/1/08; **Richman Haire**, professor emeritus, Art, title change to award emeritus status, 5/31/08; **Jerome C. Harmon**, general maintenance worker, Residence Life and Housing, status change from part time to full time, 7/1/08; **Kimberly Henson**, office assistant, Dining Services, status change from part time to full time, 5/1/08; **Jennifer Hodges**, assistant dean, University College, promotion and title change from director, undergraduate programs, transfer from College of Business Administration, 6/1/08; **Michelle E. Jensen**, senior enrollment services associate, Registrar, promotion and title change from enrollment services associate, 4/14/08; **Barbara Minier**, senior computer help desk specialist, Information Technology Services, Office Support, reorganization and transfer from Hardware Operations and Operating Systems, 3/31/08; **Beatrice Owen**, manager food services, Dining Services, reclassification via job audit and title change from assistant manager dining services, 2/4/08; **Marc C. Ozanich**, professor emeritus, Dance, Theatre and Arts Administration, title change to award emeritus status, 5/31/08; **Mark Porter**, senior network engineer, Network and Communications Services, reclassification via job audit and title change from network engineer, 1/21/08; **Linda C. Scott**, PC software specialist, Information Technology Services, Office Support, reorganization and transfer from Hardware Operations and Operating Systems Services, 3/31/08; **Raymond Sibberson**, professor, Respiratory Care, additional title of interim chair, Allied Health Technology, 7/1/08; **Michele Stastis**, senior assistant director, Admissions, reclassification via job audit and title change from assistant director, 2/1/08; **Louise V. Stefanov**, senior enrollment services associate, Registrar, promotion and title change from office assistant, status change from part time to full time, 4/14/08; **Eugene**

**Stephens**, director emeritus, Purchasing, title change to award emeritus status, 12/31/07; **Shelia Thomas**, coordinator of information technology administration, Information Technology Services, Office Support, reclassification via job audit and title change from office automation specialist, 12/24/07; and **Christine S. Werny**, administrative assistant, Finance, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement for retirees, 7/1/08.

### Separations

**Maria E. Byers**, disability specialist and services coordinator, Office of Accessibility, 8/15/08; **Kathleen C. Carr**, enrollment services counselor, Registrar, 5/30/08; **Diana L. Clance**, administrative assistant, Summit College Dean's Office, 6/30/08; **Doyle H. Coontz**, building maintenance superintendent, Physical Facilities, 4/30/08; **Charles G. Dawes**, coordinator, Biology Laboratory, 5/9/08; **Mark De Socio**, assistant professor, Geography and Planning, 5/10/08; **Renata Deluca**, administrative assistant, Associate Studies, 6/30/08; **Sara Douglas**, library associate senior, University Libraries – Acquisitions, 5/2/08; **Hua Gu**, postdoctoral research fellow, Polymer Engineering, 3/31/08; **Lana C. Heylock**, manager, Dance Institute, 6/30/08; **Rosemary A. Houlihan**, manager, Student Financial Aid, 5/31/08; **Karen Matthiesen**, administrative assistant, Art, 6/30/08; **Ebony Peques**, assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics, 6/30/08; **Sara R. Randrianasolo**, examiner associate, International Programs, 5/9/08; **Bruce Robertson**, building maintenance superintendent, Physical Facilities, 6/30/08; **Roberta K. Robertson**, coordinator library acquisitions, Law Library, 6/30/08; **Mary L. Shelton**, instructor, Social Work, 06/30/08; and **Kay Sponseller**, office manager, Academic Advisement Center, 6/30/08.