

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
December 6, 2024

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met in the Auditorium of the Cedar Point Center on the Firelands campus on December 6, 2024: Drew Forhan, Chair; Judy Budi, Willa Ebersole, Paul Hooker, Cole Nemeth, Paula O'Reilly, Dr. Richard Ross, Dr. Thomas Shehab, Amy Shore, Mizell Stewart III, Howard Traul II, and Kathryn Ware.

Also present: Dr. Rodney Rogers, President; Dr. Patrick Pauken, Secretary to the Board of Trustees; members of the President's Cabinet, constituent representatives, members of the media, and a number of observers.

Mr. Forhan called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (eight trustees).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Rodney Rogers thanked the Firelands campus for hosting the Board of Trustees and provided a recap of the momentum taking place in 2024 including record enrollment and new programs. He noted fall athletic successes, recent gifts to Bowling Green State University and the upcoming fall commencement ceremonies.

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No. 7-2025 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Shore seconded that the minutes of September 26 and 27, 2024 be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

Ms. Budi, Vice Chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee, reported that the Committee had one item for Board consideration.

Approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry Degree

No. 8-2025 Ms. Budi moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University presently offers a minor in Music Industry;

WHEREAS, the music industry minor allows students to engage with and explore the many facets of music industry, emphasizing areas such as business, promotion, and recording;

WHEREAS, there is demonstrated interest in a bachelor's degree in music industry;

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry (BAMI) is an interdisciplinary program that combines expertise from faculty in the College of Musical Arts, the Schmidhorst College of Business, and the College of Arts and Sciences to provide students with marketable skills in musicianship, arts management, communication, marketing, law, and recording technology;

WHEREAS, this degree requires students to complete two practicum or internship courses that will allow them to apply what they have learned in the program as they gain hands-on industry experience;

WHEREAS, students who complete the BAMI will be prepared for careers in recording studios, artist management firms, music publishing companies, event production companies, and related industries;

WHEREAS, anticipated enrollment in the program is a minimum of 40 students based on existing enrollment in the Music Industry minor;

WHEREAS, adding this program also allows for the development of degree completion pathways for Ohio students who earn associate degrees in Music Technology and Production;

WHEREAS, no additional funds are required for this program;

WHEREAS, the BAMI is comprised of existing courses and will be taught using existing faculty resources; and

WHEREAS, at its October 29, 2024 meeting, the Bowling Green State University Faculty Senate approved the Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry degree.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry Degree

All signaled in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Ms. Budi reported that the Committee heard an Academic Affairs Update from Interim Provost Glenn Davis; a Research Update from Dr. Laura Regassa, Vice President for Research; an Enrollment Management Update from Vice President Cecilia Castellano; a student Engagement and Success Update from Dr. Glenn Davis in his role as Vice President for Student Engagement and Success; and an Inclusion and Belonging Update from Dr. Katie Stygles, Chief Inclusion Officer.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Ms. Ebersole, Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee, reported that the Committee had eight items for Board consideration.

Approval of Offenhauer Electrical Load Center Replacement

No. 9-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Dr. Ross seconded that:

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$1.5 million has been identified from Residence Life Renewal and Replacement Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Offenhauer Residence Hall electrical load center receives electricity that is fed from the electrical load center in McLeod Hall; and

WHEREAS, much of the equipment feeding the electricity is over fifty (50) years old, replacement parts are no longer manufactured or readily available on the secondary market, and the systems are near failure; and

WHEREAS, the planned scope of the project includes the Design and Construction Services required to replace the existing electrical feed for the Offenhauer Residence Hall electrical load center with a new feed from the Falcon Heights Residence Hall electrical load center along with all related work as required; and

WHEREAS, The Falcon Heights electrical load center is in good condition with the capacity available to accommodate the addition of the Offenhauer electrical load; and

WHEREAS, the proposed work for this project will be planned and performed to minimize disruptions to students; and

WHEREAS, the construction services will follow all applicable state laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Offenhauer electrical load center replacement as more fully described in the background to the resolution.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of Kreischer Residence Hall Chilled Water Piping

No. 10-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$1.5 million has been identified from Residence Life Renewal and Replacement Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the University has been in the process of converting from individual building chillers providing cooling to a much more energy efficient, centralized cooling system since 2010 utilizing three central cooling plants with an installed capacity of approximately 5,800 tons; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project scope includes connecting Kreischer Residence Hall and Sundial to the centralized chilled water system via 460 linear feet of buried chilled water piping to replace the aged, failing stand-alone Sundial chiller; the new buried chilled water piping will be sized appropriately to accommodate future plans to renovate Kreischer Residence Hall which will include adding air conditioning to the sleeping rooms, bathrooms, and public hallways not currently air conditioned; and

WHEREAS, the proposed work for this project will be planned and performed to minimize disruptions to students; and

WHEREAS, the construction services will follow all applicable state laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Kreischer Quadrangle Residence Hall Chilled Water Piping as more fully described in the background to the resolution.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of Technology Engineering Innovation Center Phase 2 and 3

No. 11-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Technology Engineering Innovation Center is currently undergoing a major renovation previously approved by the Board of Trustees in June 2023. This initial phase of the project includes an expanded footprint of 24,000 SF to the south facade of the main east building. The design and project team’s diligence in working with the construction manager for creative solutions, and making strategic and meaningful design decisions, lead to significant reductions in construction bids. With the phase one construction savings and economies of scale aligning with the project’s current work, we have an opportunity to advance proposed future phases two and three earlier than anticipated; and

WHEREAS, phases two and three of the project will include a modest upgrade to the building’s mid-bay area as well as a refresh to the existing labs and classrooms to support academic programmatic requirements and reimagining of key spaces to accommodate administrative offices. The main east building will receive a new fire sprinkler system throughout, and undergo upgrades to its hvac, lighting and electrical systems. The west wing along with its second story connector will be demolished; and

WHEREAS, the construction services will follow all applicable state laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Technology Engineering Innovation Center – Center Phase 2 and 3 as more fully described in the background to the resolution.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of Stellar and Multipurpose Fields Synthetic Turf

No. 12-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, funds in the amount of \$1,030,757 (Stellar Field: \$327,249 = \$156,316 cash + \$170,933 pledges outstanding; and [Marching] Band/Multipurpose Field: \$703,508 = \$434,008 cash + \$269,500 pledges outstanding)) have been identified; and

WHEREAS, the Warren E. Stellar Field, built in 1964 and home to the BGSU Baseball team, includes 97,000 sf space is located at South Mercer and Stadium Drive on the northeastern edge of campus and is constructed with grass turf; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Stellar Field project is to replace the infield grass turf with synthetic turf that has baseball-appropriate grass-like traction levels, providing a stable playing surface ideal for all weather conditions and includes installation, necessary drainage base systems, subgrade site preparation and other non-turf-related construction elements; and

WHEREAS, the [Marching] Band/Multipurpose Field is located adjacent to the Perry Field House on Mercer Road and consists of approximately 81,000 sf with grass turf which is not ideal in certain weather conditions especially during periods of heavy use; the field is used for the Marching Band practice as well as club soccer; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Band/Multipurpose Field project will replace the grass turf with a synthetic turf field that will offer a sturdy surface with dependable scheduling capabilities and enable use in all-weather conditions and includes installation, necessary drainage base systems, subgrade site preparation, observation towers, lighting, mechanical, electrical, and other non-turf-related construction elements; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated at \$5.0 million which includes design and construction work necessary to execute the above projects under the Design-Build delivery method; design and preconstruction are expected to commence spring 2025 based upon available funding as described above; bidding will follow in spring/summer and project work will conclude in late summer/fall of 2025 dependent upon adequate fund raising and funding being identified; and

WHEREAS, proceeding with construction is dependent upon sufficient fund raising and in the event sufficient funds have not been identified, or if bids are higher than expected, construction may be delayed or phased until such time as sufficient funding is identified; and

WHEREAS, the bidding and construction will follow all applicable state laws and regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees has reviewed and approves the Stellar Field and Band/Multipurpose Field Synthetic Turf as described more fully in the background to the Resolution.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of FY2024 Efficiency Report

No. 13-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, Gov. John R. Kasich created the Ohio Task Force on Affordability and Efficiency in 2015 to make recommendations to Ohio’s institutions of higher education; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 64 (Section 369.550) requires each institution’s board of trustees to review and approve the institution’s annual efficiency report; and

WHEREAS, under Gov. Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Higher Education has continued the earlier work of the Task Force while incorporating a focus on academic practices, benchmarking, facility planning and efficient and effective use of space;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees has reviewed and approves BGSU's FY 2024 Efficiency Report as presented in the attached document.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O'Reilly, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with six affirmative votes. Dr. Ross abstained

Authorizing changing the name of "the Cedar Fair Resort and Attraction Management Program at BGSU" to "the Six Flags Resort and Attraction Management Program at Bowling Green State University"

No. 14-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, on September 3, 2019 BGSU and Cedar Fair, L.P. entered into a Master Agreement to establish a public-private education program named "the Cedar Fair Resort and Attraction Management Program at BGSU" (the "Program") that provides students with instruction leading to the award of a BGSU Bachelor of Science degree; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2024, Cedar Fair, L.P. and its related business entities and the former Six Flags Entertainment Corporation and its related business entities completed a merger, resulting in the creation of a combined company known as Six Flags Entertainment Corporation ("Six Flags"); and

WHEREAS, effective on September 10, 2024 BGSU and Six Flags amended their Master Agreement to reflect this merger; and

WHEREAS, the parties now wish to officially rename the Program "the Six Flags Resort and Attraction Management Program at Bowling Green State University;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Program shall be named "the Six Flags Resort and Attraction Management Program at Bowling Green State University" and the President and the Vice President for Finance and Administration and their delegates are delegated such authority as may be necessary to accomplish this renaming, and any prior actions to that end are hereby ratified and affirmed.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting "yes" – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O'Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of the Naming Adjustment: Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis Champions Exhibit

No. 15-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Dr. Ross seconded that:

WHEREAS, Matthew Eldred earned a bachelor's degree in liberal studies in 1997 from Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, as a student, Mr. Eldred was a four-year member of the Men's Ice Hockey team;

WHEREAS, after graduation, he was a professional hockey player for nearly 6 years;

WHEREAS, Mr. Eldred is the structural heart watchman territory manager for Boston Scientific;

WHEREAS, Mr. Eldred has supported BGSU through gifts to the Bridge to BG Scholarship Fund, the Ice Hockey Enhancement Fund, the Varsity BG Club and The Excellence Fund for Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, he is recognized as a member of The Presidents Club and Leadership Circle donor recognition societies;

WHEREAS, Robert Lewis earned a bachelor's degree in sports management in 1994 from Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, as a student, he was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity, the Honors Program and worked at the BG News;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis is a senior investment representative for Edward Jones Investments;

WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis has supported BGSU through gifts to the Honors College Scholarship Fund, the Student Emergency Fund, the Division of Student Affairs Fund, and the S.M.A.R.T. Network Fund;

WHEREAS, he is recognized as a member of The Presidents Club, Leadership Circle and Carillon donor recognition societies;

WHEREAS, long-time friends, Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis partnered on a generous gift to name the Champions Exhibit in the Slater Family Ice Arena;

WHEREAS, in recognition of this gift, it is fitting to name it the Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis Champions Exhibit;

WHEREAS, in June 2024, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approved the naming of the Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis Legends Wall in the Slater Ice Arena; and

WHEREAS, the present item proposes that the name be changed to the Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis Champions Exhibit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in continued recognition of the generous gift made by Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming adjustment of the Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis Legends Wall to the Matthew Eldred and Robert Lewis Champions Exhibit in the Slater Ice Arena.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Approval of Revised University Investment Policy

No. 16-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Board approved revised bylaws at their June 20, 2024 meeting which included renaming the former “Joint Investment Committee” to the Investment Sub-Committee; and

WHEREAS, this committee name change necessitated a revision to the committee name within the University Investment Policy; and

WHEREAS, both a redline and clean version of the Investment Policy is attached to the background of this resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the revised University Investment Policy.

The Board Secretary conducted a roll call vote with the following results: Voting “yes” – Ms. Budi, Ms. Ebersole, Mr. Forhan, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with seven affirmative votes.

Ms. Ebersole reported that Ms. Sheri Stoll gave presentations on the following informational items: List of Tentative Capital Project Board Action Items for FY2025-2026; Status of Capital Projects Status Report – Over \$1,000,000; and the E&G Expenditure Report through September 30, 2024.

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Joint Development Committee Chair, Mr. Traul, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from the last meeting. Discussion items included an Information Technology Update; a presentation of WBGU Financial Statements; a summary of fraud hotline statistics; a corrective action update; and a training topic on Inside Higher Education’s 2024 Survey of Chief Business Officers.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Joint Development Committee Chair, Ms. Budi, stated that the only action item before the committee was the approval of meeting minutes from September 26, 2024. Discussion items included a University Advancement Report from Vice President Pam Conlin, a Foundation Board report, and fundraising plans and strategies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Forhan provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on February 21, 2025, on the Bowling Green campus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:13 p.m., Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Budi seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.