

**MINUTES**  
Board of Trustees  
Bowling Green State University  
February 21, 2025

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met the McMaster Room, 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at the Bowling Green campus on February 21, 2025: Drew Forhan, Chair; Judy Budi, Willa Ebersole, Phil Greenberg, Paul Hooker, Russ Martin, Cole Nemeth, Paula O'Reilly, Dr. Richard Ross, Dr. Tom 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 1:49 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll and announced that a quorum was present (nine trustees).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Rodney Rogers provided the Board with updates related to increased enrollment, the alignment of academic programs to meet societal needs, redefining the undergraduate experience, rankings, and BGSU One Day.

**MINUTES**

No. 17-2025 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that the minutes of December 5 and 6, 2024 be approved as written.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Martin, Chair of the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee, reported that the Committee had eight items for Board consideration.

Approval of Bachelor of Arts in World Languages and Cultures

No. 18-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University offers several stand-alone bachelor of arts degrees in the area of world languages and cultures: Classics, French, German, Latin American Culture Studies, Russian, and Spanish;

WHEREAS, a new Bachelor of Arts in World Languages and Cultures consolidates these six bachelor's programs into one unified degree;

WHEREAS, in the new program, all students will complete a common set of core courses before specializing in one of six language areas;

WHEREAS, a new capstone course – Connecting to Careers in World Languages and Cultures – will prepare students to apply their language skills in the workforce;

WHEREAS, this degree is designed to equip students with the cross-cultural and linguistic competencies needed to excel in a variety of professional fields;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts sustained job growth in sectors such as interpreting and translating, which require proficiency in foreign languages;

WHEREAS, a 2019 study also found that multilingual individuals earn, on average, 11% more than their monolingual peers;

WHEREAS, the new program structure will also enhance teaching capacity;

WHEREAS, the adoption of a common core curriculum will reduce the frequency with which upper-level courses need to be taught, allowing faculty to engage with more students across the program and the university;

WHEREAS, this approach aligns with Forward Initiative 14, Efficiency and Alignment, by maximizing faculty resources;

WHEREAS, currently, 31 students are enrolled across the six existing majors that will be consolidated into the proposed program;

WHEREAS, by focusing on applied language skills and enhancing student advising and marketing efforts, we anticipate an increase in enrollment beginning Spring 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts in World Languages and Cultures represents a strategic realignment of our academic offerings and resources that addresses both student demand and workforce needs.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Bachelor of Arts in World Languages and Cultures.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Bachelor of General Studies

No. 19-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Higher Education estimates more than 1.4 million Ohioans have some college credits but no degree, presenting a significant opportunity for enrollment;

WHEREAS, at BGSU, there are 2,327 undergraduate students who meet the following criteria: (1) have completed at least 60 credits; (2) have not graduated; (3) are in good academic standing; and (4) have not been enrolled since summer 2023;

WHEREAS, of these students, 386 have completed at least 105 credits; each of them could complete a new Bachelor of General Studies degree program within one semester from wherever they are;

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of General Studies will expand degree attainment opportunities and support students' diverse educational needs;

WHEREAS, a partnership with Marketing and Brand Strategy will help us reach current and prospective students at Firelands and beyond;

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of General Studies, which is available to applicants who have earned an associate's degree or completed a minimum of 60 credit hours, provides an opportunity for students to obtain a bachelor's degree that accommodates their varied educational backgrounds and is tailored to their specific needs;

WHEREAS, students may complete this degree by taking existing courses online, in person, or between both modalities;

WHEREAS, as such, this program addresses goals identified in Forward Initiatives One and Four: creating the right programs and broadening access to higher education;

WHEREAS, the program is designed to increase bachelor's degree attainment for three student populations: (1) students who left BGSU or another institution with a significant number of credits but no degree; (2) bachelor's degree-seeking students at BGSU who are unable to complete the requirements of their declared major but still intend to graduate; and (3) students who have earned an associate degree at Firelands or another institution, including working adults seeking career advancement;

WHEREAS, all students in this program will be advised prior to enrollment and regularly thereafter to ensure that they are selecting classes aligned with their career goals;

WHEREAS, students will also complete a two- credit capstone class that asks them to synthesize their experience and articulate how it can be applied after graduation;

WHEREAS, advising will include engagement in BGSU's Prior Learning Assessment process to recognize learning acquired outside of the classroom; and

WHEREAS, by approving this program, BGSU will join other Ohio universities that offer a similar degree completion option, including the University of Toledo, Ohio University, and Kent State University.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Bachelor of General Studies.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of Distinguished Research Professor – Dr. Louisa Ha

No. 20-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, Dr. Louisa Ha earned her Bachelor of Social Science with honors in 1986, with a specialization in journalism and mass communication; and her Master of Philosophy in Communication in 1988, both from the Chinese University of Hong Kong;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha earned her Ph.D. in Mass Media from Michigan State University in 1994;

WHEREAS, she began her teaching career at Bowling Green State University (BGSU) as an adjunct professor in journalism in Fall 1994;

WHEREAS, after an appointment as an assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Ha returned to BGSU in 2000, was promoted to associate professor in the Department of Telecommunications in 2001, and to professor in the School of Media and Communication in 2007;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha served as department chair and graduate coordinator several times in her career at BGSU;

WHEREAS, she was named a Professor of Research Excellence in the School of Media and Communication in 2021, a strong indicator of her productive research program;

WHEREAS, her research interests include audience behavior, racial and international conflicts, online media and global communication, media technologies, media management, online advertising, influencer marketing, and research methods;

WHEREAS, in Dr. Ha's prolific research career, she has published five books, three encyclopedia essays, 30 book chapters, 83 refereed journal articles, five conference proceedings, three invited essays, six non-refereed journal articles, three articles and one book being translated, and 10 book reviews;

WHEREAS, she has 15 proceedings publications and other essays, and 165 conference presentations at leading societies and associations throughout the world;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha's research was praised by all support letters in the depth of science and application to real world events and situations;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jeong-Nam Kim, of the University of Oklahoma, wrote, "What sets Dr. Ha's research apart is its dual focus on academic rigor and practical relevance. [Her work] explores the societal and structural factors that enable misinformation to proliferate and offers actionable insights for educators, policymakers, and technologists working to address this pervasive issue;"

WHEREAS, Dr. Homero Gil de Zúñiga, of the University of Salamanca and Pennsylvania State University, stated, “Her recent book, *The US-China Trade War: Global News Framing and Public Opinion in the Digital Age*, offers essential insights into international communication and geopolitical tensions, further solidifying her reputation as a leading scholar in the field.”

WHEREAS, in her letter of support, Dr. Cheryl Bracken, Director of BGSU’s School of Media and Communication, stated that “Her co-edited book, *Webcasting Worldwide, Business Models of an Emerging Global Medium*, published in 2008, is a pioneer work on online videos;”

WHEREAS, this book received the 2007 AEJMC Picard Award for Books and Monographs in Media Management and Economics;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha is the Founding Editor-in-Chief of *Online Media and Global Communication*;

WHEREAS, Dr. Shahira S. Fahmy, of the American University in Cairo, Egypt, remarked, “This new journal is crucial in today’s rapidly evolving media landscape, addressing contemporary issues like the influence of social media and the dynamics of online content;”

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha’s editorial work with the flagship for *Journalism and Mass Communication Quarterly* for 13 years (six as editor-in-chief) is praised for her leadership in enhancing the journal’s reputation and accessibility;

WHEREAS, regarding Dr. Ha’s work with students, Dr. Kim said, “what makes Dr. Ha truly exceptional is her deep commitment to people. Her mentorship of graduate students, junior faculty, and international scholars is as significant as her academic accomplishments. She sees potential in others and nurtures it with an extraordinary blend of rigor, patience, and compassion;”

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha has chaired 18 dissertation committees, with another four currently under her supervision;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha’s work with graduate students was acknowledged in 2017 when she received the BGSU President’s Award for Collaborative Research and Creative Work;

WHEREAS, Dr. Ha’s has been a tireless support of scholars from underrepresented regions around the world, particularly Asia and the Global South;

WHEREAS, from Dr. Kim letter of support, “It is difficult to fully capture the breadth of Dr. Ha’s contributions in a single letter. She is a visionary scholar, a dedicated mentor, and a tireless advocate for diversity and equity in academia. . . . Dr. Ha has left an indelible mark and a transformative influence in the history and the fields of media, communication, and applied research;”

WHEREAS, from Dr. Fahmy, “Her remarkable contributions to research, dedication to mentorship, innovative leadership, and admirable personal characteristics make her an outstanding choice for this honor;” and

WHEREAS, the nomination of Dr. Louisa Ha as a Distinguished Research Professor has been supported and endorsed by her department nomination committee; her dean, Dr. Ellen Schendel, the Distinguished Research Professor Committee; the Council of Deans; and Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Glenn Davis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of Dr. Louisa Ha as a Distinguished Research Professor.

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

Approval of Distinguished Teaching Professor – Dr. Michael Kimaid

No. 21-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Dr. Michael Kimaid earned a Bachelor of Arts in History from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1995;

WHEREAS, he earned a Master of Arts in History in 1999 and a Ph.D. in History in 2003, both from Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimaid joined the BGSU faculty in 2003 as a visiting assistant professor;

WHEREAS, in 2005, he joined the faculty in the Department of Natural and Social Sciences at BGSU Firelands as an assistant professor, and was promoted to associate professor in 2012, and professor in 2016;

WHEREAS, at BGSU Firelands, Dr. Kimaid has established a reputation over the course of his career as one of the finest teachers;

WHEREAS, his interdisciplinary approach has led him to both teach and publish in three academic areas: History, Geography, and Classical Studies;

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimaid has won the Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award two times at Firelands, first in 2008 (his first year of eligibility), and then in 2021, in recognition of his outstanding work during the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, according to Dr. Timothy Jurkovic, Associate Professor of Sociology at BGSU Firelands, “courses like ‘The History of Comedy,’ ‘American Radicalism,’ ‘Classical Mythology,’ ‘History of Travel and Tourism,’ and ‘The History of the Apocalypse’ have been student favorites, while classes like ‘The Geography of Terrorism,’ ‘The Modern World,’ ‘Cultural Geography,’ and ‘Early America’ have introduced thousands of his students to the possibilities of their respective disciplines;”

WHEREAS, according to the Distinguished Teaching Professor Committee, “Since arriving at BGSU in 2003, Dr. Kimaid has mastered the art of blending the didactic with the experiential through his passion for course content, commitment to student growth, and creative approach to developing innovative curriculum;”

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimaid’s capacity to instill enthusiasm for the subject matter is well-documented in student evaluations, with many students expressing that his courses are among the most engaging they have taken at the university;

WHEREAS, his fieldwork assignments—ranging from historical site visits to museum analyses—allow students to connect classroom knowledge to real-world experiences, further enhancing their understanding and appreciation of history;

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimaid also integrates a podcast into his classes and creates interdisciplinary experiences for the students;

WHEREAS, Dr. Allia Carter, Dean of BGSU Firelands, stated in her letter of support: “Professor Kimaid’s syllabi reflect a well-organized, student-centered approach to learning. His assignments, including research papers, field trips, and interactive discussions, promote both critical thinking and active participation. His clear course structures allow students to engage deeply with the material while fostering an environment conducive to collaborative learning;”

WHEREAS, his overall teaching evaluations are a 4.41/5.0 and the qualitative feedback is overwhelmingly positive;

WHEREAS, one quote, in particular, stood out; however, it was not unique: *“He encouraged me to set my own standards and strive to be the best version of myself;”*

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimaid also teaches graduate courses in the History Department on the Bowling Green campus, and served on several thesis committees;

WHEREAS, he has collaborated with the Bowling Green campus History Department on the M.A. in History for Educators online degree, which promises to expand the University's online footprint and enhance BGSU's reputation among educators in the region, the state, and even the nation;

WHEREAS, his most recent article, *"That of Which All Things Consist:" Toward a Conceptual Framework of Water in World History*," advances a theory that will help educators connect science and history in ways that make history more relatable to students in both secondary and higher education classrooms;

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimaid's reputation as an outstanding educator has resulted in invitations to speak on topics at teaching seminars both regionally and across the country, including The Mount Vernon Education Series, which is sponsored by the Mount Vernon Museum and Education Center; the Rutherford B. Hayes Presidential Center; and the Fort Meigs Historical Association;

WHEREAS, his work with museums and their mission of public education carries through to the Milan Historical Museum, where he has been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2013, and Board President since 2017;

WHEREAS, Dr. Kimaid also serves as an advisor to the Perrysburg High School social studies department, working with teachers there to discuss matters of pedagogy, academic honesty, and discussing new academic works to consider for content for courses;

WHEREAS, Dr. Jurkovic summed up his nomination letter by stating, "his interdisciplinary approach to scholarship, his innovative methodology, his ability to both challenge and engage his students, and his exceptional productivity all combine to make him a worthy candidate for this honor;" and

WHEREAS, the nomination of Dr. Michael Kimaid as a Distinguished Teaching Professor has been supported and endorsed by his dean, Dr. Allia Carter, the Distinguished Teaching Professor Committee; the Council of Deans; and interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Glenn Davis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of Dr. Michael Kimaid as a Distinguished Teaching Professor.

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

Appointment of Dr. Ravi Krovi as Provost and Senior Vice President and Professor with Tenure in the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems

No. 22-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Ravi Krovi as Provost and Senior Vice President and approve the appointment of Dr. Krovi as a professor with tenure in the Department of Accounting and Management Information Systems in the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business.

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

Appointment of Dr. Shernavaz Vakil as Professor with Tenure in the School of Inclusive Teacher Education

No. 23-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment of Dr. Shernavaz Vakil as professor with tenure in the School of Inclusive Teacher Education in the College of Education and Human Development.

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

Approval of Amendments to the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee Charter

No. 24-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the amendments to the Academic Affairs and Student Success Committee Charter.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering Name Change

No. 25-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University’s College of Technology, Architecture, and Applied Engineering strives to provide students with supportive learning environments, experiential opportunities, and a culture of applied research, to prepare them to be successful professionals;

WHEREAS, the original name of the College – the College of Technology – reflected the original disciplines in the College, namely Industrial Technology and Industrial/Technology Education;

WHEREAS, in 2013, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approved a name change to the College of Technology, Architecture, and Applied Engineering, to reflect the academic programming and professional markets at the time;

WHEREAS, it is believed that the name proposed, the College of Engineering and Innovation, reflects today’s academic programming and professional markets and better positions the College for recruitment, retention, and graduation of outstanding students;

WHEREAS, members of the college undertook an exercise to identify potential college names during the 2023-24 academic year, finalizing their recommendation this year under the leadership of Dean Wael Mokhtar;

WHEREAS, Dean Mokhtar also sought input from a variety of industry boards associated with the college;

WHEREAS, the proposed name reflects the new direction of the college and underscores its focus on innovation in a variety of areas in high market demand, including engineering, construction management, architecture, aviation studies, and visual communication technology; and

WHEREAS, the requested effective date of this change is August 2025, which allows time to manage BGSU website and a series of back-end systems coded to the current name.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves the proposed name change for the College of Technology, Architecture and Applied Engineering to the College of Engineering and Innovation.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Mr. Martin 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 nine items for Board consideration.

### Approval Authorizing of Declarations of Official Intent Under U.S. Treasury Regulations with Respect to Reimbursements from Note and Bond Proceeds of Temporary Advances Made for Payments Prior to Issuance

No. 26-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Dr. Ross seconded that:

WHEREAS, United States Treasury Regulations §1.150-2 (the “Reimbursement Regulations”) prescribe conditions under which proceeds of bonds, notes or other obligations (“Bonds”) used to reimburse advances made for capital and certain other expenditures (“Original Expenditures”) paid before the issuance of such Bonds will be deemed to be expended (or properly allocated to expenditures) for purposes of Sections 103 and 141-150 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), upon such reimbursement so that the proceeds so used will no longer be subject to requirements or restrictions under those sections of the Code; and

WHEREAS, certain provisions of the Reimbursement Regulations require that there be a Declaration of Official Intent not later than 60 days following payment of the Original Expenditures expected to be reimbursed from proceeds of Bonds, and that the reimbursement occur within certain prescribed time periods after an Original Expenditure is paid or after the property resulting from that Original Expenditure is placed in service; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to take steps for compliance with the Reimbursement Regulations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University, as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. The following definitions apply to the terms used herein:

“Authorized Officer” means the President, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Associate Vice President for Finance and Business Operations of the University or any other person from time to time designated for the purpose by the President of the University.

“Declaration of Official Intent” means a declaration of intent, in the form, manner and time contemplated in the Reimbursement Regulations, that the advances for expenditures referred to therein are reasonably expected to be reimbursed from the proceeds of Bonds to be issued after those expenditures are paid.

“Reimbursement” or “reimburse” means the restoration to the University of money temporarily advanced from its own funds and spent for Original Expenditures before the issuance of the Bonds, evidenced in writing by an allocation on the books and records of the University that shows the use of the proceeds of the Bonds to restore the money advanced for the Original Expenditures. “Reimbursement” or “reimburse” generally does not include the refunding or retiring of Bonds previously issued and sold to, or borrowings from, unrelated entities.

Section 2. Authorization and Requirement of Declarations of Official Intent. Each Authorized Officer is authorized from time to time to prepare and sign Declarations of Official Intent in substantially the form attached with respect to Original Expenditures to which the Reimbursement Regulations apply, to be made from money temporarily advanced and that is reasonably expected to be reimbursed (in accordance with applicable authorizations, policies and practices) from the proceeds of Bonds, to make appropriate reimbursement and timely allocations from the proceeds of the Bonds to reimburse such Original Expenditures, and to take any other actions as may be appropriate, all at the times and in the manner required under the Reimbursement Regulations in order for the reimbursement to be treated as an expenditure of such proceeds for purposes of Sections 103 and 141 to 150 of the Code. No advance from any fund or account or order for payment may be made for Original Expenditures (other than expenditures excepted from such requirement under the Reimbursement Regulations) that are to be reimbursed subsequently from proceeds of Bonds unless a Declaration of Official Intent with respect thereto is made within the time required by the Reimbursement Regulations. The foregoing authorization shall remain effective unless and until revoked by action of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee thereof.

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



Approval of Authorizing the Guarantee of a Loan from the State Infrastructure Bank to the Wood County Regional Airport Authority to Construct a Hangar

No. 27-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, pursuant to a lease that will end on December 31, 2050, the Wood County Regional Airport Authority (WCRAA) operates an airport on land that is owned by the State of Ohio and under the jurisdiction of BGSU; this airport is open for general civil aviation but the predominant user is BGSU's aviation program; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a 2024 FAA Co-Sponsorship Agreement, WCRAA and BGSU are each sponsors of the airport, and if WCRAA is dissolved or unable to operate the airport, BGSU will step in to assume its management and operation; and

WHEREAS, WCRAA needs to construct a proposed new hangar at a cost of approximately \$3 million and, as part of the project financing, seeks to obtain a low-interest loan from the Ohio Department of Transportation's State Infrastructure Bank (SIB); and

WHEREAS, BGSU's aviation program will store its aircraft in and otherwise benefit from the proposed new hangar; and

WHEREAS, WCRAA does not have a sufficiently robust balance sheet to support this proposed loan although the anticipated space rental revenue will be more than sufficient to cover debt service needs; and

WHEREAS, at the end of the WCRAA lease, title to the proposed hangar and all other improvements to the leased property will revert to the State and BGSU;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that BGSU shall guarantee the SIB loan to enable construction of the proposed hangar; and the President and the Vice President for Finance and Administration and their delegates are delegated such authority as may be necessary to facilitate the guarantee and the SIB loan, including signing documents that have been approved as to legal form by the Office of General Counsel.

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

Approval of Fine Arts Roof Replacement

No. 28-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$1.1 million has been identified from Deferred Maintenance Reserves; and

WHEREAS, the Fine Arts building houses the School of Art, three galleries, classrooms, laboratories, workshops, and offices for the department; and

WHEREAS, the two-story building has both standing seam metal and flat single-ply membrane roofs; eleven of the flat roof sections are over 30 years old and have surpassed their useful life and warranties and are experiencing water infiltration and poor drainage; and

WHEREAS, the planned scope of the project includes design and construction services necessary to complete the removal and replacement of the eleven sections of the flat roof; additional flat roof sections in need of repair will be included as alternates; 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 Fine Arts Roof Replacement – Select Sections 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, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Martin, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with nine affirmative votes.

#### Approval of Founders Residence Hall Renovation Phase 1

No. 29-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Dr. Ross seconded that:

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$3 million has been identified from future Debt Issue (presumably Debt Series 2025); and

WHEREAS, Founders Residence Hall houses approximately 650 students and is located at the southwestern corner of campus; Founders also serves as the home to the University’s Honors College; and

WHEREAS, the last significant renovations were undertaken in 1992, followed by interior updates to the non-suite common areas of the first floor in 2013 and 2017 to facilitate the relocation of the Honors College from Harshman Quadrangle to Founders Residence Hall; and

WHEREAS, the planned scope of the project is for Phase 1 of an anticipated 5 phase total project and includes investigation of plumbing infrastructure, removal and replacement of deteriorated plumbing systems, along with HVAC improvements to aid in the control of humidity levels and limited interior suite improvements as required for the hall’s east wing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed work for this project will be planned and performed beginning in spring of 2025 and concluding in fall of 2025 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 Founders Residence Hall Renovation – Phase 1 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, Mr. Greenberg, Mr. Martin, Ms. O’Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with nine affirmative votes.

#### Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Residence Hall Room Rates

No. 30-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, boards of trustees at public colleges and universities in Ohio are responsible for establishing the fees to be charged for room rates and related ancillary services;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves an average room rate increase of 2.65 percent as shown on Schedule 2 to be effective for the fall semester of Fiscal Year or to a lesser amount as may be provided for by Ohio law.

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

#### Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Meal Plan Rates

No. 31-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. O'Reilly seconded that:

WHEREAS, boards of trustees at public colleges and universities in Ohio are responsible for establishing the fees to be charged for meal plans;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby approves a meal plan rate increase of 3.5 percent for the Bronze Meal Plan and increases for all other plans as shown on Schedule 1 to be effective for the fall semester of Fiscal Year 2026 or to a lesser amount as may be provided for by Ohio law.

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

#### Approval of Fiscal Year 2026 Academic Course Fee Revisions

No. 32-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the University's Academic Programs provide students with a worthwhile educational experience; and

WHEREAS, several special fee requests are specifically intended to support newly created academic programs; and

WHEREAS, it is important to recognize the impact inflation has had on the cost of providing these enhanced instructional experiences and ensure that certain programmatic needs continue to be adequately funded;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the special fees as listed on Schedule A effective for the fall semester of Fiscal Year 2026 (or as otherwise noted) to the extent permitted by Ohio law.

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

#### Approval of Amendments to the Finance and Administration Committee Charter

No. 33-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the amendments to the Finance and Administration Committee Charter.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

#### Approval of Amendments to the Investment Subcommittee Charter

No. 34-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the amendments to the Investment Subcommittee Charter.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Ms. Ebersole reported that Ms. Sheri Stoll gave presentations on the following informational items: Comparative Senate Bill 6 Ratios for Year Ended June 30, 2024; 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 December 31, 2024.

### **DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Development Committee Chair, Ms. Budi, stated that the committee had one action item for consideration.

#### Approval of Amendments to the Joint Development Committee Charter

No. 35-2025 Ms. Budi moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the amendments to the Joint Development Committee Charter.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Discussion items included a University Advancement Report from Vice President Pam Conlin, a Foundation Board report, and fundraising plans and strategies.

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Governance Committee Chair, Mr. Stewart, stated that the committee had two action items for consideration.

#### Authorizing the adoption of a new Policy 3341-1-2 (Ethical Conduct and Professional Workplace Behavior) to replace current Policy 3341-1-2 (Code of Ethics and Conduct Policy), which shall be rescinded

No. 36-2025 Dr. Ross moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, the current Code of Ethics and Conduct Policy (the “current Code”) was adopted on June 24, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the policies and other governance documents referenced in the current Code have since been replaced; and

WHEREAS, portions of the standard of conduct and principles of ethical conduct set forth in the current Code are aspirational in nature, not clearly enforceable, and written without reference to the Ohio ethics laws; and

WHEREAS, by its terms, the current Code may be amended only by action of the Board of Trustees of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Office of General Counsel has drafted a new Policy 3341-1-2, Ethical Conduct and Professional Workplace Behavior (the “new Ethical Conduct Policy,” submitted herewith) to update the current Code, effectuate the Ohio ethics laws and other statutes related to public employment, address conflicts of commitment and interest, provide clear standards for the use of University property and the University’s name and resources; and set forth enforceable expectations of professional workplace behavior; and

WHEREAS, stakeholders and constituent groups including members of the University’s Executive Council, the Policy Review Council, the Chief Belonging and Inclusion Officer, the Chief Human Resources Officer, the Administrative and Classified Staff Councils, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, the BGSU Faculty Association, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee have had the opportunity to review and comment on the new Ethical Conduct Policy; and

WHEREAS, other elements of the current Code have been restated in a document titled “Statement of Principles of Ethical Engagement,” submitted herewith, which is not a formal University policy (and does not require Board approval) but is intended to summarize certain important ethical and aspirational principles of general application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that BGSU hereby adopts the new Policy 3341-1-2 (Ethical Conduct and Professional Workplace Behavior) to replace current Policy 3341-1-2 (Code of Ethics and Conduct Policy), which shall be rescinded, and the President and the General Counsel and their delegates are delegated such authority as may be necessary to implement the adoption of this new Policy and the rescission of its predecessor, including but not limited to filing in the Register of Ohio and posting on the Office of General Counsel website.

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

#### Approval of Amendments to the Governance Committee Charter

No. 37-2025 Ms. Budi moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the amendments to the Governance Committee Charter.

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

Discussion items included future Trustee appointments and an initial discussion of the Board of Trustees Self-Evaluation Results.

Chair Forhan noted that there was one final action item prior to adjournment.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF DEREK VAN DER MERWE AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ATHLETICS STRATEGY AND DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS**

No. 38-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

the Board of Trustees ratify the appointment Derek van der Merwe as Vice President for Athletics Strategy and Director of Athletics effective March 1, 2025.

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

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Forhan provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on May 2, 2025, on the Bowling Green campus.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:47 p.m., Ms. Shore moved and Mr. Traul seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.