

MINUTES
Board of Trustees
Bowling Green State University
May 2, 2025

Notice having been given in accordance with the Board of Trustees Bylaws, the following members met the Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union at the Bowling Green campus on May 2, 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 1:03 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 on strategic initiatives, faculty and staff accomplishments, and special events, including enrollment, BGSU One Day, university partnerships, faculty research, and the Falcon Marching Band trip to Ireland in March 2025. President Rogers noted that Provost Ravi Krovi would be starting on May 5, 2025, and thank Interim Provost Glenn Davis for his work this year. He congratulated the graduates celebrating commencement this weekend and congratulated all of the faculty candidates for tenure and promotion and for emeritus status. Finally, President Rogers thanked Drew Forhan for his leadership and Chair of the Board of Trustees, and thanked Dick Ross and Cole Nemeth for their work and service over the years as the complete their terms as trustees.

MINUTES

No. 39-2025 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that the minutes of February 20 and 21, 2025 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 14 items for Board consideration.

Approval of Promotion and Tenure Recommendations

No. 40-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

approval be given to the 2025-26 Promotion and Tenure Recommendations, as submitted.

Promotion to Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Amílcar Challú, Ph.D., Department of History

Robert Green, Ph.D., Department of Computer Science

Amy Robinson, Ph.D., Department of World Languages and Cultures

Jennifer Stucker, MFA, School of Art

Sheri Wells-Jensen, Ph.D., Department of English

College of Education and Human Development

Sungho Cho, Ph.D., School of Applied Human Development

Hyungsuk Choo, Ph.D., School of Applied Human Development

Adam Fullenkamp, Ph.D., School of Applied Human Development

College of Health and Human Services

Brent Archer, Ph.D., Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

Michelle Bussard, Ph.D., School of Nursing

Jason Whitfield, Ph.D., Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders

College of Musical Arts

Christopher Dietz, Ph.D., Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory
Sidra Lawrence, Ph.D., Department of Musicology/Composition/Theory

Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business

Jeffrey Meyer, Ph.D., Department of Marketing
William Sawaya, Ph.D., Department of Management
Fei Weisstein, Ph.D., Department of Marketing
Zheng Zeng, Ph.D., Department of Economics

Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Meagan Docherty, Ph.D., Department of Psychology
Carles Ferrando Valero, Ph.D., Department of World Languages and Cultures
Umar Islambekov, Ph.D., Department of Mathematics and Statistics
Melissa Keith, Ph.D., Department of Psychology
Ruinian Li, Ph.D., Department of Computer Science
Cortland Rankin, Ph.D., Department of Theatre and Film
Xiaohong Tan, Ph.D., Department of Chemistry
Jari Willing, Ph.D., Department of Psychology

College of Education and Human Development

Jeremy Oehrtman, Ph.D., School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership and Foundations

College of Health and Human Services

Lisa Jacobs, DNP, School of Nursing
Siva Santhanam, Ph.D., School of Communication Sciences and Disorders
Wan Shen, Ph.D., Department of Public and Allied Health

College of Musical Arts

Keith Phares, MM, Department of Music Performance Studies
Yevgeny Yontov, DMA, Department of Music Performance Studies

College of Technology, Architecture, and Applied Engineering

Yong Huang, MDes, School of the Built Environment

Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business

Shuchismita Sarkar, Ph.D., Department of Applied Statistics and Operations Research

University Libraries

Laura Sheets, MLIS, Department of Library Teaching and Learning

Tenure

College of Education and Human Development

Amy French, Ph.D., School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership and Foundations

Promotion to Teaching Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Meredith Gilbertson, Ph.D., Department of Sociology

Firelands

Megan Ashker, MS, Department of Applied Sciences
Karen Black, M.Ed., Department of Applied Sciences
Mary Wisnom, Ph.D., Department of Applied Sciences

Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business

Leigh Devine, MS, Department of Applied Statistics and Operational Research

Promotion to Associate Teaching Professor

College of Arts and Sciences

Shari Densel, M.Ed., School of Art

Crystal Oechsle, Ph.D., Department of Biology

College of Education and Human Development

Sarah Guensche, M.Ed., School of Applied Human Development

Firelands

Kyle Closen, M.Ed., Department of Humanities

Megan Green, MFA, Department of Humanities

Andrew Hartke, MA, Department of Natural and Social Sciences

Matthew Rome, MA, Department of Humanities

College of Technology, Architecture, and Applied Engineering

James Adamcik, MA, School of Aviation

Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business

Michael Good, MBA, Department of Accounting and Information Systems

Walter Ryley, Ph.D., Department of Economics

Jennifer Price, M.Ed., Department of Applied Statistics and Operational Research

Michael Slates, J.D., Department of Finance

Promotion to Associate Clinical Professor

College of Health and Human Services

Allison Durham, DPT, School of Physical and Occupational Therapy

Nicole Lawrence, DNP, School of Nursing

Jamie O'Brien, DPT, School of Physical and Occupational Therapy

Lara Wilken, DNP, School of Nursing

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 Emeriti Faculty

No. 41-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

approval be given to the emeritus status of the following faculty members who have retired or will be retiring by the end of the summer term, as recommended by the appropriate department, the college dean, the Committee on Honorary Degrees and Commemoratives, the Senior Vice President and Provost, and the University President.

Professor Emeriti

Janet Ballweg, School of Art

Colleen Boff, University Libraries

Margaret Zoller Booth, School of Counseling, Higher Education, Leadership and Foundations

Francisco Cabanillas, World Languages and Cultures

Lynn Darby, School of Applied Human Development

Neil Englehart, Political Science

Christina Guenther, World Languages and Cultures

Vikki Krane, School of Applied Human Development

Elainie Lillios, Musicology/Composition/Theory

I-Fen Lin, Sociology

Mohammad Mayyas, School of Engineering

Myra Merritt-Grant, Music Performance Studies

Trinka Messenheimer, School of Inclusive Teacher Education

Jeffrey Miner, Biological Sciences

Bonnie Mitchell, School of Art

Bruce Moss, Music Education

Mark Munson, Music Education

Dara Musher-Eizenman, Psychology

Mary Natvig, Musicology/Composition/Theory
Paul Schauer, Accounting and Management Information Systems
Laura Stafford, School of Media and Communication
Sherry Sullivan, Management
Tong Sun, Mathematics and Statistics

Teaching Professor Emeriti

DJ Kern-Blystone, School of Inclusive Teacher Education
Mearl Sutton, Marketing

Associate Professor Emeriti

Dawn Anderson, Public and Allied Health
Madeline Duntley, Sociology
Timothy Jurkovic, Natural and Social Sciences
Sue Ellen McComas, Humanities
Sridevi Menon, School of Cultural and Critical Studies
Julie Rabine, University Libraries
Jane Schoonmaker Rodgers, Music Performance Studies
Marc Simon, Political Science
J. Gordon Wade, Mathematics and Statistics

Associate Teaching Professor Emeriti

Gary Benjamin, School of Engineering
Debra Gallagher, School of Inclusive Teacher Education
Cynthia Whipple, World Languages and Cultures

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Approval of the Bachelor of Science, AI + x Degree

No. 42-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, the *2024 PwC Global AI Jobs Barometer* notes that job posting related to Artificial Intelligence (AI) are growing 3.5 times faster than all others, and sectors adopting AI are seeing nearly five-fold productivity gains;

WHEREAS, additionally, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 23% growth in computer and information technology occupations between 2022 and 2032, which is well above the national average for job growth by field;

WHEREAS, a proposed, innovative, and interdisciplinary degree – a Bachelor of Science in “Artificial Intelligence + x” (AI + x) – will prepare students to capitalize on the rapid growth of AI-integrated career pathways;

WHEREAS, the proposed AI + x program is the first of its kind in Ohio and one of the first in the nation;

WHEREAS, this degree extends BGSU’s pioneering approach to this discipline, following on the university’s decision to launch the first Department of Computer Science in Ohio;

WHEREAS, while peer institutions such as Emory, Georgetown, Purdue, and the University of Florida have developed similar graduate-level offerings, BGSU’s AI+ x degree stands out by providing undergraduate students with a customizable, forward-looking academic experience grounded in both technical and discipline-specific learning;

WHEREAS, the program advances the *Forward* strategic plan in several key areas;

WHEREAS, advancing Objective I, Redefining Student Success, AI+ x offers students the agency and flexibility to shape individualized career pathways that reflect their passions and long-term goals, and integrates

emerging technology with traditional academic disciplines to prepare students to succeed in an evolving professional landscape;

WHEREAS, advancing Objective III, Powering Public Good, this program encourages interdisciplinary thinking, collaboration, and respect for a variety of intellectual approaches across academic fields;

WHEREAS, advancing Objective IV, Efficiency and Value, AI+ x repurposes existing courses and faculty resources to deliver an innovative, high-impact program with no additional costs;

WHEREAS, the AI + x degree allows students to pair foundational and advanced coursework in artificial intelligence with one of six disciplinary tracks: Computer Science, History, Journalism, Mathematics, Physics, or Public Relations;

WHEREAS, this structure empowers students to explore how AI intersects with their interests, preparing them to apply emerging technologies in real-world contexts;

WHEREAS, additional combinations may be added in the future to meet demand or workforce needs;

WHEREAS, the AI+ x degree is expected to attract a broad population of students, from technology-focused majors to those interested in applying AI within the humanities, social sciences, and STEM fields;

WHEREAS, its flexible structure and cross-disciplinary appeal will be highlighted in university marketing and recruitment efforts;

WHEREAS, the program is well-positioned to draw new students to BGSU and retain those seeking to enhance their degree with AI expertise;

WHEREAS, regarding the program name: “AI + x” is a widely used academic shorthand for customizable AI pathways, signaling that students combine AI with another area of study;

WHEREAS, the name reflects the adaptable, student-driven nature of the degree and is consistent with language used across higher education and industry, and does not reference or align with any specific external platform;

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence + x represents a bold, student-centered step forward for BGSU; and reflects both academic innovation and market responsiveness, and it empowers students to connect AI with their individual interests and professional ambitions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence + x (AI + x), which has successfully completed all required stages of faculty review.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Bachelor of Science in Artificial Intelligence + x (AI + x) Degree.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with an Environmental Resilience and Climate Change Specialization

No. 43-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, the proposed Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with a specialization in Environmental Resilience and Climate Change (ERCC), developed by the School of Earth, Environment and Society (SEES) in the College of Arts & Sciences, modernizes and refines an existing major to better align with student interests, faculty strengths, and urgent global challenges related to climate and sustainability;

WHEREAS, the revised degree aligns with several objectives of the *Forward* strategic plan;

WHEREAS, aligning with Objective I, Redefining Student Success, the streamlined curriculum and required applied learning experiences support timely graduation and career readiness;

WHEREAS, students gain real-world experience and mentorship through internships that translate directly into post-graduate opportunities;

WHEREAS, aligning with Objective III, Powering Public Good, the program deepens student engagement with community and government partners to address regional and global environmental issues;

WHEREAS, the program aligns with Objective IV, Efficiency and Value, by consolidating 15 distinct specializations and optimizing existing instructional resources;

WHEREAS, this program increases curricular efficiency while maintaining academic rigor and relevance;

WHEREAS, the ERCC specialization represents a thoughtful revision of the current Environmental Policy and Analysis major;

WHEREAS, as part of a broader effort to streamline academic offerings within SEES, this new version strengthens the program's focus, sustainability, and accessibility while preserving its core commitment to public good and environmental leadership;

WHEREAS, the revised curriculum offers a clearer structure for students by reducing the complexity of degree requirements and electives to support timely graduation;

WHEREAS, it emphasizes experiential learning through required internships and service-learning opportunities, helping students build strong professional networks and gain hands-on experience with agencies such as the Ohio EPA and Wood County Solid Waste;

WHEREAS, the proposed program update responds directly to emerging workforce demands;

WHEREAS, while the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 7% growth in environmental science and specialist roles between 2023 and 2033, graduates of this program are also prepared for careers in climate policy, urban and regional planning, sustainability coordination, and environmental communication, all fields that are rapidly expanding but not always captured in traditional labor data;

WHEREAS, the updated Environmental Studies major is designed to retain current students and attract prospective students drawn to careers in climate action, sustainability, and environmental studies;

WHEREAS, interest in SEES environmental programs has continued to grow, with applications increasing from 74 in 2021 to 134 in 2024;

WHEREAS, the ERCC specialization strengthens the department's identity and should enhance opportunities for student recruitment and position the program for continued growth;

WHEREAS, the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with a specialization in Environmental Resilience and Climate Change is a timely update that reflects BGSU's commitment to academic innovation, community engagement, and the preparation of graduates for meaningful careers in sustainability and public service; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has successfully completed all necessary stages of review and does not require new funding for implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies with an Environmental Resilience and Climate Change Specialization.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of Program Change in the Bachelor of Arts in English

No. 44-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

- WHEREAS, students who complete a Bachelor of Arts in English at Bowling Green State University learn how to use language and writing to transform society through the tools of the 21st century;
- WHEREAS, English majors critically evaluate, interpret, appreciate and create a broad range of print, digital, aural and visual texts;
- WHEREAS, our graduates go on to work in a variety of satisfying and challenging careers across various industries, including graduate study, law, teaching, public relations, libraries, academic advising, and more;
- WHEREAS, the program culminates in an experiential learning process, with students writing a thesis and presenting their work to an audience of peers and scholars;
- WHEREAS, the proposed, revised English major introduces a scaffolded core curriculum that equips students with the critical, analytical, and communication skills that are foundational to English studies;
- WHEREAS, by reducing required credit hours from 40 to 36 and simplifying elective requirements, the program creates greater flexibility for students to pursue minors, second majors, and high-impact experiential learning opportunities;
- WHEREAS, these revisions are informed by student feedback and align with disciplinary best practices;
- WHEREAS, they eliminate outdated courses, modernize offerings to reflect new subfields and clarify pathways to internships and professional development;
- WHEREAS, the updated curriculum also increases faculty capacity to meet enrollment demand and deliver high-impact teaching in core and elective courses;
- WHEREAS, the redesigned program promotes deeper engagement with the discipline and expands connections with alumni and employers to better support students' career preparation in an evolving job market;
- WHEREAS, the proposal aligns with the *Forward* strategic plan;
- WHEREAS, supporting Objective 1, Redefining Student Success, the program has a clearer structure and reduced credit hour total enhance flexibility and support timely graduation while increasing opportunities for the application of disciplinary knowledge;
- WHEREAS, supporting Objective III, Powering Public Good, new internship pathways and alumni partnerships will expand students' real-world experience and professional networks;
- WHEREAS, supporting Objective IV, Efficiency and Value, a more focused curriculum improves faculty workload distribution and strengthens the department's capacity to meet student demand;
- WHEREAS, the English Department is already seeing increased interest from both majors and minors;
- WHEREAS, the revised BA clarifies the relevance and value of English studies in today's world, particularly for students pursuing Integrated Language Arts licensure or careers that demand strong analytical, writing, and digital literacy skills;
- WHEREAS, these revisions modernize the English BA to better serve students, support faculty strengths, and advance BGSU's mission;
- WHEREAS, they reflect a forward-thinking vision for English studies that bridges academic depth with career readiness;
- WHEREAS, these updates streamline the program, enhance student choice, and align the curriculum with current academic and professional trends in English studies; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has successfully passed all required stages of review and requires no new funding for implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Program Change in the Bachelor of Arts in English.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of the Creation of the Department of Forensic Science

No. 45-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, since 2016, BGSU has offered both a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in Forensic Science;

WHEREAS, these programs have demonstrated consistent enrollment growth, notable student retention and job placement rates, and rising national visibility;

WHEREAS, these programs, however, are currently housed within the Departments of Biological Sciences and Chemistry, which has limited their visibility, cohesion, and advising continuity;

WHEREAS, establishing a stand-alone Department of Forensic Science is a necessary next step to support the programs' continued growth, improve academic coordination, and enhance the student experience;

WHEREAS, this move will provide a clear identity for the program, better support for advising and curriculum planning, and a more streamlined path to maintaining Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission (FEPAC) accreditation at both undergraduate and graduate levels;

WHEREAS, the proposed department advances BGSU's strategic goals by (1) Promoting innovation and excellence in applied STEM education through a focused curriculum in high-demand fields such as DNA analysis, forensic chemistry, and crime scene investigation; (2) Strengthening hands-on, experiential learning with access to state-of-the-art forensic laboratories, a crime scene house, and research partnerships; and (3) Deepening the university's nationally distinctive partnership with the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) through the Center for the Future of Forensic Science;

WHEREAS, students graduate from these programs with marketable skills and professional experience that translate directly to careers in law enforcement, forensic laboratories and federal agencies;

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of forensic science technicians is projected to grow 14% from 2023 to 2033, much faster than the average for all occupations, with approximately 2,700 openings annually;

WHEREAS, this proposal improves operational efficiency without requiring new administrative positions. The existing program director and administrative assistant will continue in their current roles, ensuring continuity in leadership, support, and student service;

WHEREAS, the department is additionally supported by more than \$11.8 million in external grant funding since 2014; \$3 million in specialized laboratory and instructional equipment; and a \$650,000 annual state appropriation;

WHEREAS, the creation of the Department of Forensic Science represents a student-centered investment in a high-impact, high-demand academic area. It builds on existing strengths, enhances interdisciplinary collaboration, and reinforces BGSU's leadership in forensic science education; and

WHEREAS, the proposal has successfully completed all necessary stages of review, including the procedures listed in Article XII, Section E of the BGSU Academic Charter, and does not require new funding for implementation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the creation of the Department of Forensic Science.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

No. 46-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. O'Reilly seconded that:

WHEREAS, in describing the impetuses for reconfiguration, BGSU's Academic Charter states, "Reconfiguration may be stimulated by a variety of conditions such as societal changes that impact specific disciplines, the need for realignment to increase effectiveness, and the need to develop new programming by consolidation of existing programs;"

WHEREAS, over the past two years, the Schmidthorst College of Business has completed a comprehensive review of program offerings as part of the *Forward* strategy;

WHEREAS, during this time, the College has also completed its self-reflection and AACSB continuous improvement review processes;

WHEREAS, through these various reviews, it has become clear that the distribution of students across programs has changed significantly over the past five years;

WHEREAS, the proposed college reconfiguration is driven by a combination of internal and external considerations;

WHEREAS, internally, shifting enrollment patterns, most notably growth in online graduate programs and a decline in select undergraduate specializations, have prompted a careful reevaluation of departmental structure and program offerings;

WHEREAS, over the past five years, the college has created the Doctor of Organizational Development and Change (a 3-to-4-year executive doctorate program), as well as the online MBA; collaborated on the development of the Master of Science along with the PhD in Data Science, eliminated the Professional MBA (in person evening program) and the ISAC specialization in the BSBA; and paused admissions to the Executive MBA;

WHEREAS, the external context includes increasing demand for graduates with skills in data analytics, information systems, and interdisciplinary problem-solving;

WHEREAS, continuous improvement recommendations from AACSB (the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) have further underscored opportunities to integrate key competencies such as technology and analytics more deeply into the business core;

WHEREAS, the proposed departmental structure supports these goals while improving operational efficiency;

WHEREAS, by consolidating six existing departments into four, the College will strengthen collaboration among related fields and ensure that academic offerings remain aligned with emerging workforce needs;

WHEREAS, the four departments are as follows: the Department of Business Analytics, Economics, and Information Systems (new); the Department of Accounting and Finance (new); the Department of Management; and the Department of Marketing;

WHEREAS, this streamlined configuration constitutes a more agile academic model that is responsive to student interests, industry developments, and institutional priorities;

WHEREAS, it supports Objective 4 of the *Forward* strategic plan by improving both educational value and organizational and operational efficiency;

WHEREAS, the reconfiguration is expected to generate an annual cost savings of approximately \$70,000 through reductions in department chair stipends, course overloads, and summer stipends;

WHEREAS, these efficiencies will help ensure long-term sustainability while allowing resources to be redirected to support student success and curricular innovation;

WHEREAS, this reconfiguration strengthens the Schmidthorst College of Business by aligning academic structures with current and future industry needs, supporting faculty collaboration, and enhancing the student experience;

WHEREAS, it reflects a thoughtful and student-centered response to a changing academic and professional environment; and

WHEREAS, all steps required under Section 15 of the Academic Charter governing academic reconfiguration have been completed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Schmidthorst College of Business Reconfiguration Proposal.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of the Master of Science in Software Engineering

No. 47-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, market analysis and industry reports indicate robust and sustained growth in software engineering roles globally, particularly in sectors embracing AI and automation;

WHEREAS, Global Market Insights estimates that the software engineering market, valued at approximately \$142.1 billion in 2023, will grow to \$255.2 billion by 2032;

WHEREAS, research by Robert Half demonstrates that roles in software engineering and development are among the most sought-after in the technology sector, with companies competing to build future-ready tech teams;

WHEREAS, the proposed 30-credit fully online Master of Science in Software Engineering (MSSE) at Bowling Green State University addresses the critical need for professionals skilled in designing, developing, and managing software systems to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving technological landscape;

WHEREAS, with software engineering at the core of innovation across industries such as healthcare, finance, and manufacturing, this program ensures graduates are equipped to contribute effectively to one of the fastest-growing sectors globally;

WHEREAS, the proposed program combines theoretical rigor with hands-on learning, preparing students to tackle real-world challenges in software development, quality assurance, and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence;

WHEREAS, its flexible design accommodates a diverse student body, from those without prior computer science experience to professionals seeking to deepen their expertise and advance their careers;

WHEREAS, BGSU's MSSE program supports key goals of the *Forward* strategic plan;

WHEREAS, under Objective 1, Redefining Student Success, the MSSE degree is designed for long-term relevance by integrating software engineering with diverse disciplines to meet emerging workforce demands;

WHEREAS, the fully online nature of the program allows for student populations that are not limited to geographical proximity to benefit from BGSU's program;

WHEREAS, under Objective 4, Efficiency and Value, the online 30-credit master's degree is affordable and offers graduation time for students than competing degrees at other Ohio universities;

WHEREAS, the online Master of Science in Software Engineering represents a forward-thinking professional, student-centered, program at BGSU; and

WHEREAS, it reflects both academic innovation and market responsiveness and empowers students to connect software engineering with their individual interests and professional ambitions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Master of Science in Software Engineering.

All signified in affirmative. Motion carried.

Approval of Honorary Degree – Orel Hershiser

No. 48-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, Mr. Orel Leonard Hershiser IV, born in Buffalo, New York, is a former Major League Baseball (MLB) pitcher renowned for his exceptional career, particularly with the Los Angeles Dodgers;

WHEREAS, a star baseball player for Cherry Hill East High School in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, Mr. Hershiser continued his baseball career at Bowling Green State University (BGSU);

WHEREAS, despite a challenging start at BGSU, he persevered, and his dedication culminated in a no-hitter against Kent State University on May 4, 1979, highlighting his potential as a professional pitcher;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hershiser was selected by the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 17th round of the 1979 draft and made his Major League debut in September 1983;

WHEREAS, his breakout season came in 1985 when he posted a 19-3 record with a 2.03 ERA, leading the National League in winning percentage;

WHEREAS, the pinnacle of Mr. Hershiser's baseball career occurred in 1988, when he set a major league record by pitching 59 consecutive scoreless innings, surpassing the previous record held by Don Drysdale;

WHEREAS, this extraordinary achievement, along with a 23-8 record, 267 innings pitched, 15 complete games, 8 shutouts, and 178 strikeouts, earned him the National League Cy Young Award in 1988;

WHEREAS, his dominance continued into the 1988 postseason, where he played a crucial role in the Dodgers' World Series victory over the Oakland Athletics, earning both the National League Championship Series (NLCS) and World Series Most Valuable Player (MVP) awards;

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Hershiser was selected to three National League All-Star teams and won Gold Glove and Silver Slugger Awards;

WHEREAS, after 12 seasons with the Dodgers, Mr. Hershiser played for the Cleveland Indians, San Francisco Giants and New York Mets before returning to Los Angeles for his final season in 2000;

WHEREAS, following his retirement as a player, Hershiser briefly worked as a pitching coach and front office executive for the Texas Rangers (2002-05);

WHEREAS, he then transitioned to broadcasting, serving as a color analyst for ESPN's "Sunday Night Baseball" before joining the Los Angeles Dodgers' broadcast team;

WHEREAS, beyond baseball, Mr. Hershiser showcased his versatility by venturing into professional poker, notably reaching the quarterfinals of the 2008 NBC National Heads-Up Poker Championship;

WHEREAS, a self-proclaimed entrepreneur, Mr. Hershiser has been involved in, or part owner of, several businesses, including car businesses, the pet food industry, investment funds and sports memorabilia;

WHEREAS, his 1989 book, *Out of the Blue*, chronicles his life – in and outside of baseball – leading up to his record-setting 1988 season;

WHEREAS, in the book, he shares the experiences that led him to Major League baseball: family, friends, faith, teammates, coaches and managers, years in the minor leagues, and his years at BGSU;

WHEREAS, in Mr. Hershiser's words, his book shows "that great things can happen to ordinary people if they work hard and never give up;"

WHEREAS, many of the life and career lessons Mr. Hershisier shares in his book mirror those found in leadership theory, particularly Kouzes and Posner's five practices of exemplary leadership – Model the Way, Inspire a Shared Vision, Challenge the Process, Enable Others to Act, and Encourage the Heart;

WHEREAS, there is a sequence of chapters in *Out of the Blue* that provide a picture of Mr. Hershisier's leadership, offering us four primary factors for the successful pitch (and by implication and demonstration, successful leadership): Attitude, mechanics, strategy, and regimen;

WHEREAS, on "Attitude," Mr. Hershisier writes: "All I'm saying is that it isn't the speed of my best fastball . . . that makes me successful. I need every trick in my bag to keep hitters guessing. . . . I take a decidedly mental approach to the game. I think, I study, I learn, I prepare, I work at it;"

WHEREAS, on "Regimen," he writes: "I become deeply aware that I am two distinct personalities. There's the typical Orel who will greet friends and fans and be light and happy and normal. At the same time, beginning to exist deep inside me is the other Orel Hershisier. That Orel has the ability to narrow his concentration to the regimen of game preparation. . . . He will miss no detail. He will even push his teammates to keep their heads in the game when necessary;"

WHEREAS, in recent years, Mr. Hershisier has reengaged with Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in helping BGSU Baseball "Save the Program," is a member of the BGSU Baseball Advisory Council, and is a supporter of the "Steller Field Improvement Fund" that provides critical enhancements to the BGSU Baseball facility;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hershisier returned to campus in November 2023 and met with students and faculty, including prospective students in the sport management program;

WHEREAS, Mr. Hershisier was the keynote speaker at BGSU Baseball's inaugural First Pitch Dinner in early 2024; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ray Schneider, professor and coordinator for BGSU's Sport Management program, in his letter of support for Mr. Hershisier's honorary degree, relayed a statement made by a BGSU baseball player after the First Pitch Dinner: "Mr. Hershisier has a unique way of motivating me and making me want to be my best – not just as a player but as a person;"

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, in recognition of his distinguished career in Major League Baseball, coaching, and broadcasting, and his contributions and service to Bowling Green State University and its baseball program, confers upon Mr. Orel Hershisier an honorary Doctor of Leadership Studies degree.

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.

Adopting a Statement of Commitment as required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.0216

No. 49-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University's mission is to produce graduates who are prepared for lifelong personal and career growth and for engaged citizenship and leadership in a global society and its vision is to develop, transform and impact individuals and communities through learning, collaboration and discovery; and

WHEREAS, freedom, openness, and rigor for intellectual inquiry, truth and fairness are fundamental to a Bowling Green State University education; and

WHEREAS, autonomy, civility and equality of treatment and opportunity are also fundamental to a Bowling Green State University education; and

WHEREAS, the University takes great strides to widely communicate and is steadfast in its protection of freedom of expression, academic freedom, intellectual diversity and equality of opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act reaffirms laws of free expression and nondiscrimination, codifies principles of academic freedom and intellectual diversity, and requires broad communication of and commitment to these vital protections, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to ensure broad communication and continued steadfast protection of fundamental rights to free expression and equality of opportunity and principles of academic freedom and intellectual diversity, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby incorporates a statement of commitment as set forth in R.C. 3345.0216(A).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board incorporates the following into a statement of commitment as enumerated in R.C. 3345.0216(A):

- (1) BGSU will educate students by means of free, open, and rigorous intellectual inquiry to seek the truth.
- (2) It is the duty of BGSU to equip students with the opportunity to develop the intellectual skills they need to reach their own, informed conclusions.
- (3) BGSU is committed to not requiring, favoring, disfavoring, or prohibiting speech or lawful assembly.
- (4) BGSU is committed to create a community dedicated to an ethic of civil and free inquiry, which respects the autonomy of each member, supports individual capacities for growth, and tolerates the differences in opinion that naturally occur in a public higher education community.
- (5) It is the duty of BGSU to treat all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, to hold them to equal standards, and to provide them equality of opportunity, with regard to those individuals' race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President or delegate is authorized and directed to ensure that the aforementioned statement of commitment is broadly communicated and prominently posted on its publicly accessible website and alongside the University's mission statement in any place in which the mission statement appears, in any solicitations and offers of admission to students, and any offers of employment to faculty.

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.

Adopting a Policy as Required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.0217

No. 50-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, the University has been strongly dedicated to facilitating learning, promoting open debate and dialogue, providing a place where intellectually diverse views and perspectives can be weighed and considered as now codified in state law by the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act; and

WHEREAS, the University has a steadfast commitment to protecting expressive freedoms as afforded by the First Amendment and the Ohio Constitution and to upholding principles of academic freedom steeped in the deep tradition of higher education as now codified in state law by the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act; and

WHEREAS, the University has been focused on principles of treating all faculty, staff, and students as individuals, holding every individual to equal standards, and providing those individuals with equality of opportunity, without regard to those individuals' race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression as required by federal and state law and reaffirmed by the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act reaffirms laws of free expression and nondiscrimination, codifies principles of academic freedom and intellectual diversity, and requires the Board to adopt a policy prohibiting and affirming specific activities to ensure intellectual diversity and nondiscrimination; and

WHEREAS, the Advance Ohio Higher Education Act requires the University to utilize a process established under Ohio Revised Code 3345.0215(C) by which any student, student group, or faculty member may submit a complaint about an alleged violation of the foregoing prohibitions and affirmations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby adopts a policy to prohibit certain actions and affirm specific activities pursuant to R.C. 3345.0217(B) which includes a process established under R.C. 3345.0215(C) by which any student, student group, or faculty member may submit a complaint about an alleged violation of the foregoing prohibitions and affirmations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board adopts and the University shall enforce a policy which prohibits all of the following activities:

- (1) Any orientation or training course regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, unless specifically exempted by the chancellor of higher education;
- (2) The continuation of existing diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or departments;
- (3) Establishing of new diversity, equity, and inclusion offices or departments;
- (4) Using diversity, equity, and inclusion in job descriptions;
- (5) Contracting with consultants or third-parties whose role is or would be to promote admissions, hiring, or promotion on the basis of race, ethnicity, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression;
- (6) The establishment of any new institutional scholarships that use diversity, equity, and inclusion in any manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board adopts and the University shall enforce the following affirmations:

- (1) The University's primary function is to practice, or support the practice, discovery, improvement, transmission, and dissemination of knowledge and citizenship education by means of research, teaching, discussion, and debate;
- (2) BGSU shall ensure the fullest degree of intellectual diversity;
- (3) Faculty and staff of BGSU shall allow and encourage students to reach their own conclusions about all controversial beliefs or policies and shall not seek to indoctrinate any social, political, or religious point of view;
- (4) BGSU will demonstrate intellectual diversity for course approval, approval of courses to satisfy general education requirements, student course evaluations, common reading programs, annual reviews, strategic goals for each department, and student learning outcomes.
- (5) BGSU will not endorse or oppose, as an institution, any controversial belief or policy, except on matters that directly impact the institution's funding or mission of discovery, improvement, and dissemination of knowledge.
- (6) BGSU will not encourage, discourage, require, or forbid students, faculty, or administrators to endorse, assent to, or publicly express a given ideology, political stance, or view of a social policy, nor will the institution require students to do any of those things to obtain an undergraduate or post-graduate degree.
- (7) BGSU will not require political and ideological litmus tests in any hiring, promotion, and admissions decisions, including diversity statements and any other requirement that applicants describe their commitment to any ideology, principle, concept, or formulation that requires commitment to any controversial belief or policy;
- (8) BGSU will not encourage, discourage, require, or forbid students, faculty, or administrators to endorse, assent to, or publicly express a given ideology or political stance in any hiring, promotion, or admissions process or decision;
- (9) BGSU will not use a diversity statement or any other assessment of an applicant's political or ideological views in any hiring, promotions, or admissions process or decision;
- (10) BGSU will not encourage, discourage, require, or forbid students, faculty, or administrators to endorse, assent to, or publicly express a given ideology or political stance in any process or decision regulating conditions of work or study, such as committee assignments, course scheduling, or workload adjustment policies
- (11) BGSU will seek out invited speakers who have diverse ideological or political views;
- (12) BGSU will post prominently on its web site a complete list of all speaker fees, honoraria, and other emoluments in excess of five hundred dollars for events that are sponsored by the university.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reaffirms its longstanding commitment to upholding the principles of academic freedom, including the freedom to speak, teach, learn and conduct inquiry on BGSU's campuses, and recognizes the significance that these commitments are now enshrined in law. Specifically, Ohio law provides that:

- (1) In accordance with R.C. 3345.0217(D)(1), nothing in this Resolution prohibits faculty or students from classroom instruction, discussion, or debate, so long as faculty members allow students to express intellectual diversity;
- (2) In accordance with R.C. 3345.0217(B)(5), nothing in the Board's first through fourth affirmations apply to the exercise of professional judgment about how to accomplish intellectual diversity within an academic discipline, unless that exercise is misused to constrict intellectual diversity.
- (3) In accordance with R.C. 3345.0217(B)(7), nothing in the Board's fifth through sixth affirmations apply to the exercise of professional judgment about whether to endorse the consensus or foundational beliefs of an academic discipline, unless that exercise is misused to take an action prohibited in the Board's fifth affirmation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board recognizes that as a public university for the public good, Bowling Green State University strives to ensure that everyone feels valued and respected. The university takes its responsibility to provide equality of opportunity to qualified students, faculty, and staff with disabilities seriously and in accordance with R.C. 3345.0217(D)(2), nothing in the Resolution prohibits the university from complying with any state or federal law to provide disability services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board reaffirms its commitment to supporting students in all aspects of their educational journey. BGSU has always recognized the important role student organizations play our campus community by helping develop leadership skills and deepening our students' sense of belonging. Ohio law now similarly recognizes the importance of student engagement to student success and in accordance with R.C.3345.0217(D)(2), nothing in this Resolution prohibits the formation of student organizations, including fraternities and sororities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President or delegate is authorized and directed to broadly inform all of its students and employees of the protections afforded to them and the policies adopted pursuant to R.C. 3345.0217.

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, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes. Dr. Ross abstained.

Authorizing the Adoption of Policy as Required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.45

No. 51-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, this Board previously approved the Faculty Workload Assignment policy on May 8, 2015 (Resolution 39-2015) to establish a workload policy to support the quality and excellence in faculty work in the areas of teaching and learning, research and creative activity, and professional service; and

WHEREAS, newly-enacted language in Ohio Revised Code 3345.45 requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a policy that includes an objective and numerically defined teaching workload expectation based on credit hours as defined by federal regulation, a definition of all faculty workload elements in terms of credit hours as defined by federal regulation with a full-time workload minimum standard, and a definition of justifiable credit hour equivalents for activities other than teaching, including research, clinical care, administration, service, and other activities; and

WHEREAS, newly-enacted language in Ohio Revised Code 3345.45 requires the Board of Trustees to adopt a policy that delineates the disciplinary action that may be taken if a faculty member fails to comply with the policy's requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University hereby adopts revisions to the Faculty Workload Assignment policy 3341-1-9 to include definitions based on federal regulation for teaching workload, all workload elements with a full-time workload minimum standard, and equivalents for activities other than teaching as required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.45.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Bowling Green State University hereby adopts revisions to the Faculty Workload Assignment policy 3341-1-9 incorporating disciplinary action that may be taken if a faculty member fails to comply with the policy's requirements as required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.45.

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, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes. Dr. Ross abstained.

Incorporating Standard Questions for Evaluations as Required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.451

No. 52-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that:

WHEREAS, the University has already established a written system of faculty evaluations completed by students with a focus on teaching effectiveness and student learning in accordance with Sec. 3345.451 (C); and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3345.451(C) states that each state institution of higher education shall establish a written system of faculty evaluations completed by students with a focus on teaching effectiveness and student learning to include a minimum set of standard questions developed by the chancellor of higher education; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code 3345.451(B) states that the minimum set of standard questions developed by the chancellor of higher education shall include the following: "Does the faculty member create a classroom atmosphere free of political, racial, gender, and religious bias?"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the University will incorporate the set of standard questions developed by the chancellor of higher education into its previously established written system of faculty evaluations completed by students that will include the following: “Does the faculty member create a classroom atmosphere free of political, racial, gender, and religious bias?”

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, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes. Dr. Ross abstained.

Authorizing the Adoption of Policies as Required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.452, 3345.453, and 3345.454

No. 53-2025 Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, newly-enacted Ohio Revised Code 3345.452 requires the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education to adopt a faculty annual performance evaluation policy in areas including teaching, research, and service, and specifies that student evaluations will account for at least twenty-five percent of the teaching component of the evaluation; and

WHEREAS, newly-enacted Ohio Revised Code 3345.453 requires the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education to adopt a post-tenure review policy; and

WHEREAS, newly-enacted Ohio Revised Code 3345.454 requires the Board of Trustees of each state institution of higher education to adopt policies on tenure and retrenchment; and

WHEREAS, the University is a party to a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with the BGSU Faculty Association that is in force through June 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, the application of new Ohio Revised Code 3345.455 indicates that the faculty annual performance evaluation policy, post-tenure review policy, and tenure and retrenchment policies will become effective in the next CBA with the BGSU Faculty Association, and states that those policies are not appropriate subjects for collective bargaining; and

WHEREAS, the current CBA includes faculty performance evaluations which are tied to merit-based increases and provide student evaluations as a legitimate criterion for evaluation; and

WHEREAS, the current CBA sets forth a post-tenure review process for tenured faculty who have been determined to be underperforming, so that they may meet the professional expectations established by their academic units; and

WHEREAS, the current CBA establishes comprehensive and objective tenure and retrenchment processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that BGSU shall adopt a faculty annual performance evaluation policy, post-tenure review policy, and tenure and retrenchment policies, as required by Ohio Revised Code 3345.452, 3345.453, and 3345.454 respectively, upon the expiration of the current collective bargaining agreement with the BGSU Faculty Association; that these new policies shall not be a subject of collective bargaining but will involve faculty input through shared governance as consistent with applicable law; and that the President or delegate have such authority as may be necessary to develop and promulgate the new policies.

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, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with eight affirmative votes. Dr. Ross abstained.

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 five items for Board consideration.

Approval of Authorizing the Issuance of General Receipts Bonds of the University to Pay Costs of University Facilities and to Refinance Previously Issued General Receipts Bonds of the University

No. 54-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Dr. Ross seconded that:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Bowling Green State University, a state university of the state of Ohio (the “University”), is authorized by Sections 3345.11 and 3345.12 of the Revised Code, enacted by the General Assembly under authority of Section 2i of Article VIII of the Constitution of Ohio, to issue obligations to pay costs of University facilities and to refund obligations previously issued to pay costs of University facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Trust Agreement dated as of December 1, 1971 between the University and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as successor trustee (the “Trustee”), as supplemented and amended (including any Supplemental Trust Agreements, the “Trust Agreement”), provides for the issuance, from time to time, of General Receipts Bonds of the University, with each issue to be authorized by a resolution adopted by the Board and a Supplemental Trust Agreement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Trust Agreement and the Act, as defined below, the University issued its General Receipts Bonds, Series 2016A for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, furnishing and equipping of University “facilities” as defined in Revised Code Section 3345.12(A)(6), including in connection therewith all related costs constituting “costs of facilities” as defined in Revised Code Section 3345.12(A)(10); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Trust Agreement and the Act, as defined below, the University issued its General Receipts Bonds, Series 2021A for the purpose of refinancing the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, furnishing and equipping of University “facilities” as defined in Revised Code Section 3345.12(A)(6), including in connection therewith all related costs constituting “costs of facilities” as defined in Revised Code Section 3345.12(A)(10); and

WHEREAS, the Trust Agreement and the Act permit the University to issue obligations to (i) finance University facilities and (ii) refund obligations previously issued to pay costs of University facilities or to refund obligations issued for such purpose, such as the Refunded Bonds;

WHEREAS, this Board has determined to finance and refinance, by the issuance of one or more series of General Receipts Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$120,000,000, the costs of (i) various improvements to the University's campus, including, but not limited to, acquisitions, improvements and projects that are part of the University's Campus Master Plan 2024, including renovations and improvements to Founders Hall, Kreischer Hall and McLeod Hall and other student residence and academic facilities (the "Series 2025 Bonds Projects"), (ii) refunding the Refunded Bonds and (iii) and to pay costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds, to provide for funded and capitalized interest and to provide for any reserve fund to further secure the Series 2025 Bonds (collectively, the "Financing Purposes"); and

WHEREAS, by this Resolution, this Board provides additional alternative authority for the refinancing of the Series 2021A Bonds through amendments and modifications thereto.

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

Section 1. Definitions and Interpretations. Where used in this Resolution, any Supplemental Trust Agreement for the issuance of all or any portion of the Series 2025 Bonds and any Certificate of Award related thereto, and in addition to words and terms defined elsewhere in this Resolution, the Trust Agreement and any applicable Supplemental Trust Agreement, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

"Act" means Sections 3345.11 and 3345.12 of the Revised Code, including the provisions of Sections 9.96 and 9.98 through 9.983 of the Revised Code incorporated therein.

"Bond Purchase Agreement" means any Bond Purchase Agreement between the Original Purchaser and the University relating to the sale and purchase of Series 2025 Bonds, as determined necessary by the Fiscal Officer.

"Certificate of Award" means a Certificate of Award authorized hereby and described in Section 5 hereof.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, the regulations (whether proposed, temporary or final) under that Code or the statutory predecessor of that Code, and any amendments of or successor provisions to the foregoing, and any official rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and judicial determinations regarding any of the foregoing, all as and to the extent applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, reference to a section of the Code includes that section and those applicable regulations, rulings, announcements, notices, procedures and determinations pertinent to that section.

"Credit Support Instrument" means an insurance policy, surety bond, letter of credit, standby bond purchase agreement or other instrument or agreement used to enhance the security or liquidity of Series 2025 Bonds of any series.

"Escrow Agreement" means any escrow agreement between the University and the Trustee, as Escrow Trustee, for the defeasance or retirement of any portion of the Refunded Bonds, as deemed necessary by the Fiscal Officer.

"Fiscal Officer" means the Vice President for Finance and Administration of the University (being the chief fiscal officer of the University and the "Fiscal Officer" as defined in the General Bond Resolution), and also means, as alternates as authorized by the General Bond Resolution, the President of the University and the Associate Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, both being officers of the University hereby designated and certified as such by this Board and the Secretary to this Board by the Secretary's signature, below.

"General Bond Resolution" means the resolution adopted by the Board on August 28, 1971, providing for the issuance from time to time of General Receipts Bonds of the University and constituting part of the Trust Agreement.

"Interest Payment Dates" means June 1 and December 1 of each year or such other dates provided in a Certificate of Award with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds.

“Original Purchaser” means a financial institution or institutions selected by the Fiscal Officer, in consultation with the University’s financial advisor, to directly purchase or underwrite an offering of one or more series of Series 2025 Bonds and identified in the applicable Certificate of Award. The selection of an Original Purchaser shall be based on the determination of the Fiscal Officer that any Original Purchaser possesses the requisite resources and experience to purchase and provide services required of it and that the terms upon which it has agreed to purchase and provide services are fair and commercially reasonable.

“Refunded Bonds” means the outstanding Series 2021A Bonds and the Series 2016A Bonds or portions thereof to be refunded by the Series 2025 Bonds as determined and identified in a Certificate of Award.

“Register” means the books kept and maintained by the Trustee, as Bond Registrar, for the registration, exchange and transfer of Bonds pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

“Registered Owner” means the person in whose name a Bond is registered on the Register.

“Securities Depository” means any securities depository that is a clearing agency under federal law operating and maintaining, with its participants or otherwise, a book entry system to record ownership and effect transfers of book entry interests in bonds, and includes and means initially The Depository Trust Company (a limited purpose trust company), and its designees.

“Series 2016A Bonds” means the University’s General Receipts Bonds, Series 2016A, issued on February 11, 2016.

“Series 2021A Bonds” means the University’s General Receipts Bonds, Series 2021A issued on November 1, 2021.

“Series 2025 Bonds” means the General Receipts Bonds authorized by this Resolution, which Series 2025 Bonds may be issued in one or more series or sub-series at the same time or at different times.

“Series 2025 Cost of Issuance Account” means the account by that name which may be established in the Supplemental Trust Agreement or any other fund or account identified in the Supplemental Trust Agreement to be used for the purpose of paying costs associated with the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds.

“Series Resolution” or “this Resolution” means this Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale of the Series 2025 Bonds in one or more series or sub-series, and including the applicable Certificate of Award for any such series.

“Supplemental Trust Agreement” means with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds, the Supplemental Trust Agreement between the University and the Trustee with respect to any series or combination of series of Series 2025 Bonds or any amendment and restructuring of the Series 2025 Bonds, authorized pursuant to this Resolution, including as part thereof this Resolution and any applicable Certificate of Award.

“Taxable Bonds” means a series of Series 2025 Bonds that are obligations the interest on which is included in gross income for federal income tax purposes.

“Tax-Exempt Bonds” means a series of Series 2025 Bonds that are obligations the interest on which is excluded from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

“Variable Rate Bonds” means a series of Series 2025 Bonds issued as obligations bearing interest at variable interest rates, including, but not limited to (i) commercial paper and (ii) floating rate notes or bonds that bear interest at a fixed rate for a period of time until the rate is reset for a period of time, and which may be reset from time to time and which bonds may be subject to mandatory and/or optional tender for purchase from time to time by the University.

Unless the context otherwise indicates, words importing the singular number shall include the plural number, and vice versa, and the terms “hereof,” “herein,” “hereby,” “hereto,” “hereunder,” and similar terms, mean this Resolution and the applicable Supplemental Trust Agreement and Certificate of Award authorized by this Resolution. References to sections, unless otherwise stated, are to sections of this Resolution.

Section 2. Authority. This Resolution is adopted pursuant to the Trust Agreement (including the General Bond Resolution) and the Act.

Section 3. Authorization, Designation and Purpose of Series 2025 Bonds. The University is authorized to issue, sell and deliver, as provided and authorized in this Resolution and the Supplemental Trust Agreement, General Receipts Bonds of the University in one or more series or subseries, for the Financing Purposes. The principal amount of each series of Series 2025 Bonds is to be the amount set forth in the Certificate of Award for that series, determined on the basis of the Fiscal Officer's certification therein that such amount is required for the Financing Purposes or any of them or any portion of them. The proceeds from the sale of each series of Series 2025 Bonds shall be allocated, deposited and applied as provided in Section 6. This Board determines and expects that the refunding or amendment of the Refunded Bonds will be beneficial by reason of the terms, conditions, or security pertaining to the Refunded Bonds.

The Series 2025 Bonds may be issued in one or more separate series or subseries, each bearing a distinctive designation as provided in the applicable Certificate of Award, provided that the Series 2025 Bonds of each series shall satisfy the requirements of this Resolution. Separate series of Series 2025 Bonds may be issued at the same or different times. The Series 2025 Bonds of each series shall be designated as provided in the applicable Certificate of Award. A separate Certificate of Award and Supplemental Trust Agreement may be signed and delivered for each series or a combination of series of Series 2025 Bonds.

The Fiscal Officer shall designate each series or subseries of Series 2025 Bonds in the Certificate of Award as Tax-Exempt Bonds or as Taxable Bonds. Such designation shall be based on the Fiscal Officer's determination that, in consultation with the University's financial advisor, Blue Rose Capital Advisors, the designation is in the best interest of the University, providing for an overall debt structure upon terms most favorable to the University.

In the event that the Fiscal Officer determines that the University's best interests will be served by causing a series of Series 2025 Bonds to be issued as Variable Rate Bonds, then the Fiscal Officer is authorized to so specify in the applicable Certificate of Award. The method or procedure by which the variable rates of interest to be borne by Variable Rate Bonds are to be determined shall be set forth in the Supplemental Trust Agreement or such Certificate of Award. Such method or procedure may be by reference to a market index, by an auction process, by a remarketing agent, including but not limited to a dealer for commercial paper, or otherwise as set forth in the Supplemental Trust Agreement or Certificate of Award. The Fiscal Officer may determine that the terms of Variable Rate Bonds may or may not permit the Holders to tender their Variable Rate Bonds for purchase by the University. If the Fiscal Officer designates any Series 2025 Bonds as Variable Rate Bonds, and if the Holders of those Series 2025 Bonds are to be entitled to tender those Series 2025 Bonds for purchase, or if those Variable Rate Bonds are to be issued through a commercial paper program, then the Fiscal Officer shall also designate in the Certificate of Award for those Variable Rate Bonds (and may designate others from time to time in substitution therefor) the provider or providers of any Credit Support Instrument, any tender agent or agents, any administrative agent or agents, any remarketing agent or agents, any dealer or dealers, or any calculation agent or agents, and any other parties deemed appropriate by the Fiscal Officer which designations shall be based on the determination of the Fiscal Officer that the parties so designated possess the requisite resources and experience to provide the services required of them and that the terms on which the designated parties have agreed to provide such services are fair and commercially reasonable. The Fiscal Officer is authorized to enter into agreements in connection with the delivery of the Series 2025 Bonds, and from time to time thereafter so long as the Series 2025 Bonds are outstanding, with providers of Credit Support Instruments, tender agents or administrative agents (which may be the Trustee), remarketing agents or dealers (which may be any Original Purchaser) and others as may be determined by the Fiscal Officer to be necessary or appropriate to provide for the method of determining the variable interest rates, permitting holders the right of tender and providing for liquidity or credit support for the payment of Variable Rate Bonds upon tender for purchase or redemption or scheduled debt service and providing for the repayment by the University of any amounts drawn under the Credit Support Instrument consistent with the Trust Agreement including any Supplemental Trust Agreement. The Fiscal Officer is further authorized to terminate any such agreements if the Fiscal Officer determines that the University's best interests will be served by such termination. Additionally, in the event that the Fiscal Officer determines that it is in the best interests of the University that the University serve in the position of an issuer of a Credit Support Instrument in lieu of a third-party provider of a Credit Support Instrument, the University may do so.

The Fiscal Officer, in connection with any series of Series 2025 Bonds, is authorized to contract for one or more Credit Support Instruments, and to pay the costs of them from proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds, if the Fiscal Officer determines that each Credit Support Instrument will result in a savings in the cost of the financing to the

University. Credit Support Instruments are not required in connection with the Series 2025 Bonds or Series 2021A Bonds.

Section 4. Terms and Provisions Applicable to the Series 2025 Bonds.

(a) **Principal Amount.** The aggregate principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds issued associated therewith shall not exceed \$120,000,000.

(b) **Form and Numbering.** The Series 2025 Bonds shall be issued only as fully registered Bonds and substantially in the form set forth in the Supplemental Trust Agreement for the related series or combination of series of Series 2025 Bonds, and shall be numbered as determined by the Fiscal Officer. The Series 2025 Bonds may be issued in certificate form or in a book entry system with a Securities Depository, as provided in the Supplemental Trust Agreement for the related series of Series 2025 Bonds.

(c) **Denominations and Dates.** Each series of Series 2025 Bonds shall be dated as of the respective dates of their issuance or as of another date as may be stated in the Certificate of Award for such series. The Series 2025 Bonds of each series shall be issued in the denominations authorized in the applicable Supplemental Trust Agreement.

(d) **Interest.** The Series 2025 Bonds of each series shall bear interest from their respective dates payable on the Interest Payment Dates at the respective rates per year to be determined by the Fiscal Officer and set forth in the Certificate of Award and Supplemental Trust Agreement for the related series of Series 2025 Bonds. For Series 2025 Bonds that bear interest at rates that are fixed to the final maturity thereof, the weighted average fixed interest rate of such fixed rate Series 2025 Bonds of a series shall not exceed six percent (6.5%) per year. For Variable Rate Bonds, the maximum permissible interest rate of such Variable Rate Bonds shall not exceed twelve percent (12.0%) per year.

(e) **Maturities.** The Series 2025 Bonds of each series shall mature on the dates and in the amounts as the Fiscal Officer determines, provides and states in the Certificate of Award for such series, provided that no Series 2025 Bonds shall mature later than June 1, 2056. The Series 2025 Bonds shall mature in such serial or term ("Term Bonds") maturities and amounts as the Fiscal Officer determines to be in the best interests of the University and shall be provided for in a Certificate of Award.

(f) **Prior Redemption.**

(i) **Term Bonds Mandatory Redemption.** If provided for in the Certificate of Award, Series 2025 Bonds of any series maturing in a particular year may be consolidated with the principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds of the same series maturing in one or more prior consecutive years to provide for Term Bonds maturing in that later year in the aggregate principal amount of those consolidated maturities. Any such Term Bonds shall be subject to mandatory redemption by the University pursuant to mandatory sinking fund requirements at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on the dates and in the principal amounts, if any, as determined by the Fiscal Officer in a Certificate of Award. The amounts required to be paid to the Bond Service Account or otherwise for debt service shall include amounts sufficient to redeem (less the amount of any credit as provided in the Supplemental Trust Agreement for the related series of Series 2025 Bonds) on each principal payment date the respective principal amounts of any Term Bonds subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption.

At its option, the University may deliver to the Trustee for cancellation Term Bonds, in any aggregate principal amount desired, and receive a credit in respect of the mandatory sinking fund requirement of the University for any Term Bonds of the same series maturing in the same year as the Term Bonds so delivered to the Trustee, which prior to that date have been redeemed (other than through the operation of the mandatory sinking fund requirements) or purchased for cancellation and cancelled by the Trustee and not theretofore applied as a credit against any mandatory sinking fund requirement. Each Term Bond so delivered or previously redeemed or purchased for cancellation shall be credited by the Trustee at 100% of its principal amount against the mandatory sinking fund requirement of the University on that redemption date with respect to Term Bonds maturing in the same year and any credit in excess of that amount may be credited against future mandatory sinking fund requirements with respect to Term Bonds of the same series maturing in the same year. If the University intends to avail itself of the provisions of this paragraph, the University will on or before the 45th day next preceding the applicable mandatory redemption date furnish the Trustee with a certificate, signed by the Fiscal Officer, stating the

extent of the credit, if any, with respect to such mandatory sinking fund requirement. Unless that certificate is so timely furnished by the University, the mandatory sinking fund requirement for that year shall not be reduced.

In addition to the foregoing, a Supplemental Indenture may provide for the purchase of Series 2025 Bonds in lieu of redemption under the terms as set forth in such Supplemental Trust Agreement.

(ii) **Optional Redemption.** Series 2025 Bonds of any series and of one or more maturities may, as determined in the Certificate of Award, be subject to redemption at the option of the University prior to their stated maturities, in whole or in part (as directed by the University), from moneys other than those deposited in accordance with any mandatory sinking fund requirements as provided above, on the dates and at the redemption prices set forth in a Certificate of Award; provided that the first redemption date shall be not later than ten and one-half (10.5) years from the first Interest Payment Date for Series 2025 Bonds of that series and, in the case of any Series 2025 Bonds issued as Tax-Exempt Bonds, the highest optional redemption price may not exceed 101% of the principal amount redeemed plus accrued but unpaid interest to the redemption date. The terms for any redemption prior to maturity of Series 2025 Bonds issued as Taxable Bonds shall be determined by the Fiscal Officer in the Certificate of Award, and those terms may require a make whole premium to be paid to the holder of any such Series 2025 Bonds upon redemption prior to stated maturity. If determined to provide lower interest costs and to be in the best interest of the University, as may be provided in a Certificate of Award, the Fiscal Officer may determine that none of the maturities of Series 2025 Bonds will be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity or that certain maturities of Series 2025 Bonds will not be subject to optional redemption prior to maturity. An optional redemption price may be in excess of 101% of the principal amount redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest if required by the Original Purchaser of the Series 2025 Bonds that are Tax-Exempt Bonds in a direct or private placement transaction in connection with a redemption on a date that is not the first business day of a month or an Interest Payment Date.

(iii) **Partial Redemption.** If fewer than all of the outstanding Series 2025 Bonds of any series of one maturity are to be called for redemption, the selection of the Bonds or portions of those Bonds (in denominations authorized in the applicable Supplemental Trust Agreement) of that maturity to be called for redemption shall be in the manner provided in the Trust Agreement, including the Supplemental Trust Agreement, subject to the requirements of the Securities Depository. In the event of a partial redemption of Series 2025 Bonds that are Term Bonds, the Trustee may allocate the principal amount of that Term Bond to be redeemed against the mandatory sinking fund schedule for such Term Bond in accordance with the written direction of the Fiscal Officer. A Supplemental Trust Agreement may provide for may provide additional terms providing for future tender offers for purchase of the Series 2025 Bonds by the University.

(iv) **Notice.** Notice of call for redemption of any series of Series 2025 Bonds, setting forth the information provided for in the Trust Agreement, shall be given by the Trustee on behalf of the University in the manner provided in the Supplemental Trust Agreement. Notice by publication shall not be required. Any defect in that notice as to any Series 2025 Bond shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other Series 2021A Bond, and any failure to receive notice duly mailed shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any Series 2025 Bonds. A Supplemental Trust Agreement may provide that any notice of call for redemption of any series may be conditional or may be revoked under the terms set forth in any such Supplemental Trust Agreement.

(g) **Places and Manner of Payment.** The Series 2025 Bonds shall be payable at the places and in the manner provided in the Supplemental Trust Agreement for the related series of Series 2025 Bonds.

(h) **Execution and Authentication.** The Series 2025 Bonds shall be executed and authenticated in the manner provided in the Trust Agreement by any two of the officers authorized to sign a Supplemental Trust Agreement pursuant to Section 8 hereof. Those signatures may be by facsimile.

Section 5. Sale and Award of Series 2025 Bonds.

(a) **General; Certificate of Award.** Any series of Series 2025 Bonds may be sold to an Original Purchaser purchasing directly for its own investment or purchasing as an underwriter for a public offering and, in either event, shall be sold in accordance with this Resolution and the Certificate of Award, and on such further terms not inconsistent with this Resolution and not materially adverse to the University as are provided for or specified in the Certificate of Award and any Bond Purchase Agreement. The purchase price for any series of Series 2025 Bonds may not be less than 98% of the aggregate principal amount of the Series 2025 Bonds of that series (or, if a

series of Series 2025 Bonds is sold at any original issue discount, 98% of the amount resulting from the subtraction of the aggregate net original issue discount from the aggregate original principal amount of such series), plus any interest accrued on such series of Series 2025 Bonds from their respective date to their respective delivery date. The original issue discount, if any, shall not exceed in the aggregate 5% with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds of any series. The original issue premium, if any, shall not exceed in the aggregate 15% with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds of any series. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to execute one or more Certificates of Award and any Bond Purchase Agreement for the related series of Series 2025 Bonds, in order to provide for the definitive terms and terms of sale and award to the Original Purchaser of the Series 2025 Bonds of each series as provided in this Resolution, but not later than June 1, 2026. Any Certificate of Award and any Bond Purchase Agreement for any series of Series 2025 Bonds shall not be inconsistent with this Resolution, and shall be approved by the Fiscal Officer, with the execution of the Bond Purchase Agreement and related Certificate of Award constituting conclusive evidence of such approval and a finding that the terms are not materially adverse to the University, on behalf of the University. The Certificate of Award for the related series of Series 2025 Bonds shall be incorporated in and form a part of the related Supplemental Trust Agreement. If determined advisable by the Fiscal Officer, in consultation with the University's financial advisor, a placement agent may be engaged in connection with the sale of the Series 2025 Bonds in other than a public offering. That placement agent shall possess qualifications of the same standards applicable to an Original Purchaser. The Fiscal Officer, subject to the parameters of this Resolution, is authorized to execute and deliver a bond placement agreement for and on behalf of the University providing for the placement of Series 2025 Bonds with the purchasers thereof.

(b) **Official Statement.** In the event that the Series 2025 Bonds of any series are sold by public offering, the Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to prepare or authorize to be prepared, and to complete a preliminary official statement and final official statement relating to the original issuance of any series of Series 2025 Bonds. If and to the extent applicable, the Fiscal Officer shall certify or otherwise represent, that the preliminary official statement, in original or revised form, is a "deemed final" official statement (except for permitted omissions) by the University as of a particular date and that a completed version is a "final" official statement for purposes of Rule 15c2-12 adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Rule"). The preparation, distribution and use of a preliminary official statement and final official statement by the University and the Original Purchaser is hereby authorized and approved with respect to Series 2025 Bonds of any series.

The Fiscal Officer and any other appropriate officers of the University or the Board are further authorized (i) to prepare, use and distribute, or authorize the use and distribution of, the preliminary and final official statement and supplements thereto in connection with the original issuance of Series 2025 Bonds of any series as may in their judgment be necessary or appropriate, and (ii) to sign and deliver, on behalf of the University and in their official capacities, such certificates in connection with the accuracy of the preliminary and final official statements and any amendment thereto as may in their judgment be necessary or appropriate.

(c) **Continuing Disclosure Agreement.** If and to the extent required by the Rule, the University, for the benefit of the holders and beneficial owners of the Series 2025 Bonds, shall make a continuing disclosure agreement in the Supplemental Trust Agreement for the related series of the Series 2025 Bonds. The Fiscal Officer shall have the responsibility for the compliance by the University with that continuing disclosure agreement, and the Fiscal Officer shall establish procedures in order to ensure that compliance. That continuing disclosure agreement shall be the continuing disclosure agreement for purposes of the Rule, and its performance shall, as provided in it, be subject to the annual appropriation by the Board of moneys to meet costs required to be incurred to perform it.

Section 6. Allocation of Proceeds of Series 2025 Bonds.

(a) **Allocation.** The proceeds from the sale of the Series 2025 Bonds of each series, net of any amounts retained by the Original Purchaser for its compensation, shall be received and receipted for by the Fiscal Officer, or other person or representative authorized for that purpose (including the Trustee), and shall be allocated, deposited and credited pursuant to the terms of the applicable Supplemental Trust Agreement as follows:

(i) to the Bond Service Account in the Bond Service Fund, any portion of the proceeds representing accrued interest;

(ii) to the Trustee or the holder of a Refunded Bond, any amount set forth in the Certificate of Award as the amount to be deposited with the Escrow Trustee under any Escrow Agreement or otherwise to be applied toward refunding of the Refunded Bonds as set forth in the Supplemental Trust Agreement;

(iii) to the Series 2025 Cost of Issuance Account or otherwise to the University or as set forth in the Supplemental Trust Agreement, the amount set forth in the Certificate of Award to be used to pay costs of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds of that series; and

(iv) to the provider of any Credit Support Instrument, if provided for in the Certificate of Award, the amount that Certificate provides to pay fees and expenses relating to that Credit Support Instrument.

(v) to the 2025 Project Fund described below, the amount set forth in the Certificate of Award to be used to pay costs of the Series 2025 Bonds Projects including costs of issuing the Series 2025 Bonds of that Series; provided the deposit in the 2025 Project Fund shall not exceed \$12,000,000.

If determined advisable by the Fiscal Officer, in consultation with the University's financial advisor, the Series 2025 Bond proceedings may also provide, subject to applicable requirements of the Code, for (i) the establishment and funding of a debt service reserve fund with Series 2025 Bond proceeds and (ii) the application of a portion of the proceeds of Series 2025 Bonds toward funded or capitalized interest for a period of no more than three years after the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds. Additional accounts or subaccounts to achieve the purposes of this Resolution may be established as provided in a Supplemental Trust Agreement.

(b) **2025 Project Fund.** A fund (the "2025 Project Fund") shall be established for each series of Series 2025 Bonds issued to pay costs of the Series 2025 Bonds Projects and shall be held by the University or the Trustee in a separate deposit account or accounts (except when invested as provided below) established in a bank or banks that are members of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and used and applied to pay "costs of facilities" as defined in Revised Code Section 3345.12, including the reimbursement to the University of moneys temporarily advanced for the purpose in anticipation of being reimbursed from the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds. Moneys on deposit in the 2025 Project Fund may be invested by or at the direction of the Fiscal Officer in eligible investments to be described in the Supplemental Trust Agreement maturing or redeemable at the option of the holder prior to the time or times needed for the purposes of that fund. Those investments and the proceeds of their sale shall constitute part of, and earnings from any of those investments shall be credited to, that Fund. Those investments may be sold, exchanged or collected from time to time by or at the direction of the Fiscal Officer. Any amounts in the 2025 Project Fund certified by the Fiscal Officer to be in excess of the amount needed to pay costs of the Series 2025 Bonds Projects may be used to pay principal of or interest on the Series 2025 Bonds of the series that funded the Series 2025 Bonds Projects if that expenditure will not, in the opinion of bond counsel to the University, adversely affect the exclusion of interest on the Series 2025 Bonds from gross income for federal income tax purposes.

(c) **Refunding of Refunded Bonds.** The University authorizes the Fiscal Officer to cause the refunding of all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds upon the determination of the Fiscal Officer that any such refunding is in the best interests of the University. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Supplemental Trust Agreement or any Escrow Agreement, the principal of and interest and any applicable call premium on the Refunded Bonds shall be paid when due from cash and direct obligations of the United States (or either) on deposit with, or held for the credit of, the Trustee in accordance with the Trust Agreement or any Escrow Agreement. The Fiscal Officer is authorized on behalf of the University to make arrangements for the purchase of any such direct obligations from the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds and other sources of moneys and for the delivery to the Trustee, if required under the circumstances, of a report of an independent firm and experience in the preparation of verification reports of national reputation and experience in the preparation of verification reports to the effect that the cash and direct obligations so held by the Trustee are of such maturities and interest payment dates and bear such interest as will, without further investment or reinvestment of either the principal amount thereof or the interest earnings therefrom, be sufficient to pay the principal of and the interest and any premium on the Refunded Bonds on the dates set forth in the Certificate of Award and thereby discharge and satisfy the covenants, agreements and other obligations of the University with respect to those Refunded Bonds under the Trust Agreement and cause those Refunded Bonds to be deemed paid and discharged pursuant to, and no longer to be outstanding under, the Trust Agreement.

In the event that the Fiscal Officer chooses to authorize the refunding of the Refunded Bonds, a trust fund, designated Bowling Green State University — Escrow Account ("Escrow Account"), may be created for each series

of Refunded Bonds, in the custody of the Trustee as Escrow Trustee, and as a subaccount of the Bond Redemption and Purchase Account of the Bond Service Fund established under the Trust Agreement or as otherwise provided in the Supplemental Trust Agreement. The cash and securities in that Account, together with the earnings on and investments in that Account, shall be held in trust for and shall be used for the payment of the principal of and interest and any redemption premium on the applicable Refunded Bonds. Alternatively, the refunding of all or any portion of the Refunded Bonds may be effected through an economic defeasance of the Refunded Bonds, in which case the Refunded Bonds would remain legally outstanding, prior to their redemption date, and proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds issued for that purpose may be used for the payment of debt service on those Series 2025 Bonds to the redemption date and the remaining debt service, including any redemption premium, of the Refunded Bonds on the redemption date.

The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary and appropriate to effect the early call for redemption or otherwise provide for the refinance, pursuant to the Trust Agreement and applicable Supplemental Trust Agreement, of those Refunded Bonds to be redeemed or otherwise refinanced prior to maturity, including publication and mailing of any notices. Any amounts released to the University from the funds and accounts held by the Trustee under the Trust Agreement or any Escrow Agreement may be applied toward debt service on the Series 2025 Bonds or otherwise as set forth in the related Supplemental Trust Agreement or any Escrow Agreement. The Chair of the Board, Vice Chair of the Board, the President of the University, and the Fiscal Officer, or any two or more of them, are authorized to execute and deliver to the Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the University, one or more Escrow Agreements for the Refunded Bonds. The Board hereby determines to provide for the payment of the principal of and the interest and any redemption premium on the Refunded Bonds as provided in this Resolution.

In the event any Series 2025 Bonds are awarded to the existing holder of the Series 2021A Bonds, the University may make arrangements for the award and issuance of the 2025 Bonds in a manner that provides for the issuance of a 2025 Bond without need for the payment in fact of any redemption or tender price to that existing holder, except to the extent necessary with respect to the then current debt service requirements and any prepayment or redemption premium on the Series 2021A Bonds.

Notwithstanding any other provision herein, the refinancing of the Series 2021A Bonds may be styled as an amendment and restructuring of the Series 2021A Bonds, and any two of the Chair of this Board, Vice Chair of this Board, University President and the Fiscal Officer are authorized to sign and deliver any amendments to the Trust Agreement including Supplemental Trust Agreements or new supplements to the Trust Agreement necessary or appropriate to implement such restructuring and provide for the issuance of any replacement bond. The Fiscal Officer, alone or with the President, is authorized in a Certificate of Award to specify the terms of any such amendment and restructuring, provided such terms are within the parameters specified in this resolution with respect to maximum interest rates, tax status, maturities and prior redemption. The terms of any amendment and restructuring, including terms providing for prior tender for purchase, shall be those determined by the Fiscal Officer, in consultation with the University's financial advisor, to be in the best interests of the University. Subject to the limitations, above, the Fiscal Officer, President and Board Secretary each are authorized to sign and deliver such other documents, agreements and instruments as any of them may determine necessary or advisable to implement the amendment and restructuring of the Series 2021A Bonds. The provisions of this paragraph are intended to provide the University with greater flexibility in the refinance of the Series 2021A Bonds and provide additional alternate authority for such refinance.

The University is authorized but not required, as to be specified in a Certificate of Award, to pay all issuance costs associated with the transactions authorized hereby with its own funds and not from proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds.

Section 7. Tax Covenants. The representations and covenants in this Section apply only to any series of Series 2025 Bonds issued as Tax-Exempt Bonds. The Board, for itself and the University, covenants that:

It will use, and will restrict the use and investment of, the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds in such manner and to such extent as may be necessary so that (A) those Bonds will not constitute private activity bonds, arbitrage bonds or hedge bonds under Section 141, 148 or 149 of the Code, or be treated other than as bonds to which Section 103 of the Code applies, and (B) the interest on those Bonds will not be treated as a preference item under Section 57 of the Code.

It (a) will take or cause to be taken such actions that may be required of it for the interest on the Series 2025 Bonds to be and remain Tax-Exempt Bonds, and (b) will not take or authorize to be taken any actions that

would adversely affect that exclusion, and that it, or persons acting for it, will, among other acts of compliance, (1) apply the proceeds of the Series 2025 Bonds to the governmental purpose of the borrowing, (2) restrict the yield on investment property, (3) make timely and adequate payments to the federal government, (4) maintain books and records and make calculations and reports, and (5) refrain from certain uses of those proceeds and of property financed with those proceeds, all in such manner and to the extent necessary to assure that exclusion of that interest under the Code.

The Fiscal Officer and other appropriate officers are authorized (i) to make or effect any election, selection, designation, choice, consent, approval or waiver on behalf of the University with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds as the University is permitted to make or give under the federal income tax laws, including, without limitation, any of the elections provided for in Section 148(f)(4)(C) of the Code or available under Section 148 of the Code, for the purpose of assuring, enhancing or protecting favorable tax treatment or status of the Series 2025 Bonds or interest thereon or assisting compliance with requirements for that purpose, reducing the burden or expense of such compliance, reducing the rebate amount or payments of penalties, or making payments of special amounts in lieu of making computations to determine, or paying, excess earnings as rebate, or obviating those amounts or payments, as determined by that officer, which action shall be in writing and signed by the officer, (ii) to take any and all other actions, make or obtain calculations, make payments, and make or give reports, covenants and certifications of and on behalf of the University, as may be appropriate to assure the intended tax status of the Series 2025 Bonds, and (iii) to give one or more appropriate certificates, for inclusion in the transcript of proceedings for those Series 2025 Bonds, setting forth the reasonable expectations of the University regarding the amount and use of all the proceeds of those Series 2025 Bonds, the facts, circumstances and estimates on which they are based, and other facts and circumstances relevant to the tax treatment of the interest on and the tax status of the Series 2025 Bonds.

The provisions of this Section 7 shall apply with respect to any amendment of the Series 2021A Bonds.

Section 8. Supplemental Trust Agreements. The President of the University, the Fiscal Officer, the Chair of the Board and Vice-Chair of the Board, or any two of them, are authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Trustee, in the name of and on behalf of the University, and the Secretary to the Board is authorized to attest, a Supplemental Trust Agreement or Supplemental Trust Agreements pursuant to the Trust Agreement and in connection with the issuance of the any series of Series 2025 Bonds, not substantially adverse to the University as may be permitted by the Act and the Trust Agreement and approved by the officers executing it on behalf of the University. The Fiscal Officer is authorized to choose to issue separate series of Series 2025 Bonds under one or more Supplemental Trust Agreements as such Fiscal Officer determines to be in the best interests of the University. Each such Supplemental Trust Agreement is authorized under this Resolution and all shall bear such designations as are deemed necessary by the Fiscal Officer to distinguish them and their respective purposes from each other.

Section 9. Hedge Arrangements. The University is authorized, from time to time, to enter into one or more agreements for an interest rate swap, swaption, rate cap, rate collar and other hedging arrangements to lower the effective interest rate of Series 2025 Bonds of any series or to hedge the exposure of the University against fluctuations in prevailing interest rates or to restructure the debt service on the Series 2025 Bonds of any series (each, a “Hedge Agreement”), and to secure its obligations to the counterparties under Hedge Agreements by a pledge of the General Receipts, subject to the Trust Agreement and such conditions and restrictions as may be specified therein and in the Act. The Fiscal Officer is authorized, on behalf of the University, to execute and deliver one or more Hedge Agreements that he or she determines will reduce the net debt service payable on the Series 2021A Bonds of any series or otherwise enhance the timing and amount of the payments thereof for the University’s purposes to an extent that justifies the cost of the University’s entering into such Agreements.

Upon the determination of the Fiscal Officer that it is to the financial advantage of the University and in the University’s best interest that a hedging arrangement be undertaken by the University with respect to any Series 2025 Bonds, the Fiscal Officer may authorize one or more hedge transactions in accordance with the applicable Hedge Agreement provided that (a) the maximum aggregate notional amount of hedging transactions with respect to the Series 2025 Bonds outstanding at any one time, net of offsetting hedging transactions, shall not exceed the aggregate principal amount of all Series 2025 Bonds; provided, however, in the event that terms of the Hedge Agreement are intended to provide a financial benefit to the University between the date of the adoption of this Resolution and the date of issuance of the applicable series of Series 2025 Bonds, the maximum aggregate notional amount of such Hedge Agreement or Agreements shall be the maximum authorized principal amount of Series 2025 Bonds hereunder, (b) the counterparty shall be rated at the time of signing the Hedge Agreement not lower than “A” or its equivalent by at least one rating agency or its obligations under the Hedge Agreement shall be guaranteed or insured by an entity rated at the time of signing the Hedge Agreement not lower than “A” or its equivalent by at

least one rating agency, and (c) the term of the Hedge Agreement shall not exceed the final maturity of the Series 2025 Bonds to which it relates.

Section 10. Conversion and Remarketing or Refunding of Variable Rate Bonds.

In the event that the Fiscal Officer determines that it is advantageous to the University to convert the interest on any Variable Rate Bonds from variable rates to fixed interest rates for a period of time or to maturity, or to convert the interest on any Variable Rate Bonds to a different variable rate period or mode, which may or may not result in an interest rate reset or tender of the Variable Rate Bonds, or to terminate or take other actions with respect to any existing Credit Support Instrument that will require a tender and remarketing of any Series 2025 Bonds (such conversion or other actions and the tender and remarketing being collectively referred to in this Section as “remarketing”), the University shall undertake the remarketing in accordance with the Trust Agreement. In the event that the interest rate on all of the Variable Rate Bonds is to be converted from variable rates to fixed rates of interest to the final maturity of the Variable Rate Bonds, the remarketing may be undertaken as a refunding transaction with the refunding bonds having the terms provided in this Resolution for the Series 2025 Bonds.

In connection with any remarketing of Variable Rate Bonds, the Fiscal Officer is authorized to obtain one or more Credit Support Instruments if the Fiscal Officer determines that the Credit Support Instrument will facilitate the remarketing of the Variable Rate Bonds, and to enter into agreements with tender agents, administrative agents, remarketing agents, calculation agents, dealers and others, and to terminate such agreements, under the same terms and conditions set forth in Section 3, including the option of the University serving as the provider of the Credit Support Instrument. In the event the Fiscal Officer determines that it is necessary to supplement or amend the Trust Agreement or a Supplemental Trust Agreement in order to address current market conditions or to permit the use of a Credit Support Instrument or to otherwise obtain financing arrangements advantageous to the University, the President and the Fiscal Officer and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board, or any two of them, are authorized to sign and deliver an amendment of the Trust Agreement or Supplemental Trust Agreement, or an amended and restated Trust Agreement or Supplemental Trust Agreement. The costs of any remarketing of the Variable Rate Bonds may be paid, as determined by the Fiscal Officer, from remarketing proceeds, or from other money lawfully available for that purpose. The Fiscal Officer is authorized to prepare or authorize to be prepared one or more disclosure documents in connection with any remarketing of Variable Rate Bonds under the same terms and conditions as set forth in Section 5 of this Resolution. The President and the Fiscal Officer of the University and other University officials, as appropriate, are authorized to sign and deliver such instruments, certificates and documents as are necessary or appropriate to consummate the transactions authorized by this Section. The President and the Fiscal Officer and other University officials, as appropriate, are each authorized to make the necessary arrangements on behalf of the University to establish the date, location, procedure and conditions for the remarketing of any Variable Rate Bonds and to take all actions necessary to effect the remarketing of any Variable Rate Bonds under the terms of this Resolution and the Supplemental Trust Agreement. The Secretary to the Board or other appropriate official of the University shall furnish the Original Purchaser a true transcript of proceedings certified by such officers of the University as may be appropriate of all proceedings had with reference to the conversion and remarketing of any Variable Rate Bonds.

Section 11. Other Documents. The President of the University, the Fiscal Officer, the Chair of the Board and Vice-Chair of the Board, or any one of them, are authorized and directed to furnish, sign and deliver such other documents, certificates, agreements and instruments as may be necessary or appropriate to issue the Series 2025 Bonds and to consummate the transactions contemplated in this Resolution and the Supplemental Trust Agreement, and the Bond Purchase Agreement and Escrow Agreement, if any, each as applicable to the related series of Series 2025 Bonds. The Secretary to the Board or other appropriate officials of the University shall furnish the Original Purchaser a true transcript of proceedings certified by such officers of the University as may be appropriate of all proceedings had with reference to the issuance of the Series 2025 Bonds or any amendments to the Series 2021A Bonds.

Section 12. Open Meeting. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in those formal actions were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with applicable legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

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 Math Emporium – McLeod Hall Renovation

No. 55-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$2 million has been identified from Series 2025 debt; and

WHEREAS, this project will relocate the Math Emporium from Olscamp Hall to the fourth floor of McLeod Hall, which currently houses the main office and faculty offices of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics providing more opportunities and greater synergies for students and the mathematics faculty; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project scope includes design and construction services necessary to redesign and renovate the McLeod fourth floor central office space to create a dedicated interactive and technology driven instructional space for the Math Emporium, as well as create a modern open collaboration environment that benefits the whole building; 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 Math Emporium – McLeod Hall Renovation 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 Renewal of Limited Authority to Invest in Real Property

No. 56-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, the University has opportunity from time to time to consider acquisition of real property near or adjacent to campus; and

WHEREAS, the University’s scheduled Board meetings do not always coincide with or provide the ability to timely respond to real property acquisition opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees hereby grants limited authority to invest in real property near or adjacent to campus to the Vice President for Finance and Administration with concurrence by the President up to an aggregate of \$2,000,000 for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.

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 the Revised University Debt Policy

No. 57-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Ms. Shore seconded that:

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approved a University Debt Policy in May of 2015 reflecting best industry practices and upon the advice and assistance of our financial advisors, Blue Rose Capital Advisors; and

WHEREAS, non-substantive changes in the policy have become necessary reflecting a change in committee name, a change in the Ohio agency overseeing higher education, and a section relabeling; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the attached University Debt Policy revisions as presented.

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 Administrative Fee Revision – Parking Fee

No. 58-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the University should provide students, faculty and staff with an appropriate level of administrative support services; and

WHEREAS, it is important that the increasing costs related to providing parking services continue to be adequately funded to ensure the long term viability of the service;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the Administrative Fee Revisions as described and presented in the attached background effective for the fall 2025 and fall 2026 semesters on the Bowling Green Campus.

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.

Ms. Ebersole reported that Ms. Sheri Stoll gave presentations on the following informational items: Annual Update on the progress of the Advisory Retirement Plan Committee; 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 March 31, 2025.

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Audit and Risk Management 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 a presentation from External Auditors – Audit Planning for FY 2025 Year-End; Annual Enterprise Risk Management and Insurance Updates; a summary of fraud hotline statistics; a corrective action update; and a training topic – Large Loss Report 2025.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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

Approval of Naming of The Student Green

No. 59-2025 Ms. Budi moved and Mr. Martin seconded that:

WHEREAS, Paul J. Hooker earned a bachelor’s degree in business administration in 1975 from Bowling Green State University;

WHEREAS, in 2010 as part of the University’s Centennial Celebration, he was named a top 100 graduate of BGSU and was inducted into the Entrepreneurial Leadership Hall of Fame in 2012;

WHEREAS, he is currently a National Trustee on the BGSU Board of Trustees, and lead donor of the Paul J. Hooker Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at BGSU;

WHEREAS, Paul is the retired owner and CEO of SFERRA Fine Linens, a luxury bedding, bath and home decor importer based in Edison, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, in 1977, he and his wife Margo's brother-in-law purchased the New York City-based luxury household linen importer from Albert Sferra, the sole surviving member of the family who started the firm in 1891;

WHEREAS, Paul took SFERRA from a one-room office on Fifth Avenue in Manhattan to a 35,000-square-foot distribution facility in Edison, New Jersey;

WHEREAS, SFERRA's annual revenue grew 120-fold from when he bought the business in 1977 to when he sold it to private equity in 2013;

WHEREAS, in 1990, Paul, along with his Falcon Flame wife Margo, founded a not-for-profit sports program for children with disabilities named Challenged Youth Sports (CYS);

WHEREAS, CYS assisted over 150 families with programs in basketball, soccer, Little League softball, golf, flag football and tennis;

WHEREAS, the program has since been renamed RallyCap Sports and has grown, adding Bowling Green State University, The Ohio State University and the University of Michigan to its growth plan with the BGSU chapter being the first and largest chapter;

WHEREAS, Paul is deeply committed to his alma mater;

WHEREAS, he and his wife Margo sponsor four full-tuition scholarships for the Alumni Laureate Scholars Program and has supported initiatives in the Allen W. and Carol M. Schmidthorst College of Business, the College of Education and Human Development, the Campus Gateway Fund, the Falcon Club Scholarship and Success Fund, as well as many athletic enhancement funds;

WHEREAS, Paul made principal gifts to establish the Paul J. Hooker Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and to the Robert W. and Patricia M. Maurer Center to name the Sister Mary Noreen Gray, R.S.M. Student Services Hub;

WHEREAS, in acknowledgement of his philanthropic giving, he is a member of The Presidents Club, 1910 Society, Carillon Society, and Leadership Circle donor recognition societies;

WHEREAS, Paul and Margo have committed a transformational lead gift to support two capital project initiatives, the Falcon Marching Band/Multipurpose Field and BGSU's baseball field, Steller Field, which includes synthetic turf surfaces and lights for both;

WHEREAS, estimated completion is fall 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that in recognition of his financial support for the Falcon Marching Band/Multipurpose Field, *The Student Green* be named in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the generosity and contribution of Paul and Margo Hooker to Bowling Green State University, the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees approves the naming of *The Student Green*.

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.

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.

Approval of Reappointment of National Trustee: Mr. Mizell Stewart III

No. 60-2025 Mr. Traul moved and Ms. Budi seconded that:

WHEREAS, Mr. Mizell Stewart III is a 1994 journalism graduate of Bowling Green State University and completed the Advanced Executive Program, a joint program of the Kellogg School of Business and the Medill School of Journalism, at Northwestern University;

WHEREAS, Mr. Stewart earned a master's degree in Executive Leadership and Organizational Change from Northern Kentucky University, where he received the Distinguished Student Award;

WHEREAS, his service to BGSU continued through membership on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Board of Student Publications and the Journalism Alumni Advisory Board;

WHEREAS, he was inducted into BGSU's Journalism Alumni Hall of Fame in 2007;

WHEREAS, he was an award-winning news reporter and editor, including service as the top editor of the Akron Beacon Journal, Evansville Courier & Press and the Tallahassee Democrat;

WHEREAS, a four-time Pulitzer Prize juror, Mr. Stewart helped lead the team at *The Sun Herald* in Biloxi, Miss. that won the 2006 Pulitzer Gold Medal in Public Service for its coverage of Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, in 2018, the Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication recognized Mr. Stewart with the Gerald R. Sass Award for Distinguished Service to Journalism and Mass Communication Education;

WHEREAS, he is the former Vice President of Content of The E.W. Scripps Company, Chief Content Officer of Journal Media Group and Vice President of News Performance, Talent and Partnerships for Gannett and the USA TODAY Network, from which he retired in 2023;

WHEREAS, today, he is the CEO of Emerging Leaders, LLC, a leadership development consulting firm with clients in the United States and Canada and a Professional-in-Residence in the School of Media and Journalism at Kent State University;

WHEREAS, he is the past president of the American Society of News Editors and serves as a board member of the National Trust for Local News, the National Press Club Journalism Institute and Public Agenda;

WHEREAS, in each of these roles, Mr. Stewart has devoted himself to strengthening local news and the professional development of current and aspiring journalists throughout the country;

WHEREAS, during his first term as a National Trustee, Mr. Stewart has offered much time and energy to Board work, including leadership roles on our Governance Committee.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, in recognition of Mr. Mizell Stewart's professional accomplishments, national reach, and contributions to the Bowling Green State University community, appoint Mr. Mizell Stewart III to a second three-year term as a National Trustee, effective May 3, 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, Ms. O'Reilly, Dr. Ross, Ms. Shore, and Mr. Traul. The motion was approved with nine affirmative votes.

Election of Officers for Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees

No. 61-2025 Ms. Ebersole moved and Mr. Traul seconded that:

approval be given to the election of the following persons as officers of the Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees for 2025-2026, effective Monday, May 5, 2025:

Chair, Amy Shore
Vice-Chair, Russ Martin
Secretary, Patrick Pauken

All signed in the affirmative. Motion carried.

Discussion items included updates to our Board manual in light of Ohio's Senate Bill 1, future Trustee appointments, and a review of proposed committee assignments for 2025-2026.

CONSTITUENT GROUP REPORTS

The following representatives updated the Board on recent activities of their constituent groups: Jason Hanely, Administrative Staff Council; Deb Lowery, Classified Staff Council; Dr. Allen Rogel, Faculty Senate; David Fisher, Graduate Student Senate; and Tiago Gaboardi, Undergraduate Student Government. Each representative reviewed activities and accomplishments for the spring semester and highlighted plans for the coming year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Forhan provided a few brief announcements and noted that the next meeting will be held on June 26, 2025, on the Bowling Green campus.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:35 p.m., Ms. Shore moved and Ms. Ebersole seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.