



Northeast Ohio

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY

Board of Trustees

Signet Executive Board Room

March 11, 2020

Trustees Present:

Paul R. Bishop, J.D., Chair
Richard B. McQueen, Vice Chair
E. Douglas Beach, Ph.D.
Sharlene Ramos Chesnes
David J. Johnson
Chander M. Kohli, M.D.
AuBree LaForce
Darrell L. McNair, M.B.A.
Phillip L. Trueblood
Susan Tave Zelman, Ph.D.
John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., Ex Officio

Trustees Absent:

Robert J. Klonk

NEOMED Personnel Present:

Daniel S. Blain, M.A., M.S.W.
Sara M. Briechle
Andre L. Burton, J.D.
Ann Marie Fenske
Roderick L. Ingram Sr., M.B.A.
Deborah L. Loyet, M.S., M.A.
Jill E. Miller
Michelle M. Mulhern, M.P.A.
Maria R. Schimer, M.P.H., J.D.
Steven P. Schmidt, Ph.D.
John J. Stilliana, M.A.
Lesley M. Tabler, M.P.A.
Mary Taylor, M.Tax., CPA
John R. Wray, J.D.
Elisabeth H. Young, M.D.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Approval of the Minutes** **Paul R. Bishop, J.D., Chair**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Bishop called the meeting to order at 12:25 p.m. Ms. Mulhern, Secretary, called the roll and noted that a quorum was present.

Request for Recusal

REQUEST FOR RECUSAL

Chair Bishop asked if any Trustee would need recusal from any of the agenda items presented; there being none, he proceeded with the meeting.

1.1. **Approval of the Minutes of the December 4, 2019, Meeting**

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2019 MINUTES

Chair Bishop noted that all Trustees had received copies of the minutes from the full Board meeting on December 4, 2019. He asked if there were any additions, deletions or corrections. There being none, Chair Bishop called for a motion to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2019, meeting. Trustee Beach moved approval. Trustee Zelman seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. **Oath of Office**

2.1. The oath of office to Trustee Darrell L. McNair, M.B.A., was administered by Attorney Schimer.

OATH OF OFFICE TO DARRELL L. MCNAIR, M.B.A.

2.2. The oath of office to Student Trustee AuBree LaForce was administered by Attorney Schimer.

OATH OF OFFICE TO AUBREE LAFORCE

3. Report of the President
John T. Langell, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., FACS

**REPORT OF THE
PRESIDENT**

President Langell welcomed and shared his appreciation for all of the Trustees and everything they do as the University's strategic managers and leaders. He also welcomed new Trustees, Darrell McNair, and Student Trustee AuBree LaForce.

President Langell began his report with an update on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) which has required a tremendous amount of time for the leadership of the University. The changes started to occur shortly after Governor DeWine's declared state of emergency for Ohio which ultimately led to eliminating in-class education and moving to tele-education across the entire state. A meeting was convened which included the 14 Ohio public universities, the Chancellor as well as the Governor where Governor DeWine provided information regarding the measures he wanted universities to implement. All decisions and actions were undertaken relative to the safety of the students, faculty and staff as well as a public health measure for the citizens of the state of Ohio.

Dr. Langell explained the NEOMED community continued to follow guidelines in place not only by Dr. Acton as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with regard to handwashing, social distancing and other measures. He shared The Village would remain open although the University would reduce food service opportunities similar to what occurs during summer session when there is a substantially lower footprint on campus. In addition, the University had eliminated all international travel in addition to restricting domestic travel. The University also needs to make decisions regarding upcoming large events including Match Day, the Inauguration and possibly Commencement. While the students will graduate, the University may have to postpone the formal celebration.

President Langell then shared a graph recently used by Dr. Amy Acton, a NEOMED graduate and Health Director for the State of Ohio and explained why the University is taking the precautions it is. He also noted the third- and fourth-year students on rotation will continue to see patients and practice the appropriate social protection while observing the rules in place by their respective hospital systems.

President Langell introduced Mary Taylor, NEOMED's Vice President for Operations and Finance. He shared Ms. Taylor brings a great deal of expertise to the position both in finance but also as a CPA and former head of the State Auditor's office. She also served two terms as Lieutenant Governor for the State of Ohio. Dr. Langell then recognized Mr. John Wray for his outstanding achievements over the past eleven years. Under Mr. Wray's guidance, there were many capital projects including the NEW Center, The Village, the Research and Education Building as well as the soon-to-be finished Medical Office Building.

President Langell introduced Sara Briechele, Senior Process Engineer, and Lesley Tabler, Process Engineer, who were recently hired to begin and lead a lean culture change which includes identifying ways the University can be more efficient.

Dr. Langell noted that several of the Trustees participated in a tour of the South Corridor, which is a state-of-the-art facility for first- and second-year students in both medicine and pharmacy. He also noted the Medical Office Building is on track to be completed in July. The Bio-Med Science Academy will occupy two floors; the Wasson Center will also occupy space; and the first floor will be used for clinical care. One of the University's hospital

partners agreed to use the space for orthopedics, cardiovascular, urgent care and behavioral health needs.

Dr. Langell shared Dr. Young will provide an update on LCME activities but wanted to note the College of Medicine has made tremendous progress and Dr. Young deserves a huge amount of credit for all of her hard work and leadership.

Dr. Langell noted several upcoming events including Commencement which is scheduled to take place on May 2, 2020, where Dr. Amy Action is scheduled to be the Commencement speaker; Giving Day will take place March 17-18, 2020. This is a national day for individuals to go online and donate unrestricted dollars; NEOMED would use these funds to support its students as well as promote the mission of the University. Mr. Blain will provide more information on how to contribute later in the meeting.

Dr. Langell confirmed he completed five additional listening tours. While some of these meetings were internal, he also had the opportunity to meet with alumni in Washington, DC, during Ohio's Birthday Celebration. Dr. Langell confirmed that he also met with several senators and congressman to gain support for the University.

Finally, Dr. Langell shared he conducted several meetings with the University's leadership to discuss priorities. Following the conversations, it was determined that the University must create the *Exceptional Student Experience*; the quality of life on campus must be addressed for students, faculty and staff; and there is a need to revamp the University's Strategic Plan. A consulting firm had been identified and they will work with the University to develop a cohesive strategic plan that will be presented to the Board in July or August.

Chair Bishop moved that the Board function as a Committee of the Whole. Trustee McQueen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

**Report of the Institutional Advancement Committee
Sharlene Ramos Chesnes**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The report on the institutional advancement was given at the committee meeting.

- 4.2. The comprehensive fundraising update was provided at the Institutional Advancement Committee meeting.

COMPREHENSIVE FUNDRAISING UPDATE

5. **Report of the Academic and Scientific Affairs Committee
Susan Tave Zelman, Ph.D.**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The report on academic and scientific affairs was given at the committee meeting.

- 5.2. The recommendation to approve the degree of Doctor of Medicine to candidates in the Class of 2020 (R2020-01) was approved under consent agenda.

DEGREES APPROVED FROM THE COLLEGE OF MEDICINE CLASS OF 2020 (R2020-01)

- 5.3. The recommendation to approve the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy to candidates in the Class of 2020 (R2020-02) was approved under consent agenda.

DEGREES APPROVED FROM THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY CLASS OF 2020 (R2020-02)

- 5.4. The recommendation to Approve the Degree of Master of Arts (M.A.) in Medical Ethics and Humanities; Master of Science (M.S.) in Health-System

DEGREES APPROVED FROM THE COLLEGE OF

Pharmacy Administration; Master of Modern Anatomical Sciences; Master of Public Health (M.P.H.); master of Science (M.S.) in Integrated Pharmaceutical Medicine; and doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Integrated Pharmaceutical Medicine to Candidates in the Class of 2020 upon Successful Completion of Each Student's Course of Study (R2020-03) was approved under consent agenda.

**GRADUATE STUDIES
CLASS OF 2019
(R2020-03)**

5.5. The recommendation to approve academic personnel actions (R2020-04) was approved under consent agenda.

**ACADEMIC ACTIONS
APPROVED (R2020-04)**

5.6. The recommendation to approve nontenure-track faculty appointments (R2020-05) was approved under consent agenda.

**NONTENURE-TRACK
APPOINTMENTS
APPROVED (R2020-05)**

5.7. The recommendation to approve nontenure-track faculty promotions (R2020-06) was approved under consent agenda.

**NONTENURE-TRACK
PROMOTIONS
APPROVED (R2020-06)**

5.8. The recommendation to approve College of Pharmacy nontenure-track faculty promotions (Core Faculty) (R2020-07) was approved under consent agenda.

**COLLEGE OF
PHARMACY
NONTENURE-TRACK
PROMOTIONS
APPROVED (R2020-07)**

5.9. The recommendation to approve tenure and/or promotion for tenure track faculty (University-wide) (R2020-08) was approved under consent agenda.

**TENURE AND/OR
PROMOTION FOR
TENURE TRACK
FACULTY APPROVED
(R2020-08)**

5.10. Recommendation to Approve the Award of Professor Emeritus, College of Medicine, Northeast Ohio Medical University to Delese Wear, Ph.D. (R2020-09) was approved under consent agenda.

**PROFESSOR EMERITUS
COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
TO DELESE WEAR, PH.D.
APPROVED (R2020-09)**

5.11. Recommendation to Approve Northeast Ohio Medical University Policy 3349-3-200: Textbook Selection Policy 3349-3-200 (R2020-10) was approved under consent agenda.

**TEXTBOOK SELECTION
POLICY 3349-3-200
(R2020-10)**

5.12. Recommendation to Approve the Award of Degree, Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa, to Amy Stearns Acton, M.D., M.P.H. (R2020-11) was approved under consent agenda.

**AWARD OF DEGREE,
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
HONORIS TO AMY
STEARNS ACTON, M.D.,
M.P.H (R2020-11)**

5.13. Recommendation to Approve the Award of Degree, Doctor of Science, Honoris Causa to Richard T. Kellar, M.B.A. (R2020-12) was approved under consent agenda.

**AWARD OF DEGREE,
DOCTOR OF SCIENCE
HONORIS TO RICHARD
T. KELLAR, M.B.A.
(R2020-12)**

5.14. Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) Update

**REPORT ON THE
LIAISON COMMITTEE ON
MEDICAL EDUCATION**

Dr. Elisabeth Young presented an update of the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) process and the new curriculum, focusing on "The Exceptional Student Experience."

5.15. Report on Research and Sponsored Programs and Academic Programs

**REPORT ON RESEARCH
AND SPONSORED
PROGRAMS**

The report on research and sponsored programs was reviewed during the Academic and Scientific Affairs Committee meeting.

6. Report of the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The report on finance, fiscal policy and investments was given at the committee meeting.

- 6.2.** The recommendation to approve hourly personnel actions (R2020-13) was approved under consent agenda.

**HOURLY PERSONNEL
ACTIONS APPROVED
(R2020-13)**

- 6.3.** The recommendation to approve administrative personnel actions (R2020-14) was approved under consent agenda.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
PERSONNEL ACTIONS
APPROVED (R2020-14)**

- 6.4.** Recommendation to provide for the issuance notes in anticipation of the issuance of bonds of the Northeast Ohio Medical University, for the payment of the principal, interest and any premium on such notes and for securing such payment by a pledge of Limited Available Receipts; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Trust Agreement; authorizing the issuance and sale of Limited Available Receipts Bond Anticipation Notes in the aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$20,000,000; authorizing the execution and delivery of a Supplemental Trust Agreement in connection with such Notes; and authorizing related matters (R2020-15) was approved under consent agenda.

**ISSUANCE OF BONDS
OF THE NORTHEAST
OHIO MEDICAL
UNIVERSITY APPROVED
(R2020-15)**

- 6.5.** The recommendation to approve Fiscal Year 2021 tuition and fees (R2020-16) was approved under consent agenda.

**FISCAL YEAR 2021
TUITION AND FEES
APPROVED (R2020-16)**

- 6.6.** The report on revenue and expenditures and budget to actual comparison was given during the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee meeting.

**REPORT ON
EXPENDITURES/BUDGET**

- 6.7.** The report on Clearstead Investments was given during the Finance, Fiscal Policy and Investment Committee meeting.

**REPORT ON
INVESTMENTS**

The Key Performance Indicators were not discussed.

**KEY PERFORMANCE
INDICATORS**

7. Old Business

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No old business was discussed.

8. New Business

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

9. Adjournment

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business, Trustee Beach moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m. Trustee Trueblood seconded the motion. No one opposed. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle M. Mulhern
Secretary

Approved by:

Paul R. Bishop
Board Chair

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