

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI
Official Proceedings of the
Three Hundred and Ninety-Sixth Meeting of the Board of Trustees
(A Regular Meeting)
August 22, 2023

The Three Hundred and Ninety-Sixth Session of the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati was opened at 9:31 a.m. on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, in the College Conservatory of Music Building of the University of Cincinnati. Notice of this meeting was given in accordance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code. The proceedings of the Board, when not otherwise provided for by its bylaws, are governed by *Robert's Rules of Order*.

Phil Collins, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, presided.

Mr. Collins asked that roll be called.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil Collins; Kim Heiman; Ronald D. Brown; J. Phillip Holloman; Monica Turner, Gregory Hartmann; Jill McGruder; Shelly Gillis; Steve Boymel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Neville G. Pinto, President;
Patrick Kowalski, Senior Vice President for
Administration and Finance;
Valerio C. Ferme, Provost & Senior Vice President
Academic Affairs;
Lori Ross, General Counsel;
Ryan Hays, Executive Vice President and Chief
Innovation & Strategy Officer;
Andrew Filak Jr., Sr. VP for Health Affairs and
Dean, College of Medicine
Joseph Cortas, Undergraduate Trustee;
Daniel Carl, Faculty Senate Chair;
Lindsey Mills, Faculty Senate;
Taylor Morgan, Undergraduate Student Body
President

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Brandi Elliott, University Staff Senate
Nicole Blount, Executive Director of Board
Relations;
and the public

(Prior to the Board Committee Meetings and the Regular Board Meeting, Chairman Collins began the proceedings at approximately 8:30 a.m.)

Mr. Collins:

Good morning, everyone. Thanks to everyone for being here. I'd like to call the 396th meeting of the University Board of Trustees to order. It is a treat to be here inside this great performance space inside the College-Conservatory of Music. We've been meeting around campus to see a number of things going on at the university in some incredible spaces and getting exposure to where a lot of great things happen for UC students and the campus community at work each day. I'd like to thank Interim CCM Dean Jonathan Kregor serving as host today. I know the Dean is sharing a presentation later in the meeting, so we look forward to hearing about highlights of our nationally ranked and internationally renowned College-Conservatory of Music.

We have two faces to welcome to our table this morning. The first is Brandi Elliot, the new Chair of UC Staff Senate. Dr. Elliot is Executive Director of Identity and Inclusion in Student Affairs. Among her responsibilities she oversees the implementation of programs and services that address the academic, social, and cultural needs of UC students. Welcome, Dr. Elliot. Thank you for all you do for our students and thank you for representing our staff. It's great to have you join us.

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Our second newcomer is Joseph Cortas, our new Undergraduate Student Trustee. Joseph is a fourth year student pursuing a degree in civil engineering. Congratulations on your appointment, welcome, and we look forward to working with you.

Our Graduate Student Trustee has resigned for personal reasons. We have been in contact with the Governor's Office and await a new appointment to be announced.

That brings us to the President's Report. President Pinto, would you please share your report?

Dr. Pinto:

Good morning, and thank you, Chair Collins. I'd like to add my welcome to Joseph, and to Dr. Elliot for representing our staff. Thank you both for being here as part of the process. I look forward to working together with you for our university.

It's good to see you all on this second day of our fall semester. It is an energizing time for each and every one of us when you see all the eager students back on campus. As you probably know by now, we had another record year enrollment and are expecting actually to cross 50,000 students enrolled. That's the number that's out there but we need confirmation on that by the third week of the semester, but we're optimistic we'll get it. It's a tremendous accomplishment.

Many of you heard me speak about the urgency of public universities like ours to deliver our mission, which is to educate our fellow citizens and open the doors wide to provide access to those who wouldn't otherwise be able to study at the university. We are doing extremely well and on a very encouraging trajectory. Our first-year class includes 8,900 students. Most of them attended the wonderful ceremony we call the "Bearcat Welcome." In our desire to welcome our students in the way they enjoy the most, we went away from a stuffy congregation with robes to a

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celebration that I think they enjoyed thoroughly. I want to thank Student Affairs for putting on a wonderful show, tremendous event, and a lot of fun for the students. Thanks to Mayor Aftab Pureval for attending the meeting. He has a tremendous way with young people in particular and he had them fired up and it felt good to see how closely aligned the University of Cincinnati is with our home state.

The excitement around campus and among the highlights were two Commencement ceremonies earlier this month bringing the total number of UC graduates to more than 12,000 for the 2022-23 academic year. Faculty and staff are working extremely well ensuring student success, and these numbers of graduates will rise as we continue on our trajectory.

UC also officially joined the Big 12 Conference on July 1. I look forward to seeing our student athletes compete on such a well-deserved national stage. I had the honor on the first day of classes to address the Athletic Department. It was truly a pleasure to meet our coaches and leadership in athletics as they gear up for this new phase of competition in the Big 12.

I also had the pleasure of hosting many of our 186 new UC faculty during a special breakfast last week. My congratulations to Provost Ferme and all the college deans for recruiting such an impressive, diverse, and accomplished group. There are many reasons we're growing as a university, but nothing draws people here like our outstanding academic programs. These are found by excellent faculty.

Looking ahead to next month, I hope you can join us September 19 for a formal ceremony for our brand new Clifton Court Hall building. This 185,000 square foot classroom facility is now open. We will celebrate the accomplishment of design construction at that event. They have done an incredible job delivering a terrific facility to the campus. Classes are running, so I would encourage you to walk through the building if you have a chance. It's truly an inspiring space.

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Each of you should have received a copy of my printed report to the Board of Trustees. You will see a listing of some of the many accomplishments that faculty, staff, and students had since the last board meeting. We also opened a new facility called the Biosciences Center on August 16. The new facility on the uptown medical campus opened in the former Hamilton County Coroner's Office. The reimagined building is allowing engineers to work closely with doctors on research projects that will impact the health of our community.

Also, within the accomplishments, I bring your attention to the National Science Foundation in collaboration with our assistants at Case Western. I mention this one because it's in alignment with the digital transformation world. This is a grant that helps our faculty implement artificial intelligence in improving their efficiencies in doing research. We are grateful for the faculty for partnership with institutions and for bringing the significant \$1.1 million grant to the university.

You will also see some of the accomplishments of our faculty that have been mentioned in national media outlets. The New York Times, for example, has looked at the study of one of our researchers on the effects of sugar on cancer. The Atlantic has reported on fossil discoveries in the arctic nation of by one of our faculty members, and the LA Times has recorded and used the expertise of one of our professors in Lindner College of Business. Social innovation in housing and academics as we face a housing crisis in cities across Cincinnati are asking universities like us for expertise and advice.

It's now my pleasure to introduce the Dean of the College-Conservatory of Music, Dr. Jonathan Kregor. Before I do that though, you may have noticed that we have a quartet here that provided terrific music just before we started the meeting. I think they've left and probably gone to class, but I'm going to read out their names:

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- KayCee Galano, MM violin
- Hyeji Jeong, DMA violin
- Jaehyuk Choi, DMA viola
- Lucas Orth, BM cello

Let's give them a round of applause. [Applause] At the end of the meeting, I'll also mention four other students that are coming to play jazz.

With that, I will now introduce Jonathan Kregor. Interim CCM Dean Jonathan Kregor is a musicologist specializing in 19th century music who has been on the faculty at CCM since 2007. He is the author of Liszt as Transcriber and Program Music (both Cambridge University Press), and he has published articles and reviews in The Journal of Musicology, The Musical Quarterly, Nineteenth-Century Music Review, Journal of the American Liszt Society, and Notes; and has given papers at numerous national and international conferences. He is a recipient of fellowships from the German Historical Institute and the Stiftung Weimarer Klassik and was the recipient of UC's George Rieveschl Jr. Award for Creative and/or Scholarly Works in 2016.

Jonathan, I'll turn the podium over to you.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Kregor:

Good morning, President Pinto and esteemed members of the board. On behalf of the singers, players, dancers, filmmakers, producers, designers, choreographers, and the many other talented professionals at CCM, Welcome. The future of the performing and media arts lives here, and it has lived here since 1867. Next lived here in 1927 when CCM established the first program in dance and classical ballet, and ten years later when it went bold on broadcasting. Next lived here

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in 1968 when it created the first Musical Theatre BFA, and in 1990 when it unveiled the innovative joint MA/MBA in Arts Administration. Next lived here in 2011 when the Ohio Board of Regents recognized CCM as an Ohio Center of Excellence in Music and Theatre Arts. Next lived here even in 1879, when the College of Music of Cincinnati added Dr. Bernard Tauber to teach hygiene of the throat and anatomy of the ear and larynx—what today we might call a professor of student wellness. And Next continues [Video played]

You might be wondering who created that video. It wasn't a New York ad agency, or an LA film company. It was done completely in-house by CCM Digital and co-edited by CCM students Lauren Dull and Nick Widmeyer. Few other programs around the world can boast such hands-on learning, and it's another great example of how Next lives at CCM. I invite you to peruse this and other student-made clips on CCM's official YouTube page.

So, this is where we are. Where are we going next? To answer that question partially, I'd like to profile three programs that are living out CCM's objective of educating and inspiring the whole artist and scholar for positions on the world's stage. The first is Media Production. At CCM, media is not studied; it is practiced. It is experienced, shaped, and made at an extraordinarily professional level. How many of you have watched a UC football game on TV in the last year? Thanks to a great partnership we have with Athletics, almost every person involved in that broadcast—video, audio, replay, graphics, directing—is a CCM Media Production student. It's no wonder that we have alumni working for ESPN and the Bengals—the hands-on training we give is unparalleled in the industry.

We also take pride in students like Lauren Delligatti, a cinematographer who tackles the lack of representation and inclusion faced by women in the film industry and who just returned

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from an internship at Curiosity LLC. Then there is Megan House, a documentarian who has been nominated for two Emmys and hopes to write, direct, and create women- and queer-inspired media.

So that CCM remains at the forefront of filmmaking, we will soon install an in-house performing and media arts virtual production studio, and we are leveraging our enviable number of alums on the West Coast to establish a Co-op program that we're calling CCM Summer in LA. But we are also mindful of making impacts in our own region, especially in educating the next generation of citizens. Our Music Education Bachelors and Masters programs are unparalleled. For years, 100% of our graduates have had jobs upon graduation with many of them staying in Ohio. If you take a look at the talented Caleb Robinson here, you can see why. As he says, the program is well-rounded, the innovation is relentless, and the commitment of the faculty is unwavering. What this picture doesn't tell you about Caleb is that he not only plays ukulele, percussion, and piano, but he's a staff singer in a professional church choir as well as a violist in the Blue Lake Festival Orchestra in Michigan. And, as a senior, he still has one more year to pick up a few new instruments.

When I attended CCM's production of the musical *Something Rotten!* last October, a patron came up to me at intermission. Barely able to control his enthusiasm, he blurted out to me (and half the room), "This is better than Broadway!" If you have had a chance to attend a performance at CCM, you know he's right, mainly because many of our graduates end up on some of the world's most prestigious stages. We are constantly seeking out new stages for students to showcase their incredible talents. This season, CCM actors will serve as understudies for every production at the Cincinnati Shakespeare Company. The UCSIM Lab in Digital Futures uses our students for their motion capture systems in film, video games, and simulations—and our students in turn grow their skills in audio book narration, voice over acting, and other new media. CCM

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gives over 1,000 performances each year, more than any other performing arts institution in the entire state of Ohio. But we're not staying put. In what is a first for any school of music, CCM is going to Carnegie Hall on January 14, 2024. Our musical theatre students, dance students, design students, and orchestra students will be joining CCM alums to give a one-night-only, world-premiere performance of music by our alum Stephen Flaherty, whose Broadway credits include *Ragtime* and *Seussical*.

One of those students participating is Julia Schick, a senior in our Musical Theatre. Julia's work at CCM includes *Pippin*, *Wild Party*, and *Spring Awakening*, and in the Cincinnati area she's been in *Rent* and *Guys & Dolls*. She also has significant choreography experience and is slated to choreograph *Once on This Island* at CCM in the spring. Julia will talk briefly about the impact that this experience will have on her time at CCM and beyond.

Ms. Schick:

I am unbelievably honored for the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall. To perform on such an iconic stage is truly a dream come true. On top of that, I'm excited to meet and make connections with industry professionals, CCM alumni, and get to perform with them and talk to them and find that bond with people who are in the same field as me. Mostly, projects like this make me want to come back, and stay a part of the alumni networks even after I graduate. I want to participate in more things like this, I want to bring ideas and connections back here, and I want to meet students like me who have the privilege to be a part of something as amazing as this.

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Dr. Kregor:

Thank you, Julia. We've crunched the numbers, and on January 14, 2024, fifty-five years of alumni and students, including Julia, will share the stage. It's a lineup that only CCM can pull off which is a fantastic testament to where CCM has been, and where it plans to go next.

I hope that you will be able to join us on a tour of CCM after the meeting ends, where you can see the hands-on, experiential learning that goes on here every day. Thank you for your support and thank you for your presence today. [Applause]

Dr. Pinto:

Are there any questions? Thank you and thank you Julia as well. It was truly inspiring.

Mr. Collins:

I want to add my thanks as well to both of you. We will now proceed with our committee meetings.

THE BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS

(Proceedings of the Board committee meetings are contained in the respective committee meeting minutes, which are on file in the Office of the Board of Trustees.)

The Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, Governance and Internal Affairs Committee, Audit and Risk Management Committee, and the Investment Committee began at 8:55 am and concluded at 9:30 am.

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Mr. Collins:

There being no further business, we will now call our regular meeting to order.

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees convened at 9:31 a.m. and, as noted on the first page of these minutes, a roll call was taken.

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Collins:

Are there any additions, corrections, or deletions to the Minutes? Hearing none, may I have a motion and a second to approve the June 27, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes?

(A motion was moved by Mrs. McGruder, and second by Mr. Brown)

Mr. Collins:

All those in favor say "Aye." All opposed say "nay". Thank you. The Minutes are approved.

Consideration of Non-Committee Items

Mr. Collins:

Next, we have one additional item. It is the approval of the Athletics Contract for Head Baseball Coach. Lori Ross, will you comment on this recommendation?

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Ms. Ross:

Thank you, Chair Collins. In your materials is the proposed appointment agreement for the new baseball coach, Jordan Bischel. Coach Bischel comes here from Central Michigan. As you see, director John Cunningham is unable to be here, but if he were here, he would say that Jordan Bischel is the perfect fit to lead the University of Cincinnati baseball program. As Head Coach, Jordan Bischel has more conference championships and guided his team to postseason. With an overall 67 percent winning record, he is a leader who demands the best on and off field of our student athletes. We're thrilled to have him as head coach. The contract contains more standard language and goes through June of 2029.

Mr. Collins:

Thank you. It is now time to vote on all the items. The full board has been present at the Committee Meetings held today and has received the recommendations of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, Governance and Internal Affairs Committee, and Non-Committee items.

May I have a motion to approve all the recommended items for the Academic Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, Governance and Internal Affairs Committee, and Non-Committee items?

(Upon a motion moved by Mrs. Heiman, and a second by Mrs. Turner, a roll call vote was taken.)

- AYE:** Phil Collins; Kim Heiman; Ronald D. Brown; J. Phillip Holloman; Monica Turner; Gregory Hartmann; Jill McGruder; Shelly Gillis; Steve Boymel
- NAY:** None
- ABSENT:** None

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Mr. Collins:

The motion passed and all items are approved. Thank you.

Approval of the Items Recommended by the Board Committees

Listed below are the items recommended to the Board of Trustees for approval by the Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Finance and Administration Committee, Governance and Internal Affairs Committee, and Compensation Committee at their respective meetings today,

August 22, 2023.

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

23.08.22.01 Approval of Academic Appointments

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments of faculty and academic administrators. These recommendations have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

Emeritus Status

Chandrashekar Gandhi, PhD

Professor Emeritus
 College of Medicine
 Department of Pediatrics
 Effective August 15, 2023

Karl Golnik, MD, MEd

Professor Emeritus
 College of Medicine
 Department of Ophthalmology
 Effective July 1, 2023

Gary Gudelsky, PhD

Professor Emeritus
 James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy
 Effective August 14, 2023

William Kitzmiller, MD

Professor of Clinical Emeritus
 College of Medicine
 Department of Surgery
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Steve Kleene, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Pharmacology and Systems Physiology Effective September 1, 2023
Charles M. Myer, III, MD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery Effective July 1, 2023
Awadagin Pratt	Professor Emeritus College Conservatory of Music Department of Keyboard Studies Effective June 1, 2023
John Quinlan, MD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine Effective July 1, 2023
Francis Russell, MArch, BA	Associate Professor – Educator Emeritus College of Cooperative Education and Professional Studies Effective August 31, 2023
Charles Schubert, MD	Adjunct Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Family and Community Medicine Effective July 1, 2023
Susan Thompson, PhD	Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Effective July 1, 2023

Endowed Chair / Professorship Appointments

Haider Ala Hamoudi, JD	Nippert Professor of Law College of Law Effective August 1, 2023
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Caroline Freiermth, MD The Emergency Medicine Endowed Chair to
Benefit the Acute Treatment of Mental Health
And Substance Use Disorder
College of Medicine
Department of Emergency Medicine
Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028

Gary Painter, PhD UC Real Estate BEARE Chair
Lindner College of Business
Department of Finance
Effective August 15, 2023 – August 14, 2026

Johnny Rungtusanatham, PhD Ohio Eminent Scholar in Operations Management
And Quantitative Analysis
Lindner College of Business
Department of Operations, Business Analytics
And Information Systems
Effective August 15, 2023 – August 14, 2026

Unit Head Appointment

Alex B. Lentsch, PhD Chair
College of Medicine
Department of Environmental and Public
Health Sciences
Effective July 1, 2023 – August 31, 2026

Unit Head Reappointment

James Herman, PhD Chair
College of Medicine
Department of Pharmacology and Systems
Physiology
Effective September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2028

Recommendations for Tenure or Promotion

From Associate Professor to Professor

College of Medicine

Hyacinth Hyacinth	Neurology and Rehabilitation Medicine	Effective 09/01/23
Stephen Becker	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
Dao Pan	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23

From Associate Professor- Educator to Professor – Educator

College of Arts and Sciences

Michele Reutter	English	Effective 08/15/23
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College Conservatory of Music

Roger Klug	General Studies	Effective 08/15/23
Holly Pratt	General Studies	Effective 08/15/23

College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning

Barry Kew	Planning	Effective 08/15/23
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College of Nursing

Eileen Werdman	Nursing	Effective 08/15/23
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From Instructor of Clinical to Assistant Professor of Clinical

College of Medicine

David Kappa	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Effective 09/01/24
Carlie Myers	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23

College of Nursing

Kelli Beecher	Nursing	Effective 08/15/23
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From Assistant Professor – Educator to Associate Professor – Educator

College of Allied Health Services

Victoria McQuiddy	Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences	Effective 08/15/23
Lindsey Mills	Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences	Effective 08/15/23

College of Arts and Sciences

Takuha Konishi	Biological Sciences	Effective 08/15/23
Chiuyee Cheng	English	Effective 08/15/23
Brian Metcalf	Psychology	Effective 08/15/23
Jessica Graves-Rack	Communication	Effective 08/15/23
Katherine Jones	Sociology	Effective 08/15/23

College of Cooperative Education and Professional Studies

Maureen Buri	Cooperative Education & Professional Studies	Effective 08/15/23
Kimberly Burke	Cooperative Education & Professional Studies	Effective 08/15/23
Kimberly Demko	Cooperative Education & Professional Studies	Effective 08/15/23
Samantha Groh	Cooperative Education & Professional Studies	Effective 08/15/23
Megan Lamkin	Cooperative Education & Professional Studies	Effective 08/15/23

College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Ryan Moore	Information Technology	Effective 08/15/23
Joseph Link	Education	Effective 08/15/23

College of Nursing

Donna Green	Nursing	Effective 08/15/23
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Lindner College of Business

Mary Jo Heintz	Accounting	Effective 08/15/23
Robert Higgins	Finance	Effective 08/15/23
Gema Navarro-Bahns	Management	Effective 08/15/23

From Assistant Professor of Clinical to Associate Professor of Clinical

College of Medicine

Danielle Clark	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Rachel Foot	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Michael Hellmann	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Peyman Shirani	Neurology & Rehabilitation Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Paul Lee	Pathology & Laboratory Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Katherine VandenHeuvel	Pathology & Laboratory Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Laura Brower	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
Jennifer DeSante	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
Katie Meier	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
Anita Shah	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23

College of Nursing

Joseph Perazzo	Nursing	Effective 08/15/23
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From Associate Professor of Clinical to Professor of Clinical

College of Medicine

Benu Makkad	Anesthesiology	Effective 09/01/24
Megan Rich	Family and Community Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Brinder Vij	Neurology & Rehabilitation Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Peter de Blank	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
Trent Hummel	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
Loren Pena	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
David Spar	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23
Ivan Wilmot	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23

From Research Instructor to Research Assistant Professor

College of Medicine

Debajyoti Ghosh	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/24
Durgesh Tiwari	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23

From Research Assistant Professor to Research Associate Professor

College of Medicine

Ana Luisa Kadekaro	Dermatology	Effective 09/01/24
Debora Sinner	Pediatrics	Effective 08/22/23

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From Field Service Assistant Professor to Field Service Associate Professor

College of Medicine

Tomoyuki Mizuno Pediatrics Effective 08/22/23

From Field Service Associate Professor to Field Service Professor

College of Medicine

Ilka Riddle Pediatrics Effective 08/22/23

From Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian

UC Libraries

Mark Chalmers Libraries Effective 08/15/23

23.08.22.02 Approval of Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation and Game Design

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Animation and Game Design in the College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning, in collaboration with the College of Arts and Sciences.

B. Finance and Administration Committee

23.08.22.03 Approval of Medical Prescription Plan

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the agreement between the University and True RX. This will “carve out” the University’s pharmacy plan and implement True RX as the Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM), to work in coordination with Anthem as TPA, as the University’s employee self-insured pharmacy plan. This will be a three-year contract term with a three-year renewal option. The effective date of the contract will be January 1, 2024.

23.08.22.04 Approval of Authorization to Refund Outstanding Debt

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve authorization to issue General Receipts Obligations to refund outstanding General Receipts Obligations through June 30, 2026.

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23.08.22.05 Approval of the Tentative Agreement Between the University and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc., Security Officers Unit

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the tentative agreement between the university and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.

23.08.22.06 Approval of Blood Center Healing Center Floors 1, 4, and 5 Renovation Project

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the interior renovation for the research and academic portions of the Blood Cancer Healing Center (formally Shriner's Hospital) on floors 1, 4, and 5 for a cost of \$55 million.

23.08.22.07 Approval of Block1 and Block 2 Development: Design Phase Funding

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$15 million to fund the design phase of the Block 1 & 2 development. The design phase will allow the University of Cincinnati to investigate, in partnership with the Clifton Heights Community Urban Redevelopment Corporation (CHCURC), the potential to build new student housing at this gateway site to campus and Uptown.

23.08.22.08 Approval of Dabney Plumbing and Restrooms Renovation

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$8.5 million to fund plumbing and restroom renovations in Dabney Hall. This project will replace the three primary sanitary plumbing stacks and modernize the restrooms.

23.08.22.09 Approval of Mantei Center HVAC Equipment Replacement

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$8.5 million to fund an HVAC equipment replacement project at the Mantei Center. This project will replace the end-of-life primary air handling units and the building automation system serving the building.

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23.08.22.10 Approval of Old College of Law Demolition

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$7.5 million to fund the demolition of the former College of Law Building, located at 2540 Clifton Avenue. This project will deconstruct the building and restore the site to create a land bank for future university needs.

C. Governance and Internal Affairs Committee

23.08.22.19 Approval of Amendment to Board Rule: 40-3-01 Student Organizations: Policies

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve authorization to amend Board Rule 40-03-01 to update policies for registered student organizations and to reflect current laws.

23.08.22.20 Approval of New Board Rule: 10-17-12 Conduct and Ethics: Sports Wagering Activities Policies

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve authorization to create new Board Rule 3361:10-17-12 to govern the sports wagering activities of the Board of Trustees, employees, students, volunteers, and independent contractors of the University of Cincinnati.

D. Non-Committee Items

23.08.22.21 Approval of Athletics Contract for Head Baseball Coach

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Athletics Contract for Head Baseball Coach, Jordan Bischel.

Unfinished Business and New Business

Mr. Collins:

Is there any unfinished business to come before the board? Hearing none, I would like to now call for the Undergraduate Student Trustee Report by Joseph Cortas.

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Undergraduate Student Report

Mr. Cortas:

Good morning, Chairman Collins, members of the Board, President's Cabinet, and esteemed guests. I, like many of you, remember clearly the incredible sense of awe and wonder inspired by my first visit to the University of Cincinnati just two years ago. Walking the intersecting paths and exploring the historic halls, I discovered a community of students and scholars with whom I felt deeply connected.

The University of Cincinnati has distinguished itself as an institution willing to cultivate community and creativity, promote diversity and inclusion, and embrace the unknown. Though our accomplishments are many, the university has far greater opportunities for further growth, innovation, and action. It was in recognition of all that you have done and all that we can do that I submitted my name for consideration as the next Undergraduate Student Trustee. Although home to internationally recognized architecture and nationally awarded facilities, I firmly believe the true spirit of the university lies not in its structure, but in its people. Today, students at the University of Cincinnati walk in the footsteps of generational champions, creators, innovators, and leaders, as well as travel a path all their own. Our students have embraced their role as change-makers. It is in their words and their actions I see living testimony that Next does live here.

It is in this spirit I hope that you join me in welcoming our students back to campus for the 2023-2024 academic school year. As our students return, they carry with them the experiences, lessons, and stories of their time spent apart. I would like to begin by celebrating an interdisciplinary delegation of Bearcats who are returning to campus after traveling to Tanzania this summer. A cohort of Marian Spencer Scholars, NEXT Innovation Scholars, and Engineers

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Without Borders students whose international service helped strengthen a nineteen-year partnership built on lessons of community and shared human experience.

As our enrollment continues to break records, I would like to reiterate the importance of student support services academically, mentally, personally, and professionally. To that end, I and other student leaders have been working with university administration to support the implementation of the upcoming student voter strategic plan in partnership with student organizations across campus.

Over the coming weeks, I look forward to future opportunities to collaborate with students, faculty, and administration to ensure that all students feel informed, supported, and comfortable on and around campus. I would be remiss if I did not recognize all the faculty, administrators, and support staff who have worked tirelessly to expand our student enrollment to its largest ever this fall. To each of you, I thank you.

I would like to close by congratulating our 2,007 students who graduated during our Summer 2023 Commencement ceremony. Their contributions to our campus and our community will surely endure for years to come.

Thank you, Chairman Collins, this concludes my report.

Mr. Collins:

Thank you, Joseph. Again, welcome. We look forward to working with you as well. We will now have the Faculty Senate Report by Dan Carl.

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Faculty Senate Report

Dr. Carl:

Good morning, Chair Collins, members of the Board, President Pinto, and guests. We have highlights from ongoing Senate work since our June gathering. To begin I would like to introduce to the Board our newest faculty representative Dr. Lindsey Mills. Lindsey is an Associate Professor in the College of Allied Health Sciences where she is a Nutritionist in the Department of Rehabilitation, Exercise, and Nutrition Sciences. Lindsey serves as the Undergraduate Program Director in Nutrition and Dietetics and has held that position for six years. Her prior involvement with Faculty Senate includes two terms of service on the Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence. Thank you for welcoming Lindsey as our newly appointed Faculty Representative.

Faculty Senate returned this past week from summer recess with the renewed vigor of the fresh start of a new academic year. Newly appointed senators were approved and welcomed as they began their respective terms. This first gathering included a review of summer updates highlighted by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on race conscious admissions, our own ongoing Testing Services and Honorlock proceedings, the Centralization of IT reporting, approaches to address graduate faculty and research space, and with specific discussion on the newly assigned Center for Intellectual Diversity. This specific discussion was noted, and our concerns shared with President Pinto. We concluded our first Senate meeting with the sharing of ideas for respective charges for our coming year.

We also wanted to note that we have heard from Jack Miner, Vice Provost for Enrollment Management and have begun brainstorming ways that the faculty can better assist in the retention of our students. Initial conversation centered around faculty use of currently available tools to aid in retention, their awareness, their reluctance, and potential stalling points. We look forward to

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continuing these discussions and the Senate wishes to thank Jack for his willingness to share and engage directly with faculty in this important endeavor.

In closing, on behalf of the Faculty Senate and all faculty we wish to congratulate the 2,007 new graduates from our summer Commencement and welcome them to the Bearcat Alumni family.

Mr. Collins:

Thank you, Dan, and welcome Lindsey. We will now have the Staff Senate Report by Brandi Elliott.

Staff Senate Report

Dr. Elliott:

Good morning, Chair Collins, members of the Board, President Pinto, and guests. I am pleased to present the report on behalf of the Staff Senate, highlighting the developments and initiatives that have taken place since my assumption of the role of Staff Senate Chair in July. Firstly, I would like to extend my gratitude to Heidi Pettyjohn for her remarkable leadership as Staff Senate Chair over the past two years. We are fortunate to have her expertise as she transitions to her role as past chair and remains an invaluable member of our cabinet.

As my term began in July, the Staff Senate has continued to thrive with 68 dedicated senators. During the month of July, we successfully confirmed all senators, and each committee convened to elect their respective chair, co-chair, and secretary, setting the stage for productive collaboration throughout the year. Our Key Events and Initiatives included:

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- Staff Senate Cabinet Retreat (August 7, 2023): The retreat provided an opportunity for our leadership team to strategize and align our efforts for the coming year. This session enabled us to set clear priorities and enhance our coordination.
- Staff Senate New Senator Orientation (August 9, 2023): Dr. Bleuzette Marshall delivered an inspiring keynote address during the orientation. Committees convened to review their respective charges and formulate goals for the upcoming year, fostering a sense of purpose and direction.

Our focus areas in alignment with Next Lives Here include:

- Committee Pulse Check: We are committed to ensuring that committees remain focused on their goals and review their charges regularly, promoting efficient progress.
- Staff Senate Feedback Form: Our newly launched feedback form empowers staff to express concerns and recognize their peers for their contributions to the UC community, fostering a culture of appreciation.
- Digital Transformation: Embracing technology and digital tools is crucial to enhancing various aspects of campus life, including teaching, learning, communication, and administration, ultimately preparing students for the demands of the modern world.
- Enhanced Communication: Open lines of communication are paramount. We are dedicated to keeping staff informed about campus activities and developments, fostering a sense of connection and transparency.
- Employee Resource Groups (ERGs): By nurturing relationships with ERGs, we aim to provide staff with spaces of belonging and community, contributing to a supportive and inclusive environment.

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- Collaboration with Faculty Senate: In partnership with the Faculty Senate, we are actively working to streamline communication and efficiency by hiring an administrative position to serve both senates.
- UC Serves Sustainability Plan: The UC Serves initiative, championed by Heidi, will continue to develop a sustainability plan to enable ongoing community service efforts by our dedicated staff members.
- Staff Connection and Engagement: Responding to staff feedback, we are committed to creating more engagement opportunities that cater to diverse interests.

In conclusion, I am enthusiastic about the year ahead and the positive impact we can collectively make. Through ongoing collaboration with university leadership, our dynamic initiatives, and the dedication of our staff, we look forward to a year of growth, engagement, and achievement. This concludes my report. Thank you.

Mr. Collins:

Thank you very much, and welcome to you as well. Our final report will be the Student Government Report by Taylor Morgan.

Student Government Report

Ms. Morgan:

Good morning, Chairman Collins, board members, President Pinto, and those in the gallery. With us now entering the Fall semester I am excited to share student government's progress and plans thus far.

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As I mentioned last board meeting, the student government has been planning a series of town halls. Our first will be in September and focused on “Expansion and Growth: What's Next for UC?” Our second will be in October and focused on “Campus Safety” These will be open to all students to open the lines of communication.

We are also excited to welcome bearcats back to campus. I have been invited to attend the Bioscience Center grand opening, Bearcat kickoff (which is the new style of convocation), Akwaaba, the Digital Technology Solutions panel on generative AI, and the DEI Summit. Student Government has, or will be, represented at the involvement fair, rainbow rush, women’s welcome, and the AAPI generational summit. These are all a part of the new bearcats welcome programming lasting four weeks instead of the typical one welcome week, prior to classes starting.

Student Government is also planning events to be included in the Bearcats Welcome. We are hosting a farmers’ market for local vendors and partnering with the Bearcat Pantry and Resource Center (BCP) to provide free produce to students. We are also hosting the off-campus Housing Fair in September, as many students have to renew their leases or find their housing for Fall 2024 near the end of October 2023. We are also excited to promote UC Athletics by helping to increase attendance and student organization representation at Bearcat Fridays, the Friday before every home game. We are collaborating with them in the Spring for basketball by creating new spirit events for the big games.

I will touch on the ongoing Student Government initiatives briefly:

- There has been a shuttle running between CVG and campus the past week to help international students and other out-of-town students get to campus. We also worked with Campus Services to place benches near all on-campus shuttle stops to increase accessibility.

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- We are helping to connect the Bearcat Pantry and Resource Center to the College of Education, Criminal Justice, and Human Services with the School of Information Technology to start a satellite location as the target population is heavily concentrated within that college.
- We are working closely with Student Affairs on resources for the off campus and commuter student populations. Our goal is to make them feel included and supported to be able to excel as Bearcats.
- Last meeting, I touched on student voting. I am happy to report that almost 800 students were registered to vote throughout this summer at orientations. We have formed a working group with undergraduate students, graduate students, and the Center for Community Engagement to further this effort.

I know I am so excited for campus to be buzzing again with the energy of the new school year and it wouldn't be possible without you all and the great staff and faculty at UC, so thank you all for your time and commitment to Bearcat Nation. This concludes my report.

Mr. Collins:

Thank you, Morgan, and good luck in the coming year.

Executive Session

Mr. Collins:

I will now call for an Executive Session. The members of the Board will not return to conduct further business after Executive Session is concluded. Our next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 24, 2023. May I have a motion to enter Executive Session for

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the purpose of considering the employment or compensation of a public employee or official; and to confer with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action and matters required to be kept confidential by law?

(Upon a motion moved by Mr. Brown, and a second by Mrs. McGruder, a roll call vote was taken.)

AYE: Phil Collins; Kim Heiman; Ronald D. Brown; J. Phillip Holloman;
 Monica Turner; Gregory Hartmann; Jill McGruder; Shelly Gillis;
 Steve Boymel

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Mr. Collins:

Thank you. We will proceed with the Executive Session.

Adjournment of Executive Session

Mr. Collins:

There being no further business for Executive Session, may I have a motion to adjourn the Executive Session?

(Upon a motion moved by Mr. Holloman, and second by Mr. Brown, a roll call vote was taken)

AYE: Phil Collins; Kim Heiman; Ronald D. Brown; J. Phillip Holloman;
 Monica Turner; Gregory Hartmann; Jill McGruder; Shelly Gillis;
 Steve Boymel

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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Mr. Collins:

Executive Session is adjourned.

Adjournment of Regular Meeting

Mr. Collins:

There being no further business before the board, may I have a motion to adjourn?

(A motion was moved by Mrs. Heiman, and second by Mr. Boymel)

Mr. Collins:

All those in favor say “aye.” All opposed say “nay”. Motion carries. Thank you. The meeting is adjourned.

PHIL COLLINS
CHAIRPERSON

JILL MCGRUDER
SECRETARY