

**University of Cincinnati**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**Summary of Actions Taken at the Regular Meeting Held**

**August 26, 2025**

The following is a list of recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees at their Regular Meeting held on August 26, 2025, and filed in the Office of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations are listed under the committee(s) that initially reviewed and approved them.

**A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

**25.08.26.01    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**

Anne Bauer, EdD

Professor Emerita  
College of Education, Criminal Justice and  
Human Services  
School of Education Effective  
August 1, 2025

Elaine Hollensbe, PhD

Professor Emerita  
Lindner College of Business  
Department of Management  
Effective August 15, 2025

John McAuliffe, III, MD

Professor Emeritus  
College of Medicine  
Department of Anesthesiology  
Effective July 1, 2025

David Moore, PhD

Professor Emeritus  
College of Medicine  
Department of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck  
Surgery  
Effective August 1, 2025

James Mulloy, PhD

Adjunct Professor Emeritus  
College of Medicine Department  
of Pediatrics  
Effective July 1, 2025

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Diya Mutasim, MD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Dermatology Effective July 1, 2025
Ward Rice, MD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Effective July 1, 2025
Lynn Ritchey, PhD	Professor Emerita UC Blue Ash College Department of Behavioral Science Effective January 5, 2026
Maureen Schomaker, MEd	Professor Emerita College of Cooperative Education and Professional Studies Department of Engineering and Applied Science Co-Op Effective September 1, 2025
Jerzy Stanek, MD, PhD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Effective June 1, 2025
Susan Tyler, PhD	Associate Dean Emerita College of Medicine Effective July 1, 2025
Robin Wagner, DNP, APRN-CNS, CHSE	Associate Professor – Educator Emerita College of Nursing Department of Nursing Effective August 15, 2025
Monica Widdig, MBA, CPA	Professor Emerita UC Blue Ash College Department of Business and Economics Effective September 1, 2025

**Endowed Chair / Professorship Appointments**

Robert Means, MD	The Joseph E. Palascak, MD, Endowed Chair in Bleeding and Clotting Disorders College of Medicine Department of Internal Medicine Effective August 1, 2025 – August 31, 2030
Elizabeth Laurens Steed, PhD	John and Gloria Goering Professorship in Family and Private Business Lindner College of Business Department of Management Effective August 15, 2025 – August 14, 2028
Debashis Pal, PhD	David Stinton Professor of Economics Lindner College of Business Department of Economics Effective August 15, 2025 – August 14, 2028
Achala Vagal, MD	Ben Felson Professor College of Medicine Department of Radiology Effective August 1, 2025 – August 31, 2030

**Unit Head Appointments**

Victoria LaPoe, PhD	Unit Head College of Arts and Sciences Department of Journalism Effective August 15, 2025 – August 14, 2030
Achala Vagal, MD	Chair College of Medicine Department of Radiology Effective August 1, 2025 – August 31, 2030

**Unit Head Reappointments**

Michael Ferguson, PhD	Unit Head Lindner College of Business Department of Accounting Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2029
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Nan Zhou, PhD

Unit Head  
Lindner College of Business  
Department of Accounting  
Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2029

**New Hire**

Victoria LaPoe, PhD

Professor with Tenure College of Arts and  
Sciences Department of Journalism  
Effective August 15, 2025

**Recommendations for Tenure or Promotion**

**From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor**

**College of Medicine**

Tamara Tilburgs	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
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**From Associate Professor to Professor**

**College of Medicine**

Nathan Salomonis	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
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**From Instructor of Clinical to Assistant Professor of Clinical**

**College of Nursing**

Heather McCracken	Advanced Practice Nursing	Effective 08/15/25
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**From Assistant Professor of Clinical to Associate Professor of Clinical**

**College of Medicine**

Shanna Stryker	Family & Community Medicine	Effective 09/01/26
Misoor Goueli	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/26
Jane Morris	Obstetrics and Gynecology	Effective 09/01/26
Veeral Shah	Ophthalmology	Effective 09/01/26
Kavitha Sivaraman	Ophthalmology	Effective 09/01/26
Akihiro Asai	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Kahleb Graham	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Katsuaki Kojima	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Jie Liu	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Benjamin Mantell	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Emily Miller	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Caitlin Valentino	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Prasoon Verma	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Joel Sprunger	Psychiatry & Behavioral Neuroscience	Effective 09/01/26

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College of Nursing

Kate York	Nursing	Effective 08/15/25
Mohammad Othman	Nursing	Effective 08/15/25
Amber Irwin	Nursing	Effective 08/15/25

James L. Winkle College of Pharmacy

Elizabeth Schlosser	Pharmacy	Effective 08/15/25
Daniel Arendt	Pharmacy	Effective 08/15/25

**From Associate Professor of Clinical to Professor of Clinical**

College of Medicine

Hillary Mount	Family & Community Medicine	Effective 09/01/26
Nives Zimmerman	Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	Effective 09/01/26
Karen Burns	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
Phillip Minar	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25

College of Nursing

Paul Lewis	Advanced Practice Nursing	Effective 08/15/25
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**From Research Instructor to Research Assistant Professor**

College of Medicine

Oluwabukola Gbotosho	Neurology & Rehabilitation Medicine	Effective 09/01/26
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**From Research Assistant Professor to Research Associate Professor**

College of Medicine

Hee Woong Lim	Pediatrics	Effective 08/26/25
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**From Instructor Educator to Assistant Professor Educator**

College of Arts and Sciences

Kevser Erdem	Mathematical Sciences	Effective 08/15/25
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**From Assistant Professor Educator to Associate Professor Educator**

College of Allied Health Sciences

Karen Craven	Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences	Effective 08/15/25
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College of Arts and Sciences

Alfred Cotton	Journalism	Effective 08/15/25
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College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning

Whitney Hamaker	Architecture & Interior Design	Effective 08/15/25
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Shilpa Mehta                      Planning    Effective 08/15/25

College of Engineering and Applied Sciences

Paul Gordon                      Biomedical Engineering    Effective 08/15/25

Lindner College of Business

Michael Wagner                      Management    Effective 08/15/25

Robert Rokey                      Operations, Business Analytics & Information Sys    Effective 08/15/25

UC Clermont College

Carolyn Shisler                      Science & Health    Effective 08/15/25

**From Associate Professor Educator to Professor Educator**

College of Medicine

Benjamin Kinnear                      Pediatrics    Effective 08/26/25

Lindner College of Business

David Rapien                      Operations, Business Analytics & Information Sys    Effective 08/15/25

UC Clermont College

Brenda Poynter                      Science & Health    Effective 08/15/25

**From Assistant Professor Practice to Associate Professor Practice**

College of Arts and Sciences

Michael Gasaway                      Communication, Film & Media Studies    Effective 08/15/25

**From Field Service Associate Professor to Field Service Professor**

College of Medicine

Jennifer Frey                      Pediatrics    Effective 08/26/25

**From Assistant Librarian to Associate Librarian**

College of Law

Ashley Russell                      Law Library    Effective 08/15/25

UC Libraries

Nimisha Bhat                      UC Libraries    Effective 08/15/25

**From Assistant Professor Adjunct Rep to Associate Professor Adjunct Rep**

College of Allied Health Sciences

Amu De Silva                      Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences    Effective 08/15/25

**25.08.26.02**                      Approval of New Undergraduate Degree – Bachelor of Hospitality Management – Joint Degree Program – UC Clermont and UC Blue Ash

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Bachelor's in Hospitality Management degree, shared by UC Clermont and UC Blue Ash. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

**25.08.26.03**                      Approval of New Undergraduate Degree – Associate of Applied Science in Rural Population Health – UC Clermont

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Associate of Applied Science in Rural Population Health at UC Clermont. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

**25.08.26.04**                      Approval of Reorganization/Renaming of Academic Units – College of Nursing

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the elimination of the three academic units in the College of Nursing and the reversion back to a single unit college structure. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

**25.08.26.05**                      Approval of Low Enrollment and Duplicate Program Report

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the report in response to the Ohio Department of Higher Education mandate. Section 3345.35 of the Ohio Revised Code requires that the Boards of Trustees of each state institution of higher education evaluate all courses and programs based on enrollment and duplication with other state institutions of higher education.

**B.        Finance and Administration Committee**

**25.08.26.06**                      Approval of Central Utility Plant Chiller #5

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$7.5 million to fund the replacement of Chiller #5 and associated electric at the Central Utility Plant.

**25.08.26.07**                      Approval of Medical Science Building Classrooms Renovation

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$12,000,000 to fund the Medical Science Building Classrooms Renovation.

**25.08.26.08**                      Approval of University Pavilion 500 Level Renovation

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve \$9,200,000 to fund the University Pavilion 500 Level Renovation.

**25.08.26.09**                      Approval of Naming Recommendation: Bearcats Den

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the name *Bearcat's Den*.

**25.08.26.10**                      Approval of Naming Recommendation: C.A.T.S. Lounge

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the name *C.A.T.S. Lounge*.

**25.08.26.11**                      Approval of Naming Recommendation: Drs. Megan and Michael Thomas Chair's Conference Room

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the name *Drs. Megan and Michael Thomas Chair's Conference Room*.

**25.08.26.12**                      Approval of Naming Recommendation: Indoor Practice Facility Athlete Performance Center Various Naming #3

**Synopsis:**                      It is recommended that the UC Board of Trustees approve the following naming opportunities for the new Indoor Practice Facility & Athlete Performance Center:

1. Bill Graves 1956-1959 Defensive Line Room
2. Washburn Family Assistant Athletic Trainer Office
3. Lee and Cindy Mairose Assistant Athletic Trainer Office
4. Kelce Brothers Field or Kelce Field
5. Special Assistant to the Head Coach Office supported by Dan and Julia Poston
6. Miliano Family Special Teams Meeting Room
7. Schimberg Family Defensive Line Meeting Room



**C. Governance and Internal Affairs Committee**

**25.08.26.13**      Approval of Resolution Exempting Trustees from Access to Classified Information

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees resolve to exclude all Trustees, including the Student Trustee, from being required to access or have access to classified information.

**25.08.26.14**      Approval of Appointment to UC Health, LLC Board of Directors

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following appointment of David A. Gerber, MD, to the UC Health, LLC Board.

**D. Non-Committee Items**

**25.08.26.15**      Approval of Amendment of the Head Baseball Coaches Contract

**Synopsis:**      It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Amendment of the Head Baseball Coaches Contract.