



WSU Board of Trustees

Board Meeting

Thursday, April 6, 2023, 8:00 am
Aircraft Structural Test and Evaluation Center (ASTECC),
1229 E. 85th St. N., Park City, KS 67147

In attendance were Pierre Harter, Laurie Labarca, Nancy McCarthy Snyder, Aaron Bastian, Tracee Adams, Junetta Everett, Kevin McWhorter, Dan Rouser, and Connie Dietz. Also in attendance were Andy Schlapp, Dr. Rick Muma, Troy Bruun, Werner Golling, and Susan Johnson.

Tour of ASTEC

Dr. Melinda Laubach-Hock, Director of Sustainment for NIAR, led the trustees on a tour of the facility. ASTEC is a secure site designed to accommodate proprietary defense, industry research and certification testing. The facility houses NIAR's Sustainment, Full-Scale Structural Test Lab, and Ballistics/Impact Dynamics Labs. It also features large-scale load frames for aircraft component testing, machining facilities, and workspace for NIAR's digital twin programs. The group learned that in its lifetime as a test facility, the lab has performed research and/or full-scale structural testing on aircraft such as the Learjet 85, MQ-9 Reaper, B-52, KC-135, F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, B1-B Lancer and UH-60 Black Hawk, to name a few. It was interesting to see the work they do and the applied learning opportunities they provide to WSU students.

Approval of Minutes

Adams motioned to approve the minutes from January 12, 2023. Harter seconded and the motion passed.

Finance & Audit Report

McCarthy Snyder asked Bruun to review the financial reports with the board. Bruun went through each report. McCarthy Snyder made a motion to receive the reports, Bastian seconded, the motion passed.

FY2024 MILL LEVY BUDGET REVIEW & APPROVAL

Bruun reviewed the budget with the board. Everett motioned to approve the FY2023 budget, McCarthy Snyder seconded and the motion passed.

DISCUSS BOT AWARD NOMINATION

Schlapp reviewed the nomination discussion from the July 2022 meeting when the group discussed having Tom Winters be nominated for the 2023 Board of Trustees Award. Dietz motioned to approve his nomination, Harter seconded and the motion passed. Dr. Muma will contact Tom Winters.

Wichita State University Update

Muma stated WSU enrollment is closely being monitored. Muma discussed some of the projects under way on campus:

- Phase one of the Cessna Stadium renovations will begin after the Kansas State High School Track and Field Championship May 26-27.
- Clinton Hall has been completely gutted and is ready for construction of the Shocker Success Center, to be completed May 2024.
- Marcus Welcome Center addition - Shocker Career Accelerator offices. The integration of admissions and career services is intended to send a clear message to students about the support they will receive for applied learning opportunities and career development, should be done May 2024.
- The National Institute for Aviation Research (NIAR) (HAMR) will break ground on its Technology and Innovation Building in fall 2023. The new 85,000-square-foot research facility will be located on the Innovation Campus, near existing research and partnership facilities to take advantage of available infrastructure. This facility's proximity to other research and instructional spaces and numerous industry partners builds on the proven success of previous programs and extends capacity for additional training and research for the region for small and smart manufacturing.
- Partnership Building 11 recently broke ground. The building is located by P3 and the Hyatt and is being built to house future partners interested in locating on campus and focusing on digital transformation, including a showcase conference room for tours of Innovation Campus.
- The new home of the National Institute for Research and Digital Transformation (NIRDT) at the corner of 18th Street and Oliver will be completed soon. The 37,000-square-foot building includes a collaboration hub, cyber/data analytics area, testing labs, eight research labs and data center. The group would like to tour this facility in July 2023.
- New restaurants and retail opening in Braeburn Square and a new apartment complex across the lake from Braeburn Square.
- Private development is taking place along 17th st which includes housing.

Schlapp gave a legislative update and talked about the importance of helping the legislators understand the importance of increasing need based aid for the underserved population to grow the amount of people attending college, and the unique education that Wichita State offers with applied learning opportunities which enhance economic development in our region.

Labarca adjourned the meeting at 10:28 am.

The board requested various guest speakers for next meeting to be held in NetApp with tour of NIRDT building. Johnson will work to schedule for July 20, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson
Assistant Secretary