

August 23, 2006

Members of the University Community

I am pleased, Dear Colleagues . . .

. . . to forward for your information a summary of actions approved by The University of Akron's Board of Trustees at its meeting on August 9, 2006.

### **Presentation to the Board**

Dr. Kim Calvo, professor of chemistry and chair of the Department of Chemistry, presented "The Power of Chemistry at UA."

### **Educational Policy/Student Affairs Committee**

#### 1. Tentative Graduation List and Statistics for Summer 2006

The Board approved candidates for a total of 1,052 degrees to be conferred during commencement ceremonies on August 26. The total includes 49 doctoral degrees, 351 master's degrees, and 652 bachelor's degrees.

#### 2. Research Grants and Sponsored Programs Report – July 2005-June 2006

For July 2005-June 2006, funding for externally funded research and other sponsored programs was \$30,675,899 — a new record — to support 407 projects. In the prior fiscal year, the amount was \$27,537,869 to support 451 projects. For the fiscal year that ended June 30, eight patents were awarded, 32 patent applications were filed, and 57 disclosures were submitted. For the 2005 fiscal year, 12 patents were issued, 42 patent applications were filed, and 56 disclosures were submitted.

### **External Affairs Committee**

#### 1. Cumulative Gift and Grant Income Report – July 2005-June 2006

For the fiscal year that ended June 30, total giving was \$25.2 million, the second-highest annual total in UA history, and 18 percent more than the \$21.3 million raised in July 2004-June 2005. For July 2005 to June 2006, 16,761 gifts were accepted, compared to 17,650 received during the same period last fiscal year.

### **Facilities Planning and Oversight Committee**

#### 1. Field House Office Renovation

Contracts for furniture, fixtures and equipment were awarded to APG Office Furniture for \$131,840 and to Warren Chaney Office Furniture for \$43,101. Both were low bidders. Together, the bids came in about 30 percent below budget.

#### 2. Polymer Processing Center

An \$825,000 contract for professional design services was awarded to Hasenstab Architects, one of three firms interviewed for the \$17.3 million project by a campus committee.

#### 3. Purchase of Property

Trustees approved the purchase of 442 Brown Street for \$60,000.

### **Finance, Fiscal Policy, and Investment Committee**

#### 1. Purchases of More Than \$150,000

Trustees approved the purchase of an electron paramagnetic resonance spectrometer for \$371,315 from Bruker BioSpin Corp., to be used by the Department of Chemistry. Though only one bid was received, the purchase proposal was reviewed thoroughly and approved by the Department of Chemistry, the Department of Purchasing and the Office of General Counsel.

#### 2. Personnel Actions (attached)

#### 3. LIBOR Swap

Trustees authorized the administration to move forward with a LIBOR swap arrangement, provided that certain conditions are met. In very general terms, the swap is similar to a refinancing plan that takes advantage of changes in interest rates.

## **New Business**

### 1. Appointment to NEOUCOM Board

Trustees approved the appointment of Dr. John A. Fink as The University of Akron's Community Representative Trustee on the Board of Trustees of the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. He replaced former Trustee Dr. Donald E. Demkee, who resigned the post. Fink's nine-year term on the University's Board of Trustees expired July 1. His NEOUCOM term runs until June 30, 2010.

### 2. Retention of Company to Perform Risk Assessment

Acting on a recommendation from the Board's Audit Committee, Trustees approved a resolution allowing the administration to enter into a contract with PricewaterhouseCoopers, a professional services firm, to perform a risk assessment.

### 3. Ratification of Employment Contract

Trustees approved a revised and amended employment contract with President Luis M. Proenza that reflects the Board's high satisfaction with the President's performance.

## **Notes**

### 1. President's Report

After welcoming new Trustees Howard Calhoun and Roland Bauer, I congratulated Trustee Dr. Chander Mohan, who once again has been named one of "America's Top Psychiatrists" by the Consumer Research Council of America. I also noted that the American Medical Association recently recognized Board Chair Dr. William Demas.

Because the Board meeting fell on the eve of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the University's first Ph.D. program, I encouraged Trustees to join us for the special events, including symposia on the emerging technologies in polymers, and on the role of globalization on science and technology policy. I congratulated Dean Frank Kelley and his colleagues for their work on this special celebration. Because of their achievements, the College of Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering continues to enjoy great prestige, a point acknowledged by *U.S. News and World Report* when it ranked the polymer-engineering program No. 2 in the nation.

I then reported on the inaugural summer forum of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges Commission on the Urban Agenda and the Urban Serving Universities Coalition, which I had the good fortune of attending along with the Provost and several other colleagues. Dr. Nancy Zimpher, president of the University of Cincinnati, and I chaired the event, held at *USA Today* headquarters in McLean, Va. With expectations of attendance at 30-40 people, we were delighted when 150 attendees gathered,

representing 50 universities. Twelve chancellors and presidents were on hand, as were about 20 provosts and many other senior officers. We also were joined by members of many significant foundations, including The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation and others.

The forum focused on three major issues:

- human capital - the talent needed to meet workforce demands in the 21st century;
- strengthening communities – enhancing the quality of life and economic vitality, particularly in the inner city where infrastructure needs revitalization; and
- public health – closing the health care delivery gap in our cities and meeting the needs of the health care professional who often responds to urgent matters with inadequate resources.

Turning our attention back to Akron, I discussed the New Landscape for Learning, the campus-enhancement program that has been recognized for its excellence with many awards. The program is also winning acclaim from prominent out-of-towners and Akron residents whom we are inviting for walking tours of campus. Originally, we invited business and civic leaders in Cleveland and Canton, but after receiving very favorable comments from them, we have expanded the program to those residing in other parts of the region. Quite simply, these visitors have been impressed, have left here with an increased positive regard for our University, and have been telling our story with a great sense of personal involvement. I thanked the staff of Vice President of Public Affairs and Development John LaGuardia, which helped host these gatherings and have given the guests an opportunity to see what they, too, can do with even a modest gift. I noted that many present Board members have made such gifts, as have prior members and other prominent supporters including Paul Martin.

I concluded my report by reminding the Board of summer commencement Aug. 26 and of the beginning of the fall semester two days later. We expect an exceptional crop of new freshmen students this fall. They are the best class that we have admitted, certainly in recent years. We are most impressed by the growing number of quality applicants to The University of Akron and, for that, I recognized the Student Affairs and Admissions staff, and our faculty. I asked Faculty Senate Chair Dr. Rudy Fenwick to convey to the Senate the administration's appreciation for the very hard work that our faculty have done to ensure that student success is our hallmark and that we set the standard for it in our region.

## 2. Swearing in of New Trustees

Howard Calhoun and Roland Bauer were sworn in. Calhoun, an attorney with Roderick Linton of Akron, will serve until July 1, 2007, to complete the unexpired term that previously had been filled by Richard Pogue. (Pogue, however, remains on the Board, having been appointed in June to a full nine-year term.) Calhoun earned a bachelor's degree and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University. Bauer, president and chief executive of The

Cypress Companies, will serve until July 1, 2009, completing the unexpired term of Diane C. Fisher, who resigned. Bauer earned a bachelor's degree from Wake Forest University and a Juris Doctor degree from The Ohio State University.

3. Next Regular Meeting

September 20, 2006, 10 a.m., Board Room, Student Union, Third Floor

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Luis Proenza

**Personnel Transactions Approved by the Board of Trustees  
August 9, 2006**

**Appointments**

**Raj Aggarwal**, dean, College of Business Administration, Frank C. Sullivan professor, International Business, 09/01/06; **Elizabeth Brinkmann**, director, marketing and promotions, Athletics, 06/19/06; **Robert Brownlow**, college lecturer, Music, 08/28/06; **James Brunelli**, assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics, 06/01/06; **Mark Brunty**, property accounting specialist, Office of the Controller, 05/30/06; **Betty Bryant**, administrative assistant, Office of the President, 07/17/06; **Jaime Emery**, office assistant, Admissions, 05/15/06; **Karen Fitzgerald**, instructor, Nursing, 08/28/06; **Ronald Gelleny**, assistant professor, Political Science, 08/28/06; **Ayten Genc**, visiting scholar, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, 07/10/06; **Jon Gerhardt**, design associate professor, Mechanical Engineering, 08/28/06; **Ja'Marcus Hampton**, assistant director, marketing and promotions, Athletics, 07/10/06; **Frank Harris**, distinguished professor, Polymer Science, distinguished professor, Biomedical Engineering, research associate, Institute of Polymer Science, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement, 08/28/06; **Hendrik Heinz**, assistant professor, Polymer Engineering, 08/28/06; **Dwayne Jones**, assistant professor, Criminal Justice Technology, 08/28/06; **Julie Jones**, head women's softball coach, Athletics, 07/14/06; **Timothy Mehlberg**, assistant professor, Hospitality Management, 08/28/06; **Ruth Ann Montz**, academic adviser II, Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, 07/17/06; **Del Rey Loven**, director, Myers School of Art, professor, Art, 07/01/06; **Marian Paluch**, visiting scientist, Institute of Polymer Science, 05/31/06; **Ellen Perduyn**, director of development, Development, 07/31/06; **Ebony Pegues**, assistant women's basketball coach, Athletics, 06/19/06; **Rolando J. Ramirez**, assistant professor, Biology, 08/28/06; **Pamela Rich**, coordinator, biology laboratory, Biology, 07/10/06; **Mary Shelton**, instructor, Social Work, 07/01/06; **Michael Shott**, professor, Archaeology, department chair, Classical Studies, Anthropology and Archaeology, 08/15/06; **Lou Skrzynski**, supply custodian, Military Science, 06/12/06; **James Steiger**, associate professor, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology, 08/28/06; **Richard Stephens**, professor emeritus, Sociology, senior research associate, Institute for Health and Social Policy, rehire in accordance with re-employment agreement, 08/28/06; **Joseph Wilder**, professor, Applied Mathematics, department chair, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, 07/10/06; **James Wilding**, college lecturer, Music, 08/28/06; **Corey Williamson**, coordinator, student union operations, Student Life, 06/05/06; and **Gang Zhao**, assistant professor, History, 08/28/06.

**Changes**

**Jim Anatra**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Carolyn Anderson**, professor, Communication, additional assignment of interim director, School of Communication, basis change from 9 to 12 months, 07/01/06; **Mark Auburn**, professor emeritus, English, title change from professor, 07/31/06; **Cynthia J. Banig**, administrative assistant, Classical Studies, transfer from English, 07/24/06; **Jeanette Berger**, departmental records specialist, New Student Orientation, reclassification via job audit and title change from secretary, 03/20/06; **Bill Bleil**, assistant head football coach, Athletics, title change from assistant football coach, 06/27/06; **Joann Boling**, patrol officer II,

University Police, title change from patrol officer, 06/06/06; **Lori Brinker**, assistant professor, Office Technology, coordinator, Office Administration Program, Business and Office Technology – Wayne College, title change from assistant professor, Business and Office Technology, 06/16/06; **Kim Calvo**, professor, Chemistry, additional assignment of department chair, 05/24/06; **Charles Campbell**, master building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from master building services worker, 04/03/06; **Curtis Clemons**, associate professor, Applied Mathematics, additional title of associate professor, Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, joint appointment, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics (primary) and Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, 08/28/06; **Clinton Cloyd**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Richard Draper**, director, Application Systems Services, member, General Faculty, promotion and title change from manager, Database Administration, 07/01/06; **Karen Echelberry**, administrative secretary, Parking Services, reclassification via job audit and title change from office support specialist, 11/14/05; **Reno Ferri**, assistant football coach, wide receivers coach, recruiting coordinator, Athletics, promotion and title change from coordinator, football operations, 06/26/06; **James Fleming**, assistant football coach, defensive coordinator, additional title of safeties coach, Athletics, 06/27/06; **Annabelle Foos**, associate dean, Arts and Sciences, professor, Geology, additional title of acting chair, Classical Studies, Anthropology and Archaeology, 06/01/06; **Richman Haire**, professor, Art, relinquish title of acting director, basis change from 12 to 9 months, 06/30/06; **Walter Hixson**, professor, History, Americanist coordinator, editor, Series on International, Political and Economic History, additional title of interim department chair, History, 07/01/06; **Becky Hoover**, human resources development coordinator, additional title of interim director, AA/EEO, 07/01/06; **David Hunt**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Dion Jenkins**, general maintenance worker, Residence Life and Housing, status change from part time to full time, 06/26/06; **Carolyn Jentner**, administrative assistant, Music, promotion and title change from grant project consultant, 06/12/06; **Judith Jerels**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Anne Jorgensen**, director, Undergraduate Programs and assistant to dean, Business Administration, job reclassification via job audit and title change from director, undergraduate programs, 01/01/06; **Melvin Keyes**, master building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **German Maldonado**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Elizabeth Mancke**, professor, History, promotion and title change from associate professor, 08/28/06; **Donald McGinnis**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Rachel Meredith**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Joe Moorhead**, assistant head football coach, additional title of offensive coordinator, quarterback coach, relinquish title of co-offensive coordinator, wide receivers coach, Athletics, 06/27/06; **Rodney Murph**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Lance Nelson**, college lecturer, Theoretical and Applied Mathematics, title change from visiting instructor, Mathematics, status change from temporary to regular, 08/28/06; **Paula Neugebauer**, administrative assistant senior, Public Affairs and Development, job reclassification via job audit and title change from administrative secretary, 05/01/06; **Ernian Pan**, associate professor, Civil Engineering, additional title of associate professor, Applied Mathematics, 08/28/06; **Victor Pinheiro**, associate professor, Physical and

Health Education, additional assignment of department chair, Sport Science and Wellness Education, 07/17/06; **Joseph M. Protopapa**, assistant director, cooperative education and internships, Center for Career Management, basis change from temporary to regular, 05/22/06; **Olga Pruett**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Donald Riley**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Jim Russell**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **John Smith**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Catherine Ware**, accounting clerk II, Office of the Controller, promotion and title change from office assistant, 05/15/06; **Evonn Welton**, assistant dean, Student Affairs, professor, Education, promotion and title change from interim department chair, Curricular and Instructional Studies, basis change from 9 to 12 months, 07/01/06; **Darren Wheeler**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06; **Jessica White**, manager, strategic initiatives for finance and administration, status change from temporary to regular, 07/01/06; **N. Margaret Wineman**, professor, Nursing, additional assignment of interim dean, 07/01/06; and **John Withrow**, building services worker, certified, Physical Facilities, title change from building services worker, 04/03/06.

### Separations

**T. Leigh Anenson**, assistant professor, business law, Finance, 05/12/06; **Mark Auburn**, professor, English, professor, Dance, Theatre and Arts Administration, 07/31/06; **Ashley Buckland**, manager, marketing and special projects, Student Recreation and Wellness Services, 07/31/06; **Ricardo Campos-Ramos**, research associate, Chemistry, 05/11/06; **Tae Joon Cho**, visiting scientist, Institute of Polymer Science, 05/31/06; **Scott Crawford**, interim coordinator, student union operations, Student Life, 06/02/06; **Donald Darr**, head golf coach, Athletics, 06/30/06; **Ronald Eby**, research professor, Institute of Polymer Science, deceased, 06/27/06; **Anthony Ephirim-Donkor**, instructor, History, 07/23/06; **John Frola**, associate professor, Biology, 06/30/06; **Lathardus Goggins II**, assistant director, Multicultural Programs, 07/21/06; **Rachel Hammel**, coordinator, projects, Institute for Health and Social Policy, 08/11/06; **Shaun Harkness**, coordinator, Residence Life, 06/30/06; **Waide Harris**, graphic design technician, Art, 06/09/06; **Cynthia Harrison**, business intelligence tool trainer, Hardware and Operating Systems Services, 06/30/06; **David Hitchens**, academic adviser, Academic Achievement Programs, 08/01/06; **Missie G. Houze**, enrollment services associate, Registrar, 07/12/06; **Chang Do Jung**, postdoctoral research associate, Polymer Engineering, 05/14/06; **Lynne Langley**, senior enrollment services associate, Registrar, 05/30/06; **Scott Meng**, postdoctoral research associate, Polymer Engineering, 04/15/06; **Mary E. Messner**, employee training and development specialist, Human Resources, 07/12/06; **Connie Murray**, assistant to the associate provost, systems, University College Dean's Office, 07/21/06; **Phyllis Parker**, assistant university registrar, 08/01/06; **Stephen Paschen**, subject librarian, University Libraries, 07/14/06; **Robert Pavlas**, athletics video operations technician, Athletics, 07/10/06; **James Pry**, assistant football coach, Athletics, 06/09/06; **Yu Qiao**, assistant professor, Civil Engineering, 07/31/06; **Cara Ramsey**, manager, athletics licensing and promotions, Athletics, 06/30/06; **Jodi Ross**, project director, Institute for Health and Social Policy, 06/26/06; **Barbara Smith**, administrative secretary, Chemistry, 09/30/06; **Melissa Smith**, department budget/fiscal administrator senior, Institute for Health and Social Policy, 06/16/06; **Kristine Still**, visiting



assistant professor, Curricular and Instructional Studies, 08/28/06; **Melissa Ulrich**, assistant professor, Paralegal Studies, 05/12/06; **Randall White**, adjunct professor, Military Science, 07/21/06; **Amy Wilkens**, assistant director, Student Financial Aid and Student Employment, 06/16/06; and **Timothy Wilkinson**, associate professor, Marketing and International Business, interim associate director, Institute for Global Business, 07/25/06.