

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes  
September 13, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Chairperson Watson called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. noting the meeting was in compliance with RC § 121.22(F).

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Mr. Watson, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Evans

Member Absent: Mr. Furbee

Others in Attendance: President Bauer, Mr. Braun, Mr. Williams, Dr. Thiel, Dr. Boyles, Mr. McPhillips, Mr. Shaffer, Ms. Otworth

**Resolution E07-19, Nomination of George White, M.D., for Founder's Medal**

President Bauer presented Resolution E07-19, nominating George White as a recipient of the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., Founder's Medal.

Mr. Edwards moved and Mr. Evans seconded a motion to approve Resolution E07-19, nominating George White as a recipient of the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., Founder's Medal.

Without discussion, the Committee unanimously approved Resolution E07-19.

**Resolution E08-19, Nomination of David Todt, Ph.D., for Founder's Medal**

President Bauer presented Resolution E08-19, nominating David Todt as a recipient of the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., Founder's Medal.

Mr. Evans moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to approve Resolution E08-19, nominating David Todt as a recipient of the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., Founder's Medal.

Without discussion, the Committee unanimously approved Resolution E08-19.

**Resolution E09-19, Revision to the 2019-2020 Schedule of Meetings for the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees and Committees**

President Bauer presented Resolution E09-19, Revision to the 2019-2020 Schedule of Meetings for the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees and Committees.

Mr. Evans moved and Mr. Edwards seconded a motion to approve Resolution E09-19, revising the 2019-2020 Schedule of Meetings for the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees and Committees.

Without discussion, the Committee unanimously approved Resolution E09-19.

**New Business**

Mr. Edwards moved to approve and Mr. Evans seconded the minutes of the June 14, 2019 Executive Committee meeting.

Without discussion, the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

**Adjournment**

The Executive Committee was adjourned by acclamation at 8:47 a.m.

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Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees

**RESOLUTION E07-19**

**AWARD OF THE FOUNDER'S MEDAL TO DR. GEORGE WHITE**

WHEREAS, Shawnee State University's history includes individuals who have provided extraordinary service or contributions that have led to the development and advancement of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. George White served on the very first Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. White has made countless contributions to the University through his leadership and sponsorship of activities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. White's contributions to Shawnee State have extended over 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. White continues to contribute his leadership to Shawnee State by serving on its current Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees are grateful for the lasting contributions Dr. White has made to Shawnee State University; and

WHEREAS, a founder's medal bearing the name of Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., is an appropriate award for those individuals who have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary service or contribution to the University;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University confer the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., Founder's Medal to Dr. George White.

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## **SSU Founder's Award**

### **Dr. George White**

**Dr. George White is a life-long leader in both medicine and education — and he's a Shawnee State University Founder.**

As a member of the Board of Trustees of the Shawnee State Community College in 1984, Dr. White made the motion for Shawnee State to become a four-year University. He then led us through that transition. He was the last chairperson of the Shawnee State Community College Board and was elected the FIRST chairperson of the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees.

He continues to lead us today – serving a 9-year appointment from Governor John Kasich to the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees. He is also the Board appointed liaison to the SSU Development Foundation Board.

In addition to providing leadership, Dr. White, along with his wife Sandy, have helped to advance education in our region through their support of academic programs and student services. Life-long students themselves, they have helped to make college possible for students in the region through their support of scholarships, including the Dr. George and Sandy White Veterans Scholarship Endowment established to help veterans, their immediate family members, and descendants of Vietnam War-era veterans receive a college education.

Among their contributions, the Whites have helped to advance Shawnee State's digital simulation and gaming technologies programs, digital history preservation project, student research that is showcased every year during the Celebration of Scholarship, and the Appalachian Studies Conference.

Dr. White recently became a Hall of Fame member of the Bear Club after getting to know a classmate in a course he took on campus. She was a member of the Volleyball team and shared her experiences as a student-athlete at Shawnee State.

That's the type of involvement, interest, and unwavering support you can expect from a founder like Dr. White. What he has done for students, Shawnee State, and this community, can't be quantified. On behalf of the 16,000 alumni who now hold Shawnee State University degrees, we thank him for making that motion more than 30 years ago — and for everything he has done for Shawnee State since.

## **RESOLUTION E08-19**

### **AWARD OF THE FOUNDER'S MEDAL TO DR. DAVID TODT**

WHEREAS, Shawnee State University's history includes individuals who have provided extraordinary service or contributions that have led to the development and advancement of the institution; and

WHEREAS, Dr. David Todt has served Shawnee State University and its predecessor for over 40 years and provided exemplary leadership in a number of faculty and administrative roles; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Todt has been a critical and unwavering positive force in the academic and administrative development of Shawnee State; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees are grateful for the lasting contributions Dr. Todt has made to Shawnee State University; and

WHEREAS, a founder's medal bearing the name of Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., is an appropriate award for those individuals who have distinguished themselves through their extraordinary service or contribution to the University;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University confer the Vernal G. Riffe, Jr., Founder's Medal to Dr. David Todt.

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## **SSU Founder's Award**

### **Dr. Dave Todt**

**Dr. Dave Todt was a part of Shawnee State University before there WAS a Shawnee State University.**

Dr. Todt was hired as Divisional Coordinator of Math/Science and adjunct professor at Shawnee State Community College in 1978. During our community college days, he helped advance academic programs that benefit students and our community, including a summer enrichment program for area youth.

As an Assistant Professor in 1986 when Shawnee State Community College became a 4-year public university, Dr. Todt played an instrumental part in establishing academic programs and departments that continue to meet the highest standards of excellence in the region — and nation.

In 1989, he became the Chair of the Math & Science Department. I'd like to think that he knew at the time that Shawnee State would grow to the point where Math and Science would represent two separate departments that offer on-ground and online programs that include associate's, bachelor's, and master's degrees. The programs he started have since launched thousands of careers.

Over the years, Dr. Todt held many leadership positions that shaped who we are today. These include Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Chair of the Department of Teacher Education, Interim Director of the Graduate Center, and Associate Provost and Director of Institutional Planning.

In 2008, he agreed to serve as Interim Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs — a role that became permanent in 2011. Four years ago, Dr. Todt left the provost role and returned to his roots as a faculty member in the Department of Natural Science. This summer, after 41 years with Shawnee State University, he retired.

We can't thank him enough for the contributions he has made in advancing academics at Shawnee State University.

**RESOLUTION E09-19**

**REVISION TO THE 2019-2020 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS  
SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
AND COMMITTEES**

WHEREAS, the Shawnee State University meets as a public body under Ohio law, with meetings publicized and open to those who wish to attend; and

WHEREAS, a 2019-2020 Shawnee State University Board of Trustees meeting schedule was approved on June 14, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the committee structure has been updated since that time, necessitating an adjustment in the meeting time of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University approves the revision to the 2019-2020 schedule of meetings for the Board and its committees.

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## 2019-2020 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Finance and Administration Committee	Academic and Student Affairs Committee	Board of Trustees Meeting
Friday, September 13, 2019	9:00 a.m. University Center 214	11:00 a.m. University Center 215	1:15 p.m. University Center 215
Friday, November 8, 2019	9:00 a.m. University Center 214	11:00 a.m. University Center 215	1:15 p.m. University Center 215
Friday, January 10, 2020	9:00 a.m. University Center 214	11:00 a.m. University Center 215	1:15 p.m. University Center 215
Friday, March 13, 2020	9:00 a.m. University Center 214	11:00 a.m. University Center 215	1:15 p.m. University Center 215
Friday, May 8, 2020	9:00 a.m. University Center 214	11:00 a.m. University Center 215	1:15 p.m. University Center 215
Friday, June 26, 2020	2:00 p.m. University Center 214	3:30 p.m. University Center 215	4:30 p.m. University Center 215

Commencement Dates			
Saturday, December 14, 2019	12:00 p.m.	Vern Riffe Center for the Arts	
Saturday, May 2, 2020	10:00 a.m.	Alumni Green	

Board Retreat	
Saturday, June 27, 2020	Time and location to be determined