



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TRUSTEESHIP COMMITTEE
Sudershan K. Garg, Chair
John R. Jakubek, Vice Chair
All Trustees are Members**

**Tuesday, September 10, 2013
4:00 p.m. or immediately following
previous meeting**

**Tod Hall
Board Meeting Room**

AGENDA

A. Disposition of Minutes for Meeting Held June 4, 2013

B. Old Business

C. Committee Item

1. Trusteeship

a. Trusteeship Discussion Items

1) Youngstown State University Research Foundation

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2) Board of Trustees Retreat

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D. New Business

E. Adjournment

AGENDA ITEM: C.1.a.1

AGENDA TOPIC: Youngstown State University Research Foundation

STAFF CONTACT(S): Dr. Chester R. Cooper, President, YSURF

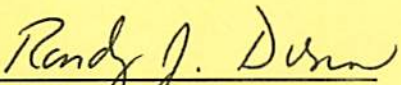
BACKGROUND: The Youngstown State University Research Foundation (YSURF) was established as a non-profit corporation, in accordance with ORC §1702, and is an exempt organization under IRS Section 501(c)(3). YSURF operates for public, charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, particularly those that are of benefit to YSU. YSURF serves as the conduit by which industrial entities can readily engage with the University in projects of mutual interest.

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS:

- According to the YSURF Code of Regulations, YSU's new president, Dr. Randy Dunn, will automatically become a YSURF Board member.
- Two remaining vacancies are to be filled upon consultation with the YSU Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION: N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

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Randy J. Dunn, President

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Youngstown State University RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Call for University Directors

The Youngstown State University Research Foundation (YSURF) was established as a non-profit corporation, in accordance with ORC §1702, and is an exempt organization under IRS Section 501(c)(3). YSURF operates for public, charitable, educational, and scientific purposes, particularly those that are of benefit to YSU. Moreover, YSURF serves as the conduit by which industrial entities can readily engage with the University in projects of mutual interest. In this regard, former YSU President Dr. Cynthia Anderson and YSURF President Dr. Chet Cooper signed an agreement that, among other permissions, authorized YSURF to administer a program of evaluation and marketing of University work products to persons, firms and corporations, including the rights to manufacture, use and sell such University work products.

A president (Dr. Cooper), secretary, and treasurer manage YSURF activities. Until recently, Dr. Peter Kasvinsky (former Associate Provost and Dean of the School of Graduate Studies at YSU) and Mr. Pat Gaughan respectively served in the latter two positions. Mr. Gaughan, a faculty member in YSU's Williamson College of Business Administration, also served as YSURF's internal legal consultant.

A Board of Directors oversees YSURF. As required by law, a majority of the Board's members are Elected Directors, i.e., those individuals not in an official capacity with YSU as an employee, officer, or trustee. The current Elected Directors include Dr. George Newkome (Vice President for Research and Dean of the Graduate School, University of Akron), Mr. Reid Schmutz (former President, Youngstown State University Foundation), Mr. James Dascenzo (Principal at Hill, Barth & King LLC), and Mr. Donald Cagigas (Director, First Place Bank). A minority of the Board is comprised of University Directors (those persons having an official capacity with YSU). The YSU Board of Trustees selects the latter group. The initial group of University Directors included Dr. Cynthia Anderson (formerly President, YSU), Mr. Scott Schulick (Vice President/Investments, Stifel Financial Corp.), and Dr. Kasvinsky.

YSURF currently has three vacancies for University Directors among its Board of Directors. These were created upon the resignation of Mr. Schulick, as well as the retirements of Dr. Kasvinsky and Dr. Anderson. In accord with the YSURF Code of Regulations, YSU's new president, Dr. Randy Dunn, will automatically become a YSURF Board member. However, the remaining two vacancies are to be filled upon consultation with the YSU Board of Trustees.

Discussions with the remaining YSURF Board of Directors suggested that the new Board members have particular skill sets. Preferably, one of the new Board members should have knowledge of research and development processes, particularly in the STEM areas. Ideally, such an individual would have the authority to enter into contractual agreements on behalf of YSU so as to facilitate collaborative projects with YSURF and outside parties in a timely manner. YSURF would also benefit with the second potential Board member having business and/or legal acumen. The latter ability would be very beneficial as YSURF continues to develop its policies and procedures while engaging the business and industrial communities. If this person were also a YSU Trustee, a potentially strategic bridge between both Boards would be established.

The time commitment of YSURF Board members is generally limited to the preparation for and participation in 2-4 meetings per year (typically less than 2 hours each). Informational materials are provided prior to meetings. Regular communications from the YSURF president can be expected.

Questions should be directed to Dr. Chet Cooper at 330.941.1361 (office), 330.518.3977 (cell phone), or by email at crcooper01@ysu.edu.

AGENDA ITEM: C.1.a.2

AGENDA TOPIC: Board of Trustees' Retreat

CONTACT: Dr. Sudershan Garg, Chairperson, YSU Board of Trustees

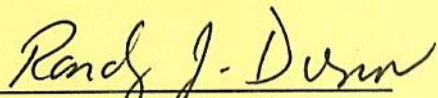
BACKGROUND: The Board of Trustees typically gather once a year to discuss matters pertaining to Youngstown State University. These discussion items are mutually agreed upon by the YSU Administration and the Board of Trustee members.

SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS: Items to be discussed and decided upon:

- Dates for the retreat
- Length of retreat
- Possible agenda items

RESOLUTION: N/A – DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY

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