

## Spring 2016 Meeting Summary

The Board of Trustees held its spring meeting from May 18-20 on the Lawrence University campus in Appleton, WI. Ahead of the meeting, the Board was provided with materials to prepare for conversations on campus. Included in the materials were administrative reports from the president's cabinet and the observers representing the Faculty Governance Committee, the Lawrence University Community Council (LUCC) and Lawrence University Alumni Association (LUAA).

The meeting began with a reception and dinner with students on Wednesday, May 18. The topic of the discussion was student leadership at Lawrence and the role of the Lawrence University Community Council in shared governance. Conversation centered on the role of student government and how to articulate that to peers as well as the challenges and rewarding aspects of student leadership on campus. In attendance were LUCC class representatives, committee chairs and the executive board, trustees, members of the president's cabinet, and observers.

During the meeting, reports were delivered from the President and the Chair of the Board, and the Board discussed institutional priorities for the coming academic year, was updated on personnel searches underway, considered the pace of change at the university and continued the conversation on campus climate. The group also discussed aspects of planning, which is already underway, for Lawrence's next capital campaign. These discussions included all trustees present, the president's cabinet and Board observers.

The spring meeting of the Board is considered the annual meeting, when new trustees, recent graduate trustees and officers are elected, term trustees are renewed, non-trustee committee members are appointed and board operational documents requiring amendments are updated. The Board also celebrates retiring trustees (those who have reached their term limits or are leaving the board for other reasons) for their service to Lawrence. This year, John Ellerman and David Knapp reached term limits and will leave the Board effective June 30, 2016.

In the course of the meeting, the Board:

- Approved the promotion of Karen Leigh-Post to the rank of Professor
- Elected three new Term Trustees: William Hochkammer '66, John Huber '84 and Cory Nettles '92
- Elected a new Recent Graduate Trustee: Tamika Franklin '05
- Elected Board officers: Susan K. Kane '72, chair; David C. Blowers '82, vice chair, Dale R. Schuh '70, secretary
- Approved the Fiscal Year 2017 budget
- Approved the charge for a new Advisory Committee on Public Affairs

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for October 26-28, 2016 on the Lawrence University campus in Appleton, WI.