Winter 2021 Meeting Summary

Due to the necessity to hold meetings virtually per our campus pandemic protocol, the Board of Trustees held its winter meeting February 16-19, 2021 via Zoom conferencing. Ahead of the meeting, the Board was provided with materials to prepare for conversations and decisions. Included in the materials were updates from the functional areas of the institution, including the Faculty Committee on University Governance (FCUG).

The Board began with the General Session where they discussed the upcoming curricular and co-curricular strategic initiatives to be implemented. After which, the Enrollment Committee, Development Committee, Buildings and Grounds SubCommittee, Finance Committee, and Academic and Student Affairs Committee held their meetings, concluding with the Formal Board meeting. Much of each committee and subcommittee meeting was discussing our ongoing response to the COVID-19 coronavirus global pandemic and updates on different initiatives. Specifically, the Board thanked all involved with the Be The Light! Capital Campaign that concluded December 31, 2020 eclipsing our target with the total of $232.6 million. Also, information was shared that Lawrence University had surpassed the $400 million mark in our endowment. The reports were delivered from the President, the Chair of the Board, and respective committee and campus leadership. Trustees and the campus leadership discussed the ever-changing climate and our mechanisms to lead and respond, and our institutional decision-making strategy.

In the course of the February meetings, the Board:

- Approved the granting of an honorary degree to Dr. John Raymond during Commencement 2021.
- Approved the granting of tenure to Ingrid Albrecht, Assistant Professor (Philosophy).
- Approved the granting of tenure to Matthew Arau, Assistant Professor (Music Education), Associate Director of Bands.
- Approved the granting of tenure to Chloe Armstrong, Assistant Professor (Philosophy).
- Approved the granting of tenure to Stephanie Burdick-Shepherd, Assistant Professor (Education).
- Approved the granting of tenure to Horacio Contreras, Assistant Professor (Music).
- Approved the granting of tenure to John Holiday, Associate Professor (Music).
- Approved the granting of tenure to Danielle Joyner, Assistant Professor (History).
- Approved the granting of tenure to Victoria Kononova, Assistant Professor (Russian).
- Approved the granting of tenure to Nora Lewis, Associate Professor (Music).
- Approved the granting of tenure to Brigid Vance, Assistant Professor (History).

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for May 11-14, 2021 virtually via Zoom conferencing.