

**WSU Tech Board of Trustees
Board Minutes
October 17, 2024**

	<p>WSU Tech Board of Trustees met face-to-face at 3:04 PM., on October 17, 2024. The meeting was held at NCAT with a virtual option.</p> <p>Present: Pete Meitzner, Bryan Frye, Derek Penn, Lily Wu, Meredith Olson, Matt Hesse Alicia Thompson, Greg Stroud</p> <p>Virtual: Nici Duncan</p> <p>Absent: Maggie Topping, Khalilah Iraheta, Doug Stark, Andrew Nichols and Hans Kabat</p>
Public Communications	All proper notifications have been sent out and we have no speakers signed up to speak under Public Communications
Employee Recognition	<p>Jeremy King received the NCATC Innovation Award. He was nominated by National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3). Jeremy was a student at WATC and was hired as a design technology instructor. He became a Master Instructor for the National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3). The results of Jeremy's work are evident in these impressive numbers: he has certified 1,415 instructors who have gone on to certify over 100,000 students with more than 250,000 certifications at nearly 900 institutions nationwide. His influence reaches well beyond the classroom, positively impacting hundreds of thousands of lives, strengthening his community's economy, and shaping the next generation of America's workforce.</p>
Make A Difference Student Award – Justin Pfeifer	<p>Michael Hernandez, Chair of the President's Student Advisory Council, was awarded for his contributions, including organizing outreach events and advocating for motorcycle parking. One of the outreach events he worked on was Beauty and Beast. Michael met with Justin Pfeifer. There are 7 students on PAC. They bring up student issues and ways to improve WSU Tech.</p>
Consent agenda	<p>a. BOT Meeting Minutes Recommendation action: Approval of the WSU Tech Meeting Minutes on August 15, 2024 were provided to the Board electronically.</p> <p>The Board minutes were considered and discussed and thereupon on the motion of Board member Bryan Frye seconded by Greg Stroud, the August Board minutes were approved.</p> <p>Motion carried: 9-0 with Maggie Topping, Khalilah Iraheta, Doug Stark, Andrew Nichols and Hans Kabat</p> <p>b. <u>Board review & ratification of employment offers -</u></p> <p>Darius McDowel, Community Navigator <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Master's in Innovation Design, Wichita State University</p> <p>Benjamin Folks, Security Officer <u>Education/Credentials:</u> Certified Law Enforcement Officer, Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center AAS in Fire Science, Butler Community College 5 years Law Enforcement Experience</p> <p>Cassie Addington, EdTech Specialist <u>Education/Credentials:</u> BS in Elementary Education, Wichita State University 11 years Teaching Experience</p> <p>Brianna Sproul, Faculty, Culinary Arts</p>

Education/Credentials:

Culinary Classes , Butler County Community College
13 years Restaurant Experience

Natasha Smith, Faculty, Surgical Tech

Education/Credentials:

COC in Surgical Technology, WSU Tech
AA in General Studies, Butler County Community College
16 years Surgical Technologist Experience

Angela Aaron, Healthcare Specialist

Education/Credentials:

17 years Financial Aid Advisor Experience

Jerlyn Peak, Faculty, Biology/Health

Education/Credentials:

MS in Sport Management, The university of Tulsa
BS in Biology, Fort Hays State University
24 years Teaching Experience

Andrew Carr, Faculty, Industrial Automation and Machine Maintenance

Education/Credentials:

BS in Information Technology, University of Phoenix
AAS in Electronic Engineering Technology, Hutchinson Community College
20 years in Industrial Automation Roles

Jonathan Gallegos, Data Analyst

Education/Credentials:

BS in Math/Statistics, Wichita State University
MS in Mathematical Data Science, Graduating Dec. 2025

Rodney Biechler, Security Officer

Education/Credentials:

AAS in Criminal Justice Investigations & Management – Pikes Peak Community College
32 years Law Enforcement Experience

Alyssa Dehncke-White, Instructional Technologist

Education/Credentials:

MA in English, Wichita State University
10 years Higher Education Administration

Aamer "Adam" Shah, Faculty, Information Technologies

Education/Credentials:

BS in Computer Information Systems, Friends University
BS in Business Management, University of Phoenix
22 years IT Experience

Benjamin Sullinger, Student Success Coach

Education/Credentials:

BS in Biology, University of Nebraska

Joel Eck , Faculty, UAS

Education/Credentials:

BS in UAS Flight & Operation, Kansas State University

Monica Rashid, Admissions Counselor

Education/Credentials:

AAS in Criminal Justice, Butler County Community College
2 years Administrative Experience

Stella Canfield, IT Professional Learning Coordinator

Education/Credentials:

AAS in Business/Accounting, Butler County Community College
5 years Administrative Experience

	<p>Austin Gillen, Grants Specialist <u>Education/Credentials:</u> BA in Government & International Politics, University of Notre Dame</p> <p>Anahi Perez, Receptionist <u>Education/Credentials:</u> AA in Liberal Arts & Sciences, Wichita State University 7 years Customer Service Experience</p> <p>The ratification of employment offers was considered and discussed and upon the motion of Board member Matt Hesse seconded by Meredith Olson, the employment offers were approved. Motion carried: 9-0 with Maggie Topping, Khalilah Iraheta, Doug Stark, Andrew Nichols and Hans Kabat noted absent</p>
WSU update	<p>University update – Dr. Rick Muma KBOR visited the University for their regular session, and Sheree participated in the visit. They discussed WSU Tech and WSU extensively, expressing excitement about all the accomplishments happening at both institutions. KBOR is thrilled with the progress we're making here. KBOR toured NCAT followed by a working lunch. Dinner was held at WSU, Club 95 with catering by NICHE. Students were responsible for both the preparation and service of the meal. Thank you WSUTech</p>
Reports of Officers	<p>Vice President of Finance & Administration – Marlo Dolezal September Financial Review Reviewed and discussed sources of funds There was a small reduction in Excel/CTE – We did not get fully funded due to the state putting a cap on Excel/CTE PSA was fully funded The college will be receiving Title III Grant Finance committee met on Tuesday and reviewed the Financials in detail Motion to approve the Financials was considered and discussed and thereupon the motion of Board member Matt Hesse seconded by Greg Stroud the financials were approved. Motion carried: 9-0 with Maggie Topping, Khalilah Iraheta, Doug Stark, Andrew Nichols and Hans Kabat</p> <p>FY24 Audit – Teresa Seymour Reviewed the audit and management letter WSUTech received a clean audit Greg Stroud, Chair of Finance Committee, met with the Auditors. They mentioned WSUTech is very transparent, great team and always an easy audit. Motion to approve the audit was considered and discussed and thereupon the motion of Board member Greg Stroud seconded by Matt Hesse the Audit was approved. Motion carried: 9-0 with Maggie Topping, Khalilah Iraheta, Doug Stark, Andrew Nichols and Hans Kabat noted absent</p> <p>Vice President, Instructional & Academic Support – Trish Schmidt Program Revisions – Jim Hall/Jessi Lane We need Board approval to send to KBOR Industrial Automation & Machine Maintenance - Realignment/Title Change Avionics Program revision -created new classrooms Mobile Equipment Technology – -Electric power generation Track -Started in August</p>

	<p>-Think Big Climate & Energy Control -Building Automation -Adding Building Pathway</p> <p>Motion to approve the revised program revisions were considered and discussed and thereupon the motion of Board member Lily Wu seconded by Alicia Thompson the programs as presented were approved.</p> <p>Motion carried: 9-0 with Maggie Topping, Khalilah Iraheta, Doug Stark, Andrew Nichols and Hans Kabat noted absent</p> <p>Vice President of Student Success – Dr. Justin Pfeifer Fall 2024 Census – Laura Fowler Overall total headcount is 8% Overall total credit hours are up 14% Largest Enrollment in History. Student headcount is 6,106 and 55,163 credit hours. All programs are up Significant headcount growth across key WSU Tech Programs Welding up 33.1% Professional Pilot up 129.6% Culinary up 40.8% Aviation Maintenance up 10.3% Climate and Energy Control up 13.6% New programs at WSU Tech have made an immediate impact Para Educator there are 29 students enrolled Mobile Equipment there are 23 students enrolled WSU Tech has seen significant growth in the use of the Kansas Promise Scholarship. In the first three months of the 2024-2025 school year, 464 students were awarded over \$2.2M in scholarship funds. This reflects a 17% increase in students utilizing the scholarship compared to last fall. WSU Tech's FutureReady Centers have driven significant growth in high school enrollment. 423 Wichita Public Schools students are enrolled as FRC students Manufacturing center there are 158 students enrolled and Healthcare center there are 265 students enrolled.</p>
President's Report	<p>Shock Starter – Krissy Buck A marketing-based applied learning lab that fulfills the marketing needs of non-profits and small businesses Prepares students for industry work by developing professional skills Assists students in building their professional portfolio and personal brand. Facilitate job acquisitions post-college Services they provide are Graphic Design, Social Media, Photo & Video, Web Design, Copywriting, SEO and Email Marketing Shock Starter has an Advisory Board</p> <p>Student Mentoring updates – Pam Layman/Linda Session Presented at Faculty in-service on August 9, 2024 Attended by approximately 25 faculty. Very well received Cross-College collaborative group focused on establishing a shared mentoring philosophy across all mentoring initiatives at WSUTech We will start meeting during the second half of the fall semester...after the UNM Mentoring institute. Some WSU Tech committee members will be attending the 17th Annual Mentoring Conference at the UNM</p>

The conference will be a great opportunity to hear what other institutions are doing with mentoring and bring those ideas back to WSUTech
 Mentor Recruitment will start later this fall semester
 A Mentoring interest survey will be sent out to faculty and staff
 Student
 Student Test Group for Pre-Healthcare
 Identify potential students later this fall and move into spring semester
 Communications to students
 Match with mentor early spring semester

Projects & Planning Highlights – Johnna Hart
 Reviewed the timeline of all large-scale campus projects
 Showed the live view of Wichita Biomedical Campus
 NCAT Expansion Project update
 Two projects – One innovative expansion

1. Taxiway & Apron – Wichita Airport Authority Project Oversight
2. Training Center & Hangar – WSU Tech Project Oversight

 Apron bid at 376ft long x 123ft wide
 Favorable bidding allowed for airfield pavement expansion
 Redesign adds 180ft in length + N-Swell + Channel Overhaul
 Grant extension approved through December 2025
 Training Center & Hangar
 Over 85,000 square feet
 Two levels – 65,000SF Training Center and 20,000SF Hangar
 Emerging Aviation Microhub will have Professional Pilot, Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Advanced Air Mobility, General AMT Academy
 Advanced Manufacturing & Automation Microhub
 Ideation & Innovation Microhub

Campaign update – Courtney Sendall
 Accelerate, Innovate, Aviate
 Accelerating pathways to success, fostering innovative workforce solutions, and empowering future leaders in the Air Capital of the World
 WSU Tech Foundation partnered with Kinetic
 \$8M Campaign to help target expansion
 Budget Breakdown
 Construction \$7M
 Scholarship & Program Support \$750K
 Foundation Support \$250K
 Total amount \$8M

Goals & Benchmarks
 By Dec. 2024 - \$1M raised
 By June 2025 - \$2M raised
 By Dec. 2025 - \$4M Raised
 By June 2026 - \$6M Raised
 By Dec. 2026 - \$7M Raised
 By June 2027 - \$8M Raised

Long-term goal for the Foundation is to become self-supporting
 Reviewed the campaign cabinet members
 The first meeting was last week
 This is the first capital campaign WSUTech has ever done
 Naming rights for new expansion building

Mike Rowe visited WSU Tech last week. He interviewed Derek Penn and Meredith Olson. They are creating a documentary which will be available sometime after the first of the year. Mike Rowe invited Meredith and Sheree to be on his podcast next spring.

	<p>Sheree expressed her immense pride in all the dedicated individuals who make WSUTech the remarkable institution it is today. Your hard work, commitment, and passion are truly appreciated and do not go unnoticed.</p> <p>The Scholarship luncheon was yesterday. There were 180 attendees. The Foundation gave 110 students scholarships. The board watched the scholarship video.</p>
Executive Session	<p>Motion for Executive Session – 4:15 PM (Pete Meitzner/Matt Hesse)</p> <p>I move that we recess into Executive Session to discuss property. The session is expected to last approximately 20 minutes and will return to open session in this room at 4:35 PM</p>
Reconvened	<p>The meeting was reconvened into an open session at approximately 4:35 PM.</p> <p>No formal action was taken in executive session</p>
Adjournment	<p>At approximately 4:35 p.m., the meeting adjourned</p>

Approved:

Signature

Dated