

MINUTES OF THE FORMAL SESSION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF MICHIGAN TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY held pursuant to due call in Ballroom B of the Memorial Union Building on the campus of Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, Michigan at nine o'clock on the morning of February 21, 2025.

The Board of Trustees of Michigan Technological University met in formal session at the University's campus at Michigan Technological University in the City of Houghton, State of Michigan, at 9:00 a.m., on the 21st day of February, in Ballroom B of the Memorial Union Building. The place, hour, and date are duly established and duly published for the holding of such a meeting.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair, J.E. Jipping, and a quorum was declared present.

## **II. ROLL CALL**

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present:

A.R. Dickson  
J.U. Bacon (remote)  
J.E. Jipping, Chair  
J. C. Littmann  
S. M. Tomaszewski  
M.Q. Wells  
S.D. Wayne  
R. J. Koubek, ex officio

Not present was M.D. Johnson, Board member

The following officers were present:

S.H. Schulte, Secretary  
N.W. Stevens, Treasurer

Also present during part or all the session were: Andrew Barnard, Laura Bulleit, Wayne Gersie, John Lehman, William Kordenbrock, Josh Olson, William Roberts, Suzanne Sanregret, Andrew Storer, and various members of the faculty, administrative staff, student body, press, and public. Where item numbers are used, they refer to corresponding item numbers in the agenda, in the hands of the Board members.

## **III. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

It was moved by S. Tomaszewski supported by J. Littmann, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the agenda of the formal session of February 21, 2025, as distributed to the Board of Trustees, be approved.

#### **IV. OPENING REMARKS**

##### **A. Chair's Comments**

Good morning, everyone, and welcome to our February formal session of the Board of Trustees. As I was driving up, I was thinking another typical Board meeting in the middle of February, we received a normal winter of snow but today is not just another February and today is not just another formal session. Today is different. Today, we hold our first Board session as an R1 institution – a truly momentous achievement for Michigan Technological University. Our elevation to R1 status, a designation recognizing universities with Very High Spending and Doctorate Production is a testament to the dedication, passion, curiosity, creativity, and intellect of our researchers, faculty, students, staff, and community.

This accomplishment would not have been possible without the extraordinary contributions of so many. I want to extend our gratitude to:

Our world-class faculty: Your passion for discovery, your commitment to mentoring the next generation of researchers, and your groundbreaking work across disciplines are the very heart of our R1 designation. Work like Dr. Brad King's space propulsion research, Dr. Jeff Naber's research on engines and fuels, Dr. Caryn Heldt's biotherapy research, and Dr. Greg Odegard's research, which we will be hearing about in a bit.

Our exceptional students: Your curiosity, your drive, and your active participation in research are what bring our labs to life and fuel our innovation. You are the future of discovery.

Our dedicated staff: From research administrators to lab managers, from custodial and trades to support staff, your tireless efforts behind the scenes are essential to fostering a thriving research environment. You are the unsung heroes of this success.

Our visionary leadership: President Koubek's, Dr. Barnard's, and Dr. Reed's leadership - to name a few - have been instrumental in guiding us to this point. Your strategic vision, your unwavering support for research, and your ability to inspire us all have been critical on this path.

Our Board of Trustees - including our past Boards: We thank you for your foresight, your commitment to investing in research infrastructure and talent, and your unwavering belief in Michigan Tech's potential.

Our alumni and friends: Your generous support, your belief in our mission, and your advocacy for Michigan Tech have played a vital role in our journey to R1.

Achieving R1 status is more than just a label; it's a validation of our commitment to pushing the boundaries of knowledge and making a real-world impact. This designation strengthens our position as a leading research institution, enhancing our ability to attract top faculty, students, and funding opportunities. It opens doors to new collaborations, partnerships, and funding streams, allowing us to tackle even more complex and impactful challenges. It enhances our ability to provide our students with unparalleled opportunities to engage in cutting-edge research, preparing them to be the innovators and leaders of tomorrow. And it fosters innovation and entrepreneurship, contributing to the growth and prosperity of our region and beyond.

Let me wrap by saying that R1 status is not the culmination of our efforts, but rather a springboard for even greater achievements. As we celebrate this milestone, let us also look to the future with renewed ambition, dedication, and determination. Today, we celebrate not just what we have achieved, but also what we will achieve together. We are Michigan Tech, a community of innovators, problem-solvers, and world-changers. As we embark on this new chapter as an R1 university, let us continue to embrace the challenges ahead with courage, creativity, and a shared commitment to excellence. Thank you and Go Huskies!

We now invite President Koubek to make his opening remarks.

### **B. President's Comments**

Chair, Members of the Board and audience members. Thank you for joining us this morning. I'd like to congratulate you all on being named as an R1 institution by the Carnegie Foundation. You'll hear more about that later in the meeting, in a presentation by Dr. Barnard.

As the typical Michigan Tech style, we did not take the road that was most traveled to get there. There are about four thousand (4,000) schools that are in the Carnegie classification, only one-hundred-eighty-seven (187) are designated as R1 institutions. Chair Jipping mentioned the snow, only eighteen (18) of those are in areas that are considered rural, according to Carnegie classification, and you'll see as we winnow that down in Dr. Barnard's talk, it gets to be a rarefied atmosphere, to be in the group that Michigan Tech is.

To our faculty and staff: Congratulations on being recognized for your hard work! As I said, it is the same institution it was two weeks ago, we are just delighted that people recognize it now. We are excited to see what doors open for our faculty and staff.

In that same vein, I'd like to thank the Board for the time they've spent in our retreat this week and all the planning we're doing on how to leverage the R1 status.

However, it's important to note that these conversations really began when the Tech Forward initiative launched in 2019. Many of our faculty and staff played a pivotal role in positioning Michigan Tech as a leader in the 4th industrial revolution. And today we are well positioned to tackle tomorrow's greatest challenges.

I thank the Board of Trustees for their leadership, especially over the past few days at the retreat. I would also like to welcome our newest member -- Shannon Wayne, along with Steve Tomaszewski who was reappointed by the Governor. I look forward to working with you both in the coming months and years ahead as we lean into the new True to Tech initiative, and you'll be hearing more about that in the future.

Lastly, thanks to everyone for their tremendous efforts to make this year's Winter Carnival a true success. I'd like to share just a few highlights from this year's event.

- Blue Key increased the number of student organizations participating in the month-long winter carnival statue competition by 50%.
- And there were 10 additional all-nighter sites on campus this year.
- Unlike last year, we actually had to haul snow away for the all-nighter to make room for statue sites.
- A special thank you to many from the facilities team participated in the all-nighter, spending the night addressing building issues, emptying trash, cleaning, and resetting breakers and cleaning up snow so that when you came to campus the next morning, it truly was pristine and for that we deeply thank you for your efforts.

Again, these are just a few examples of what's happening at Michigan Tech:

- We received R1 designation last week
- We had an awesome Winter Carnival
- We've been holding some fantastic Leading Scholar and Evening of Excellence recruiting events showing the tremendous dedication of our employees and their commitment the student and to Michigan Tech.

Thank you again for all you do to help advance Michigan Tech.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Gabriel Ahrendt, representing Keweenaw Youth for Climate Action (KYCA) spoke about divestment of fossil fuels.

Lauren Gray, representing Keweenaw Youth for Climate Action (KYCA) spoke about divestment of fossil fuels.

Alan Salmi, community member taking part in classes under the Board Policy 9.24 Enrollment for Senior Citizens, came to thank the Board for their efforts and to advocate for DEI.

Joan Schumaker Chadde, retired staff of twenty-seven (27) years who worked in the Center for Science and Environmental Outreach, came to comment on eliminating the diversity scholarship.

Sarah Green, retired professor Emerita and former Chair of Chemistry, came to comment on current political climate causing funding, students' jobs and immigration status to be in jeopardy.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

It was moved by S. Tomaszewski, supported by J. Littmann, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approve and adopt the items contained in the Consent Agenda.

- A. Approval of Minutes**
- B. Degrees on Course**



**Michigan  
Technological  
University**

*Registrar's Office*

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Dr Richard J Koubek  
Office of the President

**From:** Theresa Jacques  
Registrar's Office

**Date:** January 31, 2025

**Subject:** Candidates for Degree – Conferral Term 202408

The attached list of candidates for degrees, beginning with Maggie Jo Denney and ending with Tanner Michael Sether is submitted for the granting of the appropriate degrees by the Board of Trustees. I certify that these candidates meet all requirements for their respective degrees and that the names have been submitted to and have received the approval of the faculty from their major department.

Theresa Jacques  
Registrar

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# Michigan Technological University

## Degrees Awarded for Conferral Term 202408

Michigan Technological University Registrar's Office

January 31, 2025

### Associate of Arts in Humanities

- Maggie Jo Denney - Summa Cum Laude
- Elijah Michael Poirier
- Eli Jacob Radtke - Magna Cum Laude
- Grayson Rayes

### Associate of Science in Engineering

- Pietrino Sammy Censoplano
- Jaden E Fus
- Owen Scott Irvine - Magna Cum Laude
- Avery John Kempl
- Harley Nicole Russell

### Bachelor of Arts in Chemistry

- John Robert Wieber - Magna Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Culture, and Media

- Elijah Michael Poirier

### Bachelor of Arts in English

- Griffin Jay Six - Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Arts in History

- Benjamin Aaron Imig - Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Arts in Physics

- Kenneth Leroy Ritz

### Bachelor of Arts in Sound Design

- Gabriel Arthur Harrmann

### Bachelor of Arts in Theatre and Electronic Media Performance

- Callisto Danue Cortez

### Bachelor of Science in Accounting

- Henry Alan Basala - Magna Cum Laude
- Christopher U Berard
- Faith Ann Nayback - Magna Cum Laude
- Jason Richard Pleau - Summa Cum Laude

- Isaac Michael Swanson - Summa Cum Laude
- Amber Louise Tuttle - Magna Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Applied Ecology and Environmental Sciences**

- Elizabeth L Helman - Magna Cum Laude
- Kaylee Rose Hoffman
- Jasmin Mariam Kasi
- Clara E Stauber - Magna Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Audio Production and Technology**

- Evelina C Cremeens - Cum Laude
- Connor M Piereson

#### **Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

- Nicholas Brynolf Peterson

#### **Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences**

- Emma Lynn Casteel
- Alora Reed Sundbeck - Magna Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering**

- Mikaillee Maria Angelica Jackson
- Imogen Alexandra Kniss
- Wesley Alan McGee - Summa Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering**

- Ryan Micheal Anderson

#### **Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering**

- Ryan K Bertschy\*\*
- Matthew Paul Burns - Cum Laude
- Olivia D Fair
- Angelle J Gilbert - Summa Cum Laude
- John W Houser
- Cameron Brian Keenan
- Gabriel Alexander Kroeze - Magna Cum Laude
- Sydney Noelle LaForest - Magna Cum Laude
- Bryant D Maki - Magna Cum Laude
- Mason Peter Mariuzza - Magna Cum Laude
- Aliyah Shanti Deva Maxwell-Abrams - Magna Cum Laude
- Conner A Rausch
- Sean P Rietz
- Anna G Rose
- Ethan Edward Satchwell - Summa Cum Laude



- Alexander Broughton Smith - Cum Laude
- Nathan Christopher Smith - Cum Laude
- Cole Adam Wright
- Jonathan Pearce Wright - Cum Laude

#### Bachelor of Science in Computational Biology

- Stephan Michael Forgrave - Summa Cum Laude

#### Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering

- Benjamin Reilly Bistline - Magna Cum Laude
- Skyler Maria Brawley - Magna Cum Laude
- Ethan John Champney
- Nicholas Joseph Cywinski - Magna Cum Laude
- Caroline Sue Czyzewski\*\*
- Chase Edward East
- Tyler R Harrison
- Savanna R Kurchak - Cum Laude
- Erik Edward Madson
- Cory Peyton Muehlmeier
- Elijah Nathaniel Nation
- Erik Daniel Nunne
- Michael Joseph Riccobono
- Connor Philip Troub
- Andrew K Vassallo

#### Bachelor of Science in Computer Network and System Administration

- Korey Robert Ericson
- William Gregory Goscicki - Cum Laude
- Nathaniel Royal Myers
- Carter Allen Rutkowski

#### Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

- William J Borucki - Cum Laude
- Justin Tyler Canzoneri
- Noah Phoenix Casco
- Isaac Joseph Cooper-Armando
- Julianna C Cummings - Magna Cum Laude
- River James Dallas
- Avery Alexander Doherty
- Timothy David Erkkila - Cum Laude
- Finley Green - Magna Cum Laude

- Brendan Michael Griffith
- Benjamin Christopher Hodsdon - Magna Cum Laude
- Owen Kenneth Marable
- Danyel Marie Munson - Cum Laude
- Tyler Phillip Neal
- Matthew Joseph Pelukas
- Tristan Luis Sorenson - Summa Cum Laude
- Brandon Raymond St Louis
- Joshua Hart Stiebel
- Kolby J Swanson
- Christopher William Torrey
- Liam Tyge Waldrige - Summa Cum Laude
- Evan Joseph Williams

#### **Bachelor of Science in Construction Management**

- Terrence Lee Reed
- Donald Logan Staley
- Tyler Kenneth VanBeek

#### **Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity**

- Alexa Leigh Gore - Magna Cum Laude
- Hriteesh Haridas
- James Lee Henthorn
- Abby Sue Jurewicz - Cum Laude
- Thomas Lottie - Magna Cum Laude
- Kyle Timothy Ott
- Rachel Madison Passeno

#### **Bachelor of Science in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology**

- Jack M Holtgren - Cum Laude
- Matthew Waldemar Lewandowski - Cum Laude
- Jack R Schafer - Summa Cum Laude
- Abraham Fur Stone - Summa Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Economics**

- Benjamin Christopher Hodsdon - Magna Cum Laude
- Anthony Nestor - Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering**

- Benjamin Ryan Abel - Cum Laude
- Brody John Amrhein
- Carson John Belyk - Summa Cum Laude

- Jay Allan Clark - Summa Cum Laude
- Samuel Avery Conway
- Lauren M Dezelski - Cum Laude
- Anton Michael Dodak
- Brandon W Finley - Magna Cum Laude
- Jack William Fuhrman
- Ryan Michael Haslam
- Dalton Bryce Headley - Summa Cum Laude
- Brett M Hildebrand - Magna Cum Laude
- Jonathan Kuncheria Joseph
- Afsana Khanom
- Benjamin J Klein
- Alexander R Kwapisz
- Michael Joseph Marshall - Magna Cum Laude
- Nickolaus Bernard Matusko
- Ryan Gregory Maxon
- Aidan Alexander Milewski
- Cole Alan Munger
- Tristan N Parker
- Chase Edward Pelletier
- Alec Arthur Prusi - Summa Cum Laude
- Ariel Marissa Sears
- Anndelynn Nicole Storey

#### Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

- Shelby L Davis
- William Wallace Ward

#### Bachelor of Science in Engineering

- Taylor R Fanning - Summa Cum Laude
- Cole Wallace Fike
- Emily Elizabeth Kurdziel - Magna Cum Laude
- Jared Anthony Tarrance

#### Bachelor of Science in Engineering Management

- Alexander J Bos - Magna Cum Laude
- Alex Joseph Fries
- Ty Benjamin Halonen - Cum Laude
- Blake Lewis - Magna Cum Laude
- William S McWatters

- William J Twardzik
- William Hadley Zinser

#### **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering**

- Jenna Marie Cook
- Tyler G Crispell - Cum Laude
- Breckin John Deverney
- Richard Alexander Junttonen
- Dominik Christopher LaChappelle
- Brenden David Lach
- Allison Marie Longstreet
- Justin Lee Marshall
- Lillia Grace McCurdy
- Chloe Marie Reinhart - Cum Laude
- Tad Wesley Rowe - Magna Cum Laude
- Elizabeth Marie Smith
- Eli W Smyth - Cum Laude
- Nadia Faith Stauffer - Magna Cum Laude
- Brock Steven Sundberg - Summa Cum Laude
- Reanna Elizabeth Sutter - Cum Laude
- Marina Sara Terenzi

#### **Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Sustainability**

- Joseph Colin Sweeney - Magna Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science**

- Sydney M Danison
- Marlee Ann Huskey - Cum Laude
- Hallie Ann Leatherman
- Kaycee Ann Meiners - Magna Cum Laude
- Santiago Jose Plazas-Leguizamo - Magna Cum Laude
- Madelyn Ann Strike

#### **Bachelor of Science in Finance**

- Luke Helsel
- Easton Andrew Laitila
- Jacob Michael Newman
- Noreen Carol Pennala - Cum Laude
- Jack Christopher Works

#### **Bachelor of Science in Forestry**

- Evan William Andrews

- Jacob James Beem - Cum Laude
- Samuel Joseph Curley
- Joshua Ryan Furness
- Marlan Alton Proctor
- Adam Waltman - Magna Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Science in Geology

- Seth Andrew Farmer
- Tanner T McDonald
- Anton Alekseevich Smirnov

### Bachelor of Science in Geospatial Engineering

- Chandler Joseph Carey
- Matthew Brian Morey - Magna Cum Laude
- Eli Judson Schaefer
- Allison A Spierling

### Bachelor of Science in Human Biology

- Kaitlyn Marie Hall
- Alexandra Joan Little - Magna Cum Laude
- Claire G Noble - Summa Cum Laude
- Riley Ariel Stichter - Summa Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Science in Human Factors

- Atsushi Sakamoto

### Bachelor of Science in Management

- Hunter Herman Buechel
- Shaneil T Campbell
- Timothy John Hauxwell\*\*
- Cameron Wayne Huuki

### Bachelor of Science in Management Information Systems

- Zachary D Chaudier
- Ambarish Rao - Magna Cum Laude

### Bachelor of Science in Marketing

- Brooke Rose Luepnitz

### Bachelor of Science in Materials Science and Engineering

- Xavier Gordon Kriege
- Anders Erik Palarz
- Mackenzie Melinda Pulka
- Jonathan Earl Rixstine
- Rebekah Smith - Magna Cum Laude

- Beatrice Anne Visscher
- Thomas Ignatius Wasinski

### Bachelor of Science in Mathematics

- Leah Marie Eaton
- Maverick Lee Koon - Magna Cum Laude
- Andrew J Taylor - Summa Cum Laude
- Tyler Michael Wiens

### Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- Jacob L Anderson
- Peter Frank Apostol - Summa Cum Laude
- Xavier T Ashcraft
- Emily Elizabeth Bauman
- Per Jens Benson
- Noah Addison Bistline - Magna Cum Laude
- Joshua Stuart Booterbaugh
- Benjamin Arden Brueck - Cum Laude
- Hanna Catherine Connette
- Isaac Richard Couling - Summa Cum Laude
- Morrigan Hope Darragh
- Isaac Jay DeRuiter
- Zachariah Whitefield Dix
- Douglas Frank Draper
- Kiernan David Dunn - Magna Cum Laude
- Matthew Todd Edington
- Justin Scott Erkkila
- Cooper J Evans - Summa Cum Laude
- Benjamin Matthew Flowers
- Josiah David Franklin - Summa Cum Laude
- David Michael Fry
- James Robert Halverson - Summa Cum Laude
- Richard S Havourd
- Richard Alexander Heigl - Cum Laude
- Ethan Holt
- Nicholas Joseph Huettelman
- Jerrick Hui - Cum Laude
- Cameron Sutherland Hunter
- Ray W Huntley

- Austin Michael Janssen
- Owen Thomas Jarvela
- Calvin Carl Johnson
- Benjamin George Jones - Cum Laude
- Austin Edward Kleinfelt - Summa Cum Laude
- Sarah Elizabeth Knoll
- Robert Colton Kreischer
- Masen Steven Kuieck
- Brian Keith Waino Kylman
- Samuel Joseph Lange - Summa Cum Laude
- James Gregory Langsford
- Olivia Anne Langworthy
- Logan Alexander Madden - Magna Cum Laude
- Samuel T Marshall
- Michael Joseph Martorano - Cum Laude
- Seamus William McCauley
- Katherine J Morin
- Olivia Christina Morowsky - Magna Cum Laude
- Bryce Gregory Murphy
- Hallie M Olsen - Cum Laude
- Jack Christopher Paupert
- Robert Alan Pause
- Jarrett Ryan Peak
- Wyatt Dennis Perry
- Catherine J Prince - Magna Cum Laude
- Eli Jacob Radtke - Magna Cum Laude
- Logan Gustav Rajala - Cum Laude
- Grayson Rayes
- Zachary Dennis Reed
- Joshua Alexander Reese - Magna Cum Laude
- Lauren Chloe Richards - Cum Laude
- Ethan C Sabotta
- Steven M Schoedl
- Elijah Miguel Sierra - Magna Cum Laude
- Samuel R Simon - Magna Cum Laude
- Connor Jeffrey Steer - Cum Laude
- John T Stengel

- Jaden Lee Sterk - Cum Laude
- Brandon James-Leno Stoops
- Matthew Sydoruk - Summa Cum Laude
- Zachary Thelander - Summa Cum Laude
- Teresa Christine Tomasino - Summa Cum Laude
- Jacob Alan Unser - Magna Cum Laude
- Charlotte Nicole VanFleteren
- Taylor Jessica VanOss
- Hayden Shaughn VanRavenswaay
- Zachary Ely Wagner - Magna Cum Laude
- Chandler Everett Ward
- Hunter James Wheeler
- Evia Zaka - Magna Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering Technology**

- Kyle Michael Barbeau - Cum Laude
- Turner Andrew Ferris
- Luis Gustavo Hernandez Morales
- Justin Michael Kurncz - Cum Laude
- Kaleb Michael Lee
- Rebecca Rose Malinowski
- Faith Leah Oard
- Justin Schang
- Rocco Curtis Seals
- Noah James Simone
- Miles Finis Sterling
- Isaac Matthew Stilwell
- Timothy Sean Sucarski
- Jacob Eric Terlecki
- Patrick R Tibbetts
- Natalie Paige Wallas - Cum Laude
- Gerrit Edward Youdell

#### **Bachelor of Science in Mechatronics**

- Ryan Jacob Moilanen - Magna Cum Laude

#### **Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science**

- Grayson Pierce Brawner - Summa Cum Laude\*\*
- Jennie Katherine Daavettila\*\*
- Jessica May Gadbury - Cum Laude



- Owen Jay Hilbrecht\*\*
- Jadyn Christina Huuki\*\*
- Holley Nye Jaehnig - Summa Cum Laude\*\*
- Emily Rose Marenger\*\*
- Hannah Rhae Montgomery\*\*
- Sydney D Nelson - Cum Laude
- Emma Laine Rotman

#### Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering

- Noah A Hodsdon - Magna Cum Laude

#### Bachelor of Science in Natural Resources Management

- Alexander William Conrad

#### Bachelor of Science in Psychology

- Taelor Rae Jurmu
- Kenneth Leroy Ritz

#### Bachelor of Science in Robotics Engineering

- Nicholas Cyril Bird
- Ian P Giles
- Stephen Thomas Metcalfe - Cum Laude

#### Bachelor of Science in Scientific and Technical Communication

- Aracely Hernandez-Ramos - Cum Laude
- Liam Gabriel Houston
- Lena Leigh Lukowski - Magna Cum Laude

#### Bachelor of Science in Social Sciences

- Eric Christopher Boyer-Cole
- Anthony Nestor - Cum Laude

#### Bachelor of Science in Software Engineering

- Tony Michael Garnett
- Devon Zachary Gosnick - Summa Cum Laude
- Patrick Daniel Janssen
- Ethan Gary Jones - Summa Cum Laude
- Andrew John Koman - Magna Cum Laude
- Cami Jo Maynard - Magna Cum Laude
- Lela N Root
- Emilie Kate Rummer - Summa Cum Laude
- Anna K Syracuse - Magna Cum Laude
- Noah Frederick Yacoub

#### **Bachelor of Science in Sustainability Science and Society**

- Cassidy E Beaupre

#### **Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation**

- Paige L Lieberman
- Robert Avent MacKinnon - Magna Cum Laude
- Meghan Elise McPherson - Cum Laude
- Michael Jacob Yuchasz

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

- Alexander Thomas Apostle

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical Engineering**

- Mohanish Kishor Chandurkar
- Seyedmostafa Rezaeitalashmahalleh

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Chemistry**

- Yipeng Yin

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Civil Engineering**

- Miaomiao Li
- Peifeng Su

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Engineering**

- Madhureeta Das

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering - Computational Science and Engineering**

- Sunyoung Ahn

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology**

- Swapan Chakrabarty

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Forest Science**

- Samuel Donald Hervey

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Industrial Heritage and Archaeology**

- James Aron Juip

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering**

- Ivan Gallegos

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Mechanical Engineering - Engineering Mechanics**

- Bryant Richard Goodenough
- Hrishikesh Suhas Gosavi
- Daniel Jeffery Lesko
- Saleh Valizadeh Sotubadi

#### **Doctor of Philosophy in Physics**

- Nithin Allwayin

- Lisa Eggart
- Samuel John Groetsch

### Doctor of Philosophy in Rhetoric, Theory and Culture

- Favour Esinam Normeshie

### Master of Business Administration

- Nicholas David Arnold
- Morgan T Duley
- Lucas Alexander Kendall
- Thomas Edward Mehall
- Brandon Joesph Michalak
- Matthew Benjamin Ojala
- Austin Eric Schlicht

### Master of Engineering Management

- Stevans Caleb Ackon
- Syed Mohammad Zonaed Alam
- Josiah Asafo Agyei
- Olamide Idowu Ayeni
- Dawit Fekadu Geberemariam
- Praneeth Kumar Kodiganti
- Chandana Komati
- Abdul Waaje

### Master of Forestry

- Evan Neibauer

### Master of Geographic Information Science

- Dona Morel Djoffon
- Ryan Scott Navarre

### Master of Science in Accounting and Analytics

- Eric Edward Coon
- Jordyn Marie Robinson

### Master of Science in Applied Cognitive Science and Human Factors

- Laura Elizabeth Albrant

### Master of Science in Applied Statistics

- Samuel Reed Burnett
- Christopher Randall Nottke
- Yorchei Xiong

### **Master of Science in Biological Sciences**

- Enoch Annan
- Jenna Rose Disser
- Peter Olumide Odugbemi

### **Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering**

- Himja Tiwari

### **Master of Science in Chemical Engineering**

- Prince Ato Duku
- William Douglas Hanson
- Kobina Akyea Ofori

### **Master of Science in Chemistry**

- Connor James Hall
- Henry Lanquaye
- Dilka Nishadini Liyana Arachchige
- Mahmood Norouzi
- Kamand Sedaghatnia

### **Master of Science in Civil Engineering**

- Lindsey Korina Anderson
- Sara Khoshnevis
- Sepehr Mohammadi
- Matthew Jarret Paavo
- Yash Ashok Pawar
- Briana Phibbs
- Jacob Andrew Stewart
- Susanna Marie Toivonen

### **Master of Science in Computer Science**

- Joshua Tamunoye Alele-beals
- Dinakar Jonnalagadda
- Yogi Nikhileswara Reddy Koteru
- Sai Nikhil Nandala
- Venkata Sai Monica Pesala
- Cecilia M Schmitz

### **Master of Science in Cybersecurity**

- Tyler James Lynch
- Gary Eugene Tropp

### **Master of Science in Data Science**

- Hafsa Mohamed Abdi

- Sharmin Sultana Ananya
- Usama Ayub
- Mohamed Sahidu Bah
- Bhavani Chalamalla
- Samuel Darteh
- Vikramaditya Gurrapu
- Gilbert Mayogi Kennedy
- Koushik Srivastav Lala
- Balaji Mediboina
- Unnati Negi
- Joseph Chibuike Nwokeafor
- Yaw Opoku-Debrah
- Vinay Palakurthy
- Jinal Bipin Patel
- Saeed Peyman
- Haranadh Reddy Ravi
- Emmanuel Kiplagat Teigong
- Srina Vadhadiya

#### Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Ebenezer Adarkwa Yiadom
- Wesley D Beck
- Aishwarya Bhagat
- Dana K Brouse
- Jerome Elorm Kwarshi Cordjotse
- Joshua Joseph Cribben
- Parth Dixit
- Parinaz Eskandari
- Joshua Frank Gindt\*
- Austen James Goddu
- William Jenness
- Justin A Kaster
- Zachary Palrang
- Vinay Kumar Pillalamarri
- Jonathan Andrew Rabideau
- Mohammad Navid Saeidi

#### Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

- Matthew James Alsip

- Aneef Shaik
- Kyle Dean Usimaki
- Yifan Zhang

#### **Master of Science in Environmental Engineering Science**

- Wycliff Ochieng Oduor

#### **Master of Science in Forest Ecology and Management**

- Joseph Reino Beeson
- Cory Christopher Burkwald
- Adam Zane Milenkowic

#### **Master of Science in Forest Molecular Genetics and Biotechnology**

- Shane Alexander Spence

#### **Master of Science in Geological Engineering**

- Jhuleysy Lieseth Sanchez Aguilar

#### **Master of Science in Geology**

- Olakunle Olutosin Bejide
- Ryan Michael Cocke
- Logan Kenneth Fike

#### **Master of Science in Health Informatics**

- Venkatanand ram Addepalli
- Aminat Temitope Ajisegiri
- Suliat Oyetola Akinola
- Vishwajeeth Balaji
- Pooja Sree Bolisetty
- Suma Durga Bommasani
- Vijay Susmitha Bommini
- Catherine Diane Boomus
- Harika Kakumanu
- Kusuma puspa Korada
- Nikhil Lakkireddypalli
- Nagendra Madi Reddy
- Rithika Reddy Mahareddy
- Raja Muppidi
- Bhuvana Murki
- Gousia Parvin Patthan
- Djinaud Prophete
- Kavya Ravada
- Anjum Afrooz Shaik

### Master of Science in Integrated Geospatial Technology

- Dylan Anderson
- Ashish Mahaur
- Izuchukwu Emmanuel Odoh

### Master of Science in Kinesiology

- Lily Klaira Hart

### Master of Science in Manufacturing Engineering

- Shammash Mahmood Shafi

### Master of Science in Materials Science and Engineering

- Mieka Rachelle Clark
- Matthew David Sisson
- Samuel Ashton Vellequette
- Andrew Robert Walch

### Master of Science in Mathematical Sciences

- Austin David Higgins

### Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering

- Joseph Kodwo Kodwo Awuni
- Vignesh Badanaguppe Shanthamalleshappa
- Matthew David Beals
- Venkata Umesh Chandra Chitturi
- Mahidhar Reddy Manda
- Dhruvit Manojkumar Mavani
- Eric Mitchell
- Nirgun Kakasaheb Mohite
- Sree Harshit Naidu Patnapuchetty
- Vayuputhra Rachakonda
- Vijay Swagath Rapelly
- Hrishikesh Dnyanesh Shinde
- Rahul Rajiv Shinde
- Prajwal Shukla
- Riddhesh Kishor Vaity
- Stephen Alexander Whalen
- Venkat Narayan Yelamanchili

### Master of Science in Mechatronics

- Abhinav Arumilli
- Karthik Chowdary Chundu
- Tanmay Jeevan Deshpande

- Prarthana Divakar Hegde
- Reiki Tanaya Karuka
- Stephen Abiodun Michael
- Pavan Kalyan Miriyala
- Chanakya Nanduri
- Emmanuel Izuchukwu Nkwocha
- Tarun Reddy

#### **Master of Science in Mining Engineering**

- Charles Okai Addai
- Isaac Donkoh
- Raphaka Yah Targbwe
- Benitta Wiafe
- Maxwell Yeboah

#### **Master of Science in Physics**

- Reed Arthur Downs
- Tanner Michael Sether

**\* Addendum to Conferral : Degree awarded in term 202401**

**\*\* Addendum to Conferral: Degree awarded in term 202405**



**C. Resignations, Retirements, and Off-Payroll**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES OFF-PAYROLL REPORT

(November 24, 2024 – February 1, 2025)

Retirements						
Last Name	First Name	Class	Department	Title	Most Recent Hire Date	Term Date
Kampe	Stephen	FF	Materials Science and Engineering	Professor	08/17/2008	01/04/2025
Dixon	David	PF	General Counsel	Director, Biological Laboratory Operations	08/16/2010	01/14/2025
Langston	Nancy	FF	Social Sciences	Professor	07/14/2013	12/31/2024

Off Payroll						
Last Name	First Name	Class	Department	Title	Most Recent Hire Date	Term Date
Yarina	Carolyn	PP	Innovation & Commercialization	Venture Center Director	05/13/2024	11/05/2024
Ring	Leah	UF	Graduate School	Administrative Aide	02/19/2024	11/24/2024
Allie	Corey	PF	Michigan Tech Research Institute (MTRI)	Information Systems Security Engineer	06/13/2022	11/29/2024
Jennings	Matthew	CF	General Athletics	Head Coach Volleyball	03/01/2012	12/20/2024
Beaupre	Cassidy	UP	Jackson Center for Teaching & Learning	Office Assistant	11/27/2023	12/22/2024
Wernette	Phillipe	PF	Great Lakes Research Center	Associate Research Scientist	02/05/2024	12/31/2024
Sanders	Christopher	PF	Center for Diversity & Inclusion	Assistant Director	03/08/2021	01/02/2025
Hatman	Christina	UF	Office of Advancement	Senior Administrative Aide	10/16/2023	01/04/2025
Marino	Sarah	PF	University Marketing & Communications	College Digital Content Manager	09/16/2024	01/07/2025
Pinnow	Christopher	PF	Great Lakes Research Center	Electrical/Computer Engineer	04/03/2006	01/09/2025
Eskola	Joseph	PF	College Forest Resources & Environmental Science	Research Associate	12/16/2005	01/17/2025
Seguin	Daniel	PF	Materials Science and Engineering	Engineer/Scientist/Academic Advisor	12/27/2009	01/18/2025

**D. Funding Productivity Report**



## **VII. ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **A. Emeritus Rank**

It was moved by S. Tomaszewski, supported by M. Wells, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approve the following emeritus/emerita appointments:

1. Dr. Song-Lin “Jason” Yang, Professor Emeritus,  
Dept. of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering
2. Dr. David Shonnard, Professor Emeritus,  
Dept. of Chemical Engineering

### **B. Approval of 2025-2026 Room & Board Rates**

It was moved by A. Dickson, supported by S. Tomaszewski, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the 2025-2026 room and board rates.

### **C. Exclusion Resolution for Department of Defense**

It was moved by M. Wells, supported by S. Tomaszewski, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the exclusion resolution for the Department of Defense.

### **D. Revision to Board Policy 9.4 Leading Scholar Award**

It was moved by M. Wells, supported by S. Wayne, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the revisions to Board Policy 9.4.

### **E. Retire to Board Policy 9.14 Diversity Incentive Award**

It was moved by J. Littmann, supported by S. Tomaszewski, and passed by voice vote without dissent, that the Board of Trustees approves the retirement of Board Policy 9.14.

## **VII. REPORTS (presentations provided in agenda)**

### **A. Carnegie Classification**

Andrew Barnard, Vice President for Research

**B. Research Presentation**

Greg Odegard, John O. Hallquist Endowed Chair in Computational Mechanics,  
Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

**C. Undergraduate Student Government**

Isobel Bowker, USG Treasurer

**D. University Senate**

Robert Hutchinson, President

**IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS (documents provided in agenda)**

- A. Analysis of Investments**
- B. Sponsored Programs**
- C. Advancement & Alumni Relations**
- D. Media Coverage**
- E. Employee Safety Statistics**
- F. Disposal of Surplus Property**


**X. Other Business**

**XII. Date for Next Formal Meeting: April 25, 2025**

**XIII. Adjourn**

It was moved by M. Wells, supported by J. Littmann, and passed by voice vote without dissent,  
that the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting.

  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees

  
Chair, Board of Trustees