

University of Cincinnati
Board of Trustees
Summary of Actions Taken at the Regular Meeting Held
August 25, 2026

The following is a list of recommendations approved by the Board of Trustees at their Regular Meeting held on August 25, 2026, and filed in the Office of the Board of Trustees. The recommendations are listed under the committee(s) that initially reviewed and approved them.

A. Academic and Student Affairs Committee

26.8.25.01 Approval of Academic Appointments

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the appointments of faculty and academic administrators.

Emeritus Status

Carla Chifos, PhD	Associate Professor Emerita College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning School of Planning Effective August 15, 2026
Kristen Copeland, MD	Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Effective June 24, 2026
Michael Farrell, MD	Professor Emeritus College of Medicine Department of Pediatrics Effective July 10, 2026
Judith Heiny, PhD	Professor Emerita College of Medicine Department of Pharmacology, Physiology and Neurobiology

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Effective July 1, 2026

Lisa Hunter, MD

Professor Emerita
College of Medicine

Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck
Surgery

Effective July 1, 2026

Johanna Looye, PhD

Associate Professor Emerita

College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning
School of Planning

Effective August 15, 2026

T. Douglas Mast, PhD

Professor Emeritus

College of Engineering and Applied Science
Department of Biomedical Engineering Effective
August 1, 2026

Joel Mortensen, PhD

Professor Emeritus
College of Medicine

Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Effective June 16, 2026

Robert Shapiro, MD

Professor Emeritus College
of Medicine Department of
Pediatrics Effective July 1,
2026

Endowed Chair / Professorship Appointment

Michael Beltran, MD

The Mary S. Stern Endowed Chair in
Orthopaedic Surgery

College of Medicine

Department of Orthopaedic Surgery

Effective September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2031

Unit Head Appointments

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Patricia Tille, PhD

Unit Head

College of Allied Health Sciences
Department of Clinical Health and
Information Sciences

Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2031

Andy Villemetz, DMA

Unit Head

College Conservatory of Music
Department of Keyboard Studies

Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2031

Unit Head Reappointments

Shauna Acquavita, PhD

Unit Head

College of Allied Health Sciences
School of Social Work

Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2031

Rebecca Bromels

Unit Head

College Conservatory of Music
Department of Theatre Arts, Production and Arts
Administration

Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2031

Kevin Holzman, DMA

Unit Head

College Conservatory of Music Department of
Ensembles and Conducting

Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2031

Kimothy Pensyl, MA

Unit Head

College Conservatory of Music
Department of General Studies

Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2031

Unit Head Extensions

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James Bunte

Unit Head

College Conservatory of Music
Department of Performance Studies

Effective August 15, 2026 – August 14, 2027

Jonathan Kregor, PhD

Unit Head

College Conservatory of Music Department of
Composition, Musicology and Theory

Effective August 15, 2027 – August 14, 2028

New Hires

Andrew Cullison, PhD

Associate Professor with Tenure
College of Arts and Sciences
Department of Philosophy Effective
August 15, 2026

Suzanne Judd, PhD, MPH

Professor with Tenure
College of Medicine

Department of Environmental and Public Health
Sciences

Effective July 3, 2026

Recommendations for Tenure or Promotion

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor with Tenure

UC Clermont College

Danielle Winget Science & Health

Effective 08/15/26

From Associate Librarian to Associate Senior Librarian with Tenure

UC Libraries

Lynn Warner Libraries

Effective 08/15/26

From Assistant Professor to Associate Professor

College of Medicine

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Koichi Araki	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
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UC Clermont College

Diane Kallmeyer	Science & Health	Effective 08/25/26
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From Associate Professor to Professor

College of Medicine

Zackary Cleveland	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
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From Assistant Professor – Educator to Associate Professor – Educator

College of Arts and Sciences

Inne Singgih	Mathematical Sciences	Effective 08/15/26
Jennifer Sinclair	Mathematical Sciences	Effective 08/15/26
Miriam Poteet	Mathematical Sciences	Effective 08/15/26
Paul Justice	Physics	Effective 08/15/26
Terri Pelley	Psychology	Effective 08/15/26
Terri Jacobs	Environment & Sustainability	Effective 08/15/26
Albert Klein	Public & International Affairs	Effective 08/15/26

College of Allied Health Sciences

Emily Van Walleghe	Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences	Effective 08/15/26
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College of Cooperative Education & Professional Studies

Raechel Scarchilli	Engineering & Applied Science Co-op	Effective 08/15/26
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UC Clermont College

Katie Faris	Science & Health	Effective 08/15/26
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Emily Clem	Science & Health	Effective 08/15/26
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From Associate Professor – Educator to Professor – Educator

College of Allied Health Sciences

Katherine Russell	Communication Sciences & Disorders	Effective 08/15/26
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From Instructor of Clinical to Assistant Professor of Clinical

College of Medicine

Avni Shah	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
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College of Nursing

Ashley Sluder	Nursing	Effective 08/15/26
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From Assistant Professor of Clinical to Associate Professor of Clinical

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College of Medicine

Venugopal Komakula	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/27
Hayley Barnes	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Effective 09/01/27
Christine Pennesi	Obstetrics & Gynecology	Effective 09/01/27
Anna Balog	Pathology and Laboratory Medicine	Effective 09/01/27
Alicia Caldwell	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Peter Farrell	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Temara Hajjat	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Morgan Hill	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Nat Nasomyont	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Clayton Smith	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Sarah Sittenfeld	Radiation Oncology	Effective 09/01/27

College of Nursing

Shannon White	Nursing	Effective 08/15/26
Kelli Beecher	Nursing	Effective 08/15/26

From Associate Professor of Clinical to Professor of Clinical

College of Law

Sarah Eads Adkins	Law	Effective 08/15/26
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College of Medicine

Christine O'Dea	Family & Community Medicine	Effective 09/01/27
Khurram Bari	Internal Medicine	Effective 09/01/27
Laura Ngwenya	Neurosurgery	Effective 09/01/27
Jennifer Brady	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Alexander Miethke	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26
Christine Phillips	Pediatrics	Effective 08/25/26

From Assistant Professor – Research to Associate Professor – Research

College of Arts & Sciences

Michael Peterson	English	Effective 08/15/26
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From Assistant Professor – Adjunct Rep to Associate Professor – Adjunct Rep

College of Allied Health Sciences

Abby Foltz Hottle	Communication Sciences & Disorders	Effective 08/15/26
Lori McAleer	Rehabilitation, Exercise & Nutrition Sciences	Effective 08/15/26

From Beginning Librarian to Assistant Librarian

UC Libraries

Catherine Cubera	Libraries	Effective 08/15/26
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26.8.25.02 Approval of New Academic Courses

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve new academic courses pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3345.457 as amended by Ohio House Bill 96 – 136th General Assembly.

26.8.25.03 Campus Completion Plan

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the University of Cincinnati's 2024 update to the Campus Completion Plan outlining UC's success strategies and accomplishments related to affordability, retention, graduation, time to degree, and academic success.

26.8.25.04 Approval of New Academic Unit – Statistics and Data Science – College of Arts and Sciences

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a new Academic Unit, the Department of Statistics and Data Science, in the College of Arts and Sciences. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.05 New Undergraduate Degree – Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy – College-Conservatory of Music

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Bachelor of Music in Music Therapy in the College-Conservatory of Music. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.06 New Undergraduate Degree – Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Software Application Development – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Software Application Development in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.07 New Undergraduate Degree – Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.08 New Undergraduate Degree – Accelerated Bachelor of Science in IT
Infrastructure – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in IT Infrastructure in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.09 New Undergraduate Degree – Associate of Applied Science in Integrative Health
and Wellness – UC Blue Ash

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Associate of Applied Science in Integrative Health and Wellness at UC Blue Ash. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.10 Undergraduate Degree Name Change – FROM Associate of Applied Science in
Early Care and Education TO Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood
Care and Education – UC Blue Ash

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a degree name change at UC Blue Ash from Associate of Applied Science in Early Care and Education to Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Care and Education. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.11 Academic Unit Name Change – FROM Aerospace Engineering and Engineering
Mechanics TO Aerospace Engineering – College of Engineering and Applied
Science

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an academic unit name change in the College of Engineering and Applied Science from the Department of Aerospace Engineering and Engineering Mechanics to the Department of Aerospace Engineering. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.12 Academic Unit Merger – Merger of Multidisciplinary Career Education with
Professional Studies and Experiential Learning. New Unit Name: Professional
Studies – College of Cooperative Education and Professional Studies

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an academic unit merger in the College of Cooperative Education and Professional Studies. Multidisciplinary Career Education will merge with Professional Studies and Experiential Learning under the newly formed Professional Studies academic unit. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.13 Approval of Inactivation of Undergraduate Degree and Certificate Programs

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the inactivation of five (5) undergraduate degrees/certificates in the Lindner College of Business and UC Blue Ash. The proposals have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.14 New Graduate Certificate – Administration and Leadership in Criminal Justice – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Graduate Certificate in Administration and Leadership in Criminal Justice in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.15 New Graduate Certificate – Business PhD Preparedness – Lindner College of Business

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Graduate Certificate in Business PhD Preparation in the Lindner College of Business. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.16 Graduate Certificate Name Change – FROM Public Economics TO Economic Policy Analysis – College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve a graduate certificate name change in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services from Public Economics to Economic Policy Analysis. The proposal has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

26.8.25.17 Inactivation of Graduate Certificate Programs

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the inactivation of two (2) graduate certificates in the College of Education, Criminal Justice and Human Services. The proposals have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

B. Finance and Administration Committee

26.8.25.18 Approval of Tentative Agreement: FOP Emergency Communication Dispatchers

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the tentative agreement between the university and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc – Emergency Communications Dispatchers unit.

26.8.25.19 **Approval of Tentative Agreement: FOP Security Officers**

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the tentative agreement between the university and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc.

26.8.25.20 **Approval of Sale of 733 Mehring Way**

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the sale of the University of Cincinnati owned property located at 733 Mehring Way, Cincinnati, Ohio 45203.

26.8.25.21 **Approval of Local Administration of Capital Projects**

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the following projects to be allocated FY 2027-2028 biennium state funds and administered locally:

- Holmes Hospital Renovation - FY 2027-2028 State Capital Budget Request of \$30,000,000
- MSB Research Labs Renovation – FY 2027-2028 State Capital Budget Request of \$13,248,249.79

26.8.25.22 **Approval of Additional Project Funding: STEM**

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an additional \$120,000,000 to partially fund the construction phase of the new STEM Academic Facility (formerly known as the Advanced Academic and Research Facility) on the current Crosley Tower site. A subsequent resolution for the balance of the project will be brought forward for approval.

26.8.25.23 **Approval of Additional Project Funding: The Why**

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve an additional funding request of \$15,000,000 to fund the remainder of the renovation work to the YMCA.

26.8.25.24 **Approval of HDPP Program – CY 2026 Participation**

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the University of Cincinnati's continued participation in the Hospital Direct Payment Program.

26.8.25.25 **Approval of Voluntary Faculty Retirement Program**

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees approve the Voluntary Retirement Program for eligible faculty at the University of Cincinnati.

This recommendation has been reviewed and approved by the appropriate authorities.

C. Governance and Internal Affairs Committee

26.8.25.26 Amendment of Board Rule 3361:20-31-02 Fees: Assessment of Fees

Synopsis: It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of the University of Cincinnati amend Board Rule 20-31-02 for the purpose of permitting academic programs to seek approval to assess fees on a per-credit hour basis, regardless of full-time status, for graduate students.

26.8.25.27 Appointment of Director to the Board of Directors of the University of Cincinnati Research Institute

Synopsis: We recommend the Board of Trustees provide written approval appointing the following individual to replace Frank Gerner as director and president of the Board of UCRI:

A) Loren Wold, Vice President for Research, to serve as President of the UCRI Board of Directors;