

Board of Regents Update | April 21, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

The Board of Regents held its April 2017 meeting yesterday.

I updated the board on last week's visit with Regent Ron Weiser. It was Regent Weiser's first visit and we shared a couple of program initiatives, the Urban Safety Corps and the EDC Center for Economic Development. He toured campus and got to know a bit about the uniqueness of the Flint campus.

This month we cut the ribbon on a new engineering design lab and learning space on campus, at the Harrison Street Annex. The Department of Mechanical Engineering is creating a contemporary design space for our students that will include robotics, 3-D printing, a wind tunnel plus a great deal of equipment and machinery for capstone projects.

And in the city of Flint, I reported that the university is part of a new business incubator and building renovation project that has received significant media attention recently. As you might know, the state just awarded Flint-based company SkyPoint Ventures a \$2.5 million strategic fund grant to support the Ferris Wheel Innovation Center. The project will renovate the city's historic Ferris building and establish a business incubator for what has become a very vibrant entrepreneurial ecosystem in our area. We are thrilled to be a partner in the work.

I invite you to view the full board agenda from yesterday's meeting [here](#)

Thank you and Go Blue!

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