

RESOLUTION E03-24

**EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION AND CONFERRAL OF THE TITLE
OF TRUSTEE EMERITUS TO MR. JOSEPH WATSON**

WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Watson was appointed as a member of the Board of Trustees of Shawnee State University in 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson served on the Shawnee State University Board of Trustees for an eight-year term with two years as Board Chair; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson has helped to advance education in southern Ohio through his support of academic programs and student services making college possible for students in the region through his support of the Shawnee Advantage Undergraduate Tuition Guarantee Program and free tuition for Pell-eligible students in surrounding counties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson advanced academic programming in business through support of the creation of the C. H. Lute School of Business; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Watson was instrumental in the establishment of the Kricker Innovation Hub to foster entrepreneurship and economic development in the region; and

WHEREAS, as Board Chairman, Mr. Watson provided leadership during one of the most challenging times in our history during the global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees of Shawnee State University wish to express their sincere appreciation to Mr. Watson for his many contributions and invaluable service to the Board, to the entire University community, and to the people of the state of Ohio, all of whom have benefitted from his service, dedication, talents and generosity;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Shawnee State University confers upon Mr. Joseph Watson the title of Trustee Emeritus, effective April 19, 2024.

(April 19, 2024)