G. Gilbert Cloyd, of Austin, Texas, was appointed to the board of trustees in 2005 and served as chairperson of the The Ohio State University Board of Trustees from 2007-09. He was appointed as a Charter Trustee in October, 2009. He was Chief Technology Officer of Procter & Gamble until he retired in September, 2008. He was born in East Cleveland, Ohio and attended The Ohio State University where he received his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree in 1969. Following graduation, he entered a private veterinary practice in Chicago. He returned to Ohio State for some graduate work in veterinary pathology in 1971. He entered a private practice in Cincinnati in 1972 and began consulting work in toxicology, including work with P&G.

He joined Procter & Gamble full-time at their Miami Valley Innovation Center in 1974 in their Corporate Professional and Regulatory Services Division. For the next 10 years he served in a number of positions in their product safety areas. In 1984 he moved to Norwich, New York, and assumed responsibilities for Research & Development in their pharmaceuticals business. He moved into general management in 1989, and in 1991 was appointed vice president, assuming overall responsibility for their Global Pharmaceuticals business.

In 1997, Dr. Cloyd assumed responsibilities as vice president for Research & Development in Asia for P&G. He held that position until 2000, living in Kobe, Japan. He returned to Cincinnati in 2000 as Chief Technology Officer. In this capacity, he had overall functional responsibility for P&G's global Research & Development organization. This global organization numbers about 9,000 employees in 27 technical centers around the globe. The range of research involves chemistry, engineering, materials science, medicine, veterinary medicine, dentistry, biology including biotechnology, mathematics, robotics, nutrition, and electronics. He continued in this role until his retirement.

Gil lives with his wife, Susan, in Austin, Texas. They have two children and seven grandchildren. His principal professional interests are making quality post-secondary education available to more people and facilitating the application of Ohio State's research capabilities to solve important global problems and foster economic development.