

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2018
ROOM 14B SUITES ON MAIN SOUTH
CLARION PA 16214
Public Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Dunbar with the following Trustees present:

Mrs. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman
Mrs. Susanne Burns
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman
Mr. Edward Green
The Honorable R. Lee James
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary
The Honorable Donna Oberlander
Mr. Randy Seitz
Mr. Howard Shreckengost
Mr. Neil Weaver, Board of Governors'

The following Trustees were absent:

Dr. Syed Ali-Zaidi

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Jeff Allen, Dean, Health and Human Services
Mr. Len Cullo, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Dr. Susanne Fenske, Vice President, Student Affairs
Mr. Jim Geiger, Vice President, University Advancement
Dr. Steve Harris, Interim Dean, College of Arts, Education and Sciences
Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, Interim Provost and Academic Vice President

Chairwoman Dunbar indicated that the Council's agenda would be re-ordered to allow for the student-in-the-spotlight presentations.

Ms. Dunbar called on student athlete Christina Sather who recently won a national championship in the 1m Dive, the Clarion junior diver earned another honor when she was named the College Swimming Coaches Association of American Division II Women's Diver of the Year. Ms. Sather spoke to the trustees' about her Clarion experience in swimming and diving and why she chose Clarion University. She was accompanied by Bree Kelley, Women's Swimming Head Coach and Dave Hrovat, Women's Diving Coach.

Ms. Dunbar introduced Logan Chernicky who won the \$10,000 first place prize in the seventh annual Student Business Plan Competition sponsored by PASSHE. Mr. Chernicky described his company, Enhanced Visual, that allows construction site managers to track the progress of their projects using drones and specialized computer software. His mission is to educate, guide and collaborate with companies across industries to cut costs and increase efficiency by leveraging drone technology. We provide our own pilots and specialized services, but also offer consulting and training services by navigating hardware, software and FAA regulations.

Ms. Dunbar called on Jacob Beckey who was awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Birmingham, England, and the recipient of the National Science Foundation fellowship that fully funds his PhD work at University of Colorado, Boulder. Mr. Beckey spoke to the trustees' on his Clarion experience and his future educational plans.

Ms. Dunbar called on Trustee Green who introduced Tree Zuzzio, Student Trustee Nominee. Mr. Zuzzio spoke to the trustees' on his involvement with student organizations and activities at Clarion.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Dunbar presented the items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 9, 2018 and their March 15, 2018 Special Meeting
2. Approval of the Faculty By-Laws and Constitution
3. Approval of Fees for 2018-2019

RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees, Clarion University, approve the Consent Agenda for April 19, 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mr. Kifer and Mr. Weaver simultaneously, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Fackler reported to trustees' the end-of-the-academic year activities including, the upcoming theater performance *Evening of Dance has a Broadway Theme*, Campusfest 2018, Minority Student Recognition, Ernie's Athletics Awards, Reinhard Awards, and the chancellor candidate interviews.

He announced that Dr. Pam Gent has accepted the interim provost position. Her appointment will be effective at the end of May 2018.

Dr. Ray Feroz reported that on February 12 Clarion hosted an Opioid Conference "Communities in Crisis – PA Opioid Epidemic." He added that the Opioid Certificate program is taking off. Clarion was awarded \$100,000 grant from Appalachian Regional Commission for its Opioid Treatment Specialist Certificate Tuition Assistance Project.

V. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Weaver reported that the BOGs recently met at Shippensburg University and plan to rotate their monthly meetings at other state system institutions. He noted they are working to change and clean up system policies. A few policy changes he noted were to have interim and president appointments approved at the university level, capital funding adjustments, and the sale of real property. The Board's goal is to move delegations, as such, back to the universities.

VI. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Pfannestiel noted that this is his last report to the trustees. He has been working with President Fackler on tenure track faculty. Several committees have been reviewing guidelines to approve hiring practices and also the future plans with Venango campus. He stated that Dr. Pam Gent has been a critical member of the committee for the online programs and assuring we apply all the policies and laws.

He has been working with President Fackler on college affordability for students. He added that it is a critical issue that we face here at Clarion. Also, college work-study positions for students who are in financial need, along with, getting textbooks under control and affordable. He noted that we have a good working relationship with faculty and leadership.

Dr. Pfannestiel brought forward for Approval of Proposed Renaming of the College of Health and Human Services. He explaining with the transition of the Psychology Department into this college there is a need for the renaming.

A motion was made by Mr. Seitz, seconded by Ms. Bauer, that the following resolution be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees, Clarion University, approve modifying the name of College of Health and Human Services to become the College of Health Sciences and Human Services, effective May 14, 2018.

VII. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Adam Roberts, Chair of Faculty Senate, mentioned some of Faculty Senate's accomplishments this past year including the Curriculum Committee has completed their revisions as well as revisions to the academic policies. They will be hosting the faculty retirement reception on May 2. Finally, he wished Dr. Pfannestiel the best in his new position.

VIII. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Mr. Geiger reported that one of our donors gave \$50,000 for a new scholarship award and the same donor recently contributed another \$50,000 to help students in need. He thanked Trustee Burns for hosting the kick-off fundraising event in her home in Florida. We received donor gifts at this event.

IX. REPORT OF STUDENT SENATE

Katie Welsh, President of Student Senate, reported that Senate received 37 applications for the new scholarship opportunity sponsored by Follett. They will be participating in the Reinhard Awards on April 25, recently recognized three new student organizations, and next week new officers will be announced.

X. REPORT OF FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FACILITIES

Mr. Cullo stated that he provided his budget presentation to the trustees at the workshop earlier this afternoon. He is confident that we are in line with our budget to break even or better by the completion date for Tippin renovations on September 4, 2019. He recently hired a new facilities director.

XI. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Fenske thanked the students who were in attendance at tonight's meeting and introduced the student senators. She thanked Trustee Green and Katie Welsh for their service over the last year.

Dr. Fenske reported that Student Affairs is working on several summer projects that she will report at the July meeting. She updated the trustees that the Counseling Center staff has rendered considerable efforts, this has eliminated the waitlist for students to see a counselor. She thanked the trustees for approving the student fees and meal plans and explained that counseling services is one area student fees support.

XII. REMARKS OF THE COUNCIL CHAIR

Chairwoman Dunbar reported on the trustees' subcommittees stating that Randy Seitz will replace Howard Shreckengost as the trustee representative on the Foundation Committee. She asked Trustee Bauer to report on the April PACT meeting and the Extended Presidential Search Committee.

Ms. Bauer reported the areas that were emphasized at PACT included the allocation for state appropriations, the provision of the best affordable education to our students, and update of the system policies. Particularly, the guidelines for approval of academic programs. Trustee Green reported on the student sessions he attended at PACT. The Fall PACT meeting will be held October 9, 2018.

As Presidential Search Committee Chair, Ms. Bauer noted that the Extended Presidential Search had 80 additional applicants apply in the second round. Interviews will take place this week and we are looking to invite three new candidates along with the candidate who will continue from the first round to come to campus. A special thanks to Ann Jamison for her hard work as coordinator of the search committee.

Chairwoman Dunbar encouraged trustees to participate in the dinners with the candidates. A Special Meeting of the Council of Trustees has been scheduled for Friday, May 11, 2018, 2:30 p.m., to consider the Search Committee's recommendation for the Selection for Continuing Candidates to the Chancellor and Board of Governors for Position of University President.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Executive Committee

Chairwoman Dunbar announced that the Trustees' Executive Committee met on April 6 and the minutes will be distributed.

2. Nominating Committee

Trustee James reported on the Nominating Committee that met earlier to discuss the candidates for officers for the upcoming year. He consulted with the current three officers and they all expressed a desire to keep their

current role for another year. He proposed the slate of officers for the 2018-2019 year are: Chair, J.D. Dunbar, Vice-Chair Milissa Bauer, Secretary James Kifer.

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Mr. Shreckengost, that the slate of officers be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee Seitz announced that he will be scheduling the annual facilities tour and asked that the Facilities Committee to look at their schedules for May and June.
2. Mr. Kifer read and presented a Resolution of Appreciation for Trustee Edward Green:

WHEREAS, Edward J. Green has been a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania since November 8, 2016, and successfully concludes his service as a member of the Council upon his graduation from the University with the degree of Bachelor of Arts in Political Science on May 12, 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Green, throughout his tenure on the Council of Trustees, has consistently manifested a mature, informed, and responsive understanding of the role of Council in the governance of the University; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Green achieving an admirable melding of his role as an advocate of student interests with his responsibility for directing his judgment and influence toward the concerns and challenges of the whole institution; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to his service on the Council of Trustees, Mr. Green has applied extraordinary talents, integrity and thoughtful consideration in steadfast dedication to Clarion University students and outstanding leadership to campus organizations, including the Clarion University Student Senate, Clarion Student Association, Academic Advisory Task-Force, Conduct Board and Come Together Clarion; and,

RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania expresses appreciation to Edward J. Green for his loyal and effective service as a member of the Council and for his zenith volunteerism, teambuilding and leadership as Chair of the Student Trustee Selection Committee and for his stellar achievement as a student leader and extends to Mr. Green its very best wishes for continued success and

happiness; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is fondly rendered for said Student Trustee Edward J. Green with our earnest wishes for his continued success and leadership and shall be made a formal record in the minutes of the Council of Trustees April 19, 2018.

3. Chairwoman Dunbar read and presented a Resolution of Appreciation for Dr. Todd Pfannestiel:

WHEREAS, Dr. Todd J. Pfannestiel has had a distinguished and respected roster of academic and leadership services to Clarion University as a professor and Chair of the History Department, Chair of the Education Department, Director of Liberal Studies and Curriculum Development, Director of Planning, Assessment, and Improvement, Dean of the College of Arts, Education and Sciences, Acting President and Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs since August 1998.

WHEREAS, in each of his roles, Dr. Pfannestiel worked assiduously to provide students and faculty with zenith caliber academic programs and services with a commitment to compassion, mutual trust, respect, civility, collegial shared governance, teamwork, and the general welfare of the institution; and,

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel championed the collaboration of staff and faculty in discovering new programs and refined processes to enhance student success. His enduring commitment and constancy to our students and to the institution has been a catapult for interdisciplinary curriculum developed across colleges and departments. Such collaboration of efforts resulted in the "Center for First Year Experience," one of many transcendent imprints.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel's diversity initiatives created a multicultural environment for students, faculty, and staff in his recruiting efforts to bring students from Latino populations in Florida to our teacher certification programs, which assisted in the growth of the university's diversity population.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel was named the 2017 Faculty of the Year by the Student-Athletes. His contributions to the Intercollegiate Athletic Programs toward student excellence exemplifies a central value of Clarion University as unyieldingly courageous and confident.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel has cultivated local community relationships and partnerships through his participation on the Board of Directors of the

United Way, Clarion Community Foundation, Clarion Hospital, Jefferson County Historical Society, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel soared to new thespian heights on the Marwick Boyd stages and showcased his performing art talent by participating in seven University theater productions over the course of his tenure.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel through his powerful, mellifluous delivery has an unusual avocation for figures amorphous that accelerates the heart rate, prickles the senses of many diverse audiences. Always with respect and at times with students, he guided ghost hunts: unexplainable voices and apparition, harrowing stories, and other paranormal activity to the delight of thousands of students, faculty, community, and state groups hushed in awestruck appreciation. It is through his “spirited” documentation that he unspools a legacy of regional history which would have been mere myths without his effervescent research.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel, notably, carried out his musical talents intertwined and camouflaged in blue and gold with the University’s Marching Band, covertly, punctuated by crashing the cymbals during an athletic event.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel shared his love of the Christmas season with young and old, alike, attending numerous parties bringing sheer joy to many children throughout the area with his Santa Claus garb and eminence gear. His efforts to assist with the decoration of the University’s Christmas tree, and his good will spread throughout the year, will be sorely missed.

WHEREAS, Dr. Pfannestiel made reports and presentations marked with fervor to the Council of Trustees, inspiring trustees to sit up taller, instilling an infectious allegiance to our respective roles at Clarion University and inculcating unparalleled pride to those who serve, knowing we are fortunate to have the experience of his illumination, and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees expresses its thunderous appreciation of Dr. Todd Pfannestiel over his decades of distinguished service to Clarion University and extends to him our most fondly rendered wishes in his career advancement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a part of the Council of Trustees minutes of the meeting of April 19, 2018.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mrs. Bauer. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2018, on Clarion campus.

Respectfully submitted



James L. Kifer, Secretary
Council of Trustees