

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019
108 EAGLE COMMONS
CLARION, PA 16214
PUBLIC MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman JD Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following Trustees present:

Mrs. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman
The Honorable R. Lee James
The Honorable Donna Oberlander
Mr. Larry Pickett
Mr. Neil Weaver
Mr. Tree Zuzzio

The following Trustees were absent:

Mrs. Susanne Burns
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary
Mr. Howard Shreckengost

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson
Dr. Jeffery Allen, Dean, Health and Human Services
Mr. Len Cullo, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Mr. David Dollins, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management
Dr. Pam Gent, Interim Provost and Academic Vice President
Dr. Susanne Fenske, Vice President, Student Affairs
Dr. Phillip Frese, Dean, College of Business and Information Sciences
Mr. James Geiger, Vice President, University Advancement
Dr. Steven Harris, Interim Dean, College of Arts, Education and Sciences

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

Chairwoman Dunbar called on Dr. Frese who introduced faculty and student guests who were present at the meeting. Dr. Chad Smith, Dr. Tony Vega, Ms. Taylor Mahan and Ms. Olivia Keltz spoke to the trustees of their experience studying abroad in Portugal last August.

Dr. Frese also introduced Dr. Nripendra Singh, a new faculty member in the marketing and management departments, who talked about his marketing projects with local businesses and the impacts.

Dr. Fenske introduced her student-in-the-spotlight Wandy Ortega Lopez who talked about her Clarion experience as a community assistant.

III. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairwoman Dunbar presented the items on the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed to be removed for further discussion.

1. Approval of the February 21, 2019, meeting minutes.
2. Approval of Student Fees for 2019-2020 Academic Year.

A motion was made by Trustee Oberlander, seconded by Trustee James, to remove Item #2 Student Fees for further discussion.

Trustee Oberlander asked for Student Trustee Zuzzio's feedback on the fees that were being proposed. Mr. Zuzzio noted that the fees were not being increased and he, representing the student body, was satisfied with the proposed fees. Dr. Fenske also explained that part of our tactic to promote student affordability was to not raise fees for the next academic year. Trustee Oberlander thanked everyone for their explanation.

Chairwoman Dunbar then presented each item separately from the Consent Agenda for approval.

A motion was made by Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Zuzzio, to approve the February 21, 2019 meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

A motion was, then, made by Trustee Weaver, seconded by Trustee James, to approve the proposed student fees for the 2019-2020 academic year. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. Committee Reports

1. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on March 29 and those minutes will be forwarded to the trustees.

2. Nominating Committee.

Trustee James reported on the Nominating Committee that met earlier that evening. He presented the following proposed slate of Council of Trustee officers for 2019-2020:

Ms. JD Dunbar
Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer
Mr. James Kifer

Chairperson
Vice Chairperson
Secretary

A motion was made by Trustee Oberlander, seconded by Trustee James, to approve the proposed slate of officers for the 2019-2020 as presented by the Nominating Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

V. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Weaver reported that Clarion was well represented at Advocacy Week in Harrisburg with five students in attendance. Recently the BOGs approved giving universities more flexibility and allowing them to set their own tuition rates. This will take effect in the year 2020.

VI. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Gent noted that the faculty and staff scholarship recognition awards took place on April 16. She distributed a list of faculty and staff accomplishments and highlighted some of those to the trustees. She updated the trustees on the dean of AES search and reported that we should have a decision in the next couple of weeks. The associate provost search is underway and we are hoping to have someone in that role by June. She asked every department to present their goals as to how they will strive toward student affordability.

VII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Pehrsson noted we are wrapping up academic traditions and gearing up for commencement on May 4. She participated in the Nursing Honor Society ceremony in which they inducted her via virtual ceremony. Phi Kappa Phi upped their student engagement and some of their students received larger scholarships. They were recently recognized as a “gold” chapter member. Chancellor Greenstein was on campus yesterday to meet with various constituents and ended with an open forum.

The True North Initiative presented their work to the PEC bringing six priorities forward. PEC will meet on April 29 to review and move forward with their timeline. She noted that our Public Safety was recognized as one of the safest schools in American according to two organizations that have included Clarion on national lists highlighting safety.

VIII. REPORT OF STUDENT SENATE

Ms. Shepherd reported that Senate allocated \$10,000 to student organizations for next year’s budget. Next week is the annual Safety Walk across campus with Public Safety. They reviewed 14 applications for students in need of bookstore scholarships. They recently held elections and she is happy to report she was

elected to return as president of Senate for the next academic year. They will also be participating in the Reinhard Awards on April 24.

IX. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Lyle noted they have two faculty members on the provost search committee. They are reviewing the General Education assessment and recently elected new leadership for the Senate for next year. He distributed the Resolution of the Faculty Senate regarding course materials on their efforts toward student affordability.

X. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Chairwoman Dunbar reported that the trustees recently attended the President's Inauguration and the gala recognizing student scholars and their benefactors. She presented at the PACT meeting on trustee accountability. She then asked Trustee Zuzzio to read the letter from student Andrew Gilara that he wrote to the President and Dr. Bob for so graciously having him to dinner. Andrew is the student who named the "Eaglemobile."

XI. REPORT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

David Dollins noted that he presented to the Trustees at the workshop earlier this afternoon. They recently launched their verification software to approve student financial aid more timely and the clear cost calculator that will give students a real cost to go to college. They have an open house scheduled on April 27 with 142 students registered.

XII. PACT REPORT

Trustee Bauer reported that Clarion was well represented at last week's PACT meeting. They developed trustee accountability measures. Trustee Zuzzio added that the measures were added to ensure student voices are being heard.

XIII. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Trustee Bauer noted that she had attended her first meeting of the Foundation Board, Inc. She had no items to report.

XIV. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

President Pehrsson provided Mr. Geiger's report in his absence. She announced that we hosted 25 alumni events with 1,630 in attendance; through March 31, we raised \$1.79 million, the highest since FY 2013; the Golden Eagle Rising campaign picked up four spaces that were named; and we are stepping up our marketing and communication coverage with departments across campus.

XV. REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Len Cullo reviewed the Facilities Project Report emphasizing that they are working on the ADA accessibility improvements and the work at Venango campus.

XVI. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Fenske reported they recently launched the online orientation to help incoming students become familiar with campus housing virtually. They will be installing an outdoor recreation court this summer in the green space next to the Rec Center. Recently, the media reached out to Residence Life to do a story of the pet-friendly housing. That will be aired on May 10.

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE

XVIII. NEW BUSINESS – NONE

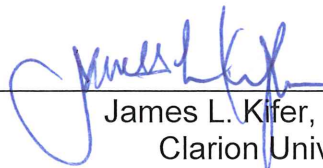
XIV. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Zuzzio, seconded by Trustee Bauer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Thursday, July 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted



James L. Kifer, Secretary
Clarion University
Council of Trustees