

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2020
209/210 Waldo S. Tippin Gymnasium
CLARION, PA 16214
PUBLIC MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman JD Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with the following Trustees present:

Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman
Mrs. Susanne Burns
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary
The Honorable Donna Oberlander
Mr. Larry Pickett
Mr. Brendan Shepherd
Mr. Howard Shreckengost
Mr. Neil Weaver
Mr. Tree Zuzzio

ABSENT: The Honorable R. Lee James

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson, President
Dr. Jeffery Allen, Dean, Health Sciences and Human Services
Mr. Len Cullo, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Dr. Laura Delbrugge, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Mr. David Dollins, Vice President, Enrollment Management
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. Pam Gent, Provost and Academic Vice President
Dr. Gwen Price, Dean, School of Education

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

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 Proposed Changes to Council of Trustees Bylaws
2. Approval of November Council of Trustee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Trustee Zuzzio, seconded by Trustee Weaver, to approve the November 21, 2019, Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF MIDDLE STATES

Drs. Suzanne Boyden, David Hartley, and Adam Roberts updated the Trustees on the Middle States Review. They went over the structure, reviewed the intended outcomes and the institutional priorities, and the self-study timeline. The process is a two-year process to complete. They will asking for the Trustees participation throughout the process.

V. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Weaver reported that the System Redesign is now rapidly moving forward. They are in the second phase – defining the vision and developing detailed implementation plans. The investment needed to begin delivering concretely on the promise of this Redesign is a two-percent increase in our yearly appropriations. Governor Wolf will be visiting each of the 14 State System Institutions to discuss the Nellie Bly Scholarship Tuition Program.

VI. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Jim Geiger reported that he and Dr. Dale traveled to Florida in January for fundraising opportunities. They are putting the final touches on the marketing for online programs and the nursing program in Somerset.

VII. REPORT OF CLARION STUDENT SENATE

Brianna Shepherd, President, provided a comprehensive report. Projects noted were that Senate recommended two new student organizations on campus; they are purchasing the Rugby team new uniforms; Friday evening they are hosting Wingo with 400 students expected to attend; they are working on a voter-friendly campus; Students in Need Scholarship committee is looking at ways to get more applicants; they are soliciting for lighting at the crosswalk next to Tippin; and, they are addressing safety concerns on the Clarion campus at the basketball courts and the stadium and on the Venango campus for security cameras and lighting improvements.

VIII. REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEES

Student Trustee Zuzzio recognized the student leaders who were present at the meeting. He announced that he is in the process of recruiting students to apply for the student trustee position and that those interviews will take place on March 23. He is presenting at the Spring PACT conference on student leadership and

that their purpose is to work together as a state system and to discover solutions as student government.

IX. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Susanne Fenske reported the fall 2020 housing application is available for students and they are ahead for students living on campus from last year at this time. They are working on incentives for local students to living in the residence halls. Her staff is working to get new camps on campus this summer. She will be asking for the Trustees' approval of no increase in housing costs for the second year in row at the April meeting.

X. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Jim Lyle provided the Faculty Senate update.

XI. REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Jim Geiger provided the report in Len Cullo's absence. He noted that the equipment for the weight room in Tippin Gymnasium would be installed in late spring. The Suhr Library and Learning Commons on the Venango campus reopened to students and faculty on January 27.

XII. REPORT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

David Dollins reported that his team has been out recruiting. Admissions is collaborating with Edinboro to bus potential students from Erie, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to both campuses for visit days. His team began hosting "Coffee Day with Clarion" where they buy the family members a cup of coffee, walk them through the financial aid process, and assist with any other questions. They are implementing a financial aid chat room that will be available 24/7.

XIII. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Provost Pam Gent announced that they interviewed four candidates for Dean for Career and Workforce Education. The new birthing simulator has arrived in Ralston. *US News and World Report* ranked Clarion in the Top 40 in the USA for our undergraduate online programs. She noted that they are still working to coordinate a Common Hour for campus next fall.

XIV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Trustees Executive Committee met last week and the minutes had been distributed.

XV. PACT REPORT

Trustee Bauer reminded the trustees that the annual spring PACT meeting is April 23 & 24 in Harrisburg. Discussions would focus on, Purposefully Advancing Collaborative Transformation of the System, our Universities and our Students. Four Clarion representatives — Trustees Bauer, Dunbar, Zuzzio, along with, Jim Geiger, will lead the workshop sessions.

XVI. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Trustee Bauer noted that the Annual Report for the University Foundation could be found online.

XVII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Dale reported that the big initiative of the PASSHE Redesign is cutting costs and keeping affordability for students. Clarion will following suit with this initiative by looking at the University's operational margin. Her mission as we move into Phase II of the System Redesign is to build a task force on sustainability. She is hosting a Town Hall meeting on February 25 for university employees to discuss the Sustainability Plan. It is due to the Chancellor in September.

XVIII. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Trustee Chairwoman Dunbar welcomed Mr. Brendan Shepherd who was appointed to the Council of Trustees on January 27. She noted that they now have a full slate of Council members. She stated that the landscape of higher education has shifted and students, faculty, administrators and trustees are in the process of finding their way. They have established accountability measures, mechanisms and a charted course of new leaders challenging them to step up. She suggested the book: *"The Years That Matter Most – How College Makes or Breaks Us"* by Paul Tough and gave a copy to David Dollins for his work in Enrollment Management.

She announced that the Trustee Bauer was nominated for the 2020 Women of Influence Award presented by the Pittsburgh Business Times. The award winner would be recognized at the event on March 12.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE.

XX. NEW BUSINESS – NONE.

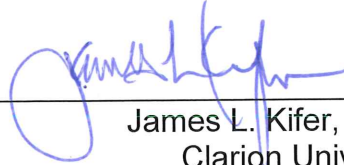
XX1. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Thursday, April 16, 2020 on the Venango campus.

Respectfully submitted



James L. Kifer, Secretary
Clarion University
Council of Trustees