

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
PUBLIC MEETING  
4:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman, JD Dunbar called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m. with the following Trustees present:

Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman  
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman  
The Honorable R. Lee James  
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary  
The Honorable Donna Oberlander  
Mr. Larry Pickett (via Zoom)  
Ms. Kathryn Robinson, Student Trustee  
Mr. Howard Shreckengost (via conference call)  
Mr. Neil Weaver

ABSENT: Mrs. Susanne Burns  
Mr. Brendan Shepherd

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson, President  
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  
Mr. Rogers Laugand, Director, Diversity, Equity & Multicultural Affairs  
Ms. Hope Lineman, Dean, Career and Workforce Development  
Dr. Gwen Price, Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Services

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

III. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Approval of the April 22, 2021, meeting minutes
2. Approval of the Resolution of Order of Succession

A motion was made by Trustee Weaver, seconded by Trustee James, to approve the July 22, 2021 Consent Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Milissa Bauer	YES
Ms. JD Dunbar	YES
Mr. R. Lee James	YES
Mr. James Kifer	YES
Ms. Donna Oberlander	YES
Mr. Larry Pickett	YES
Ms. Katie Robinson	YES
Mr. Howard Shreckengost	NO VOTE
Mr. Neil Weaver	YES

The motion carried.

Chairwoman Dunbar presented other Action Items for approval and asked if this item needed further discussion.

1. Approval of the Student Fees for 2021-2022 Academic Year

A motion was made by Trustee Bauer, seconded by Trustee Kifer, to approve the Student Fees for 2021-2022 Academic Year.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Milissa Bauer	YES
Ms. JD Dunbar	YES
Mr. R. Lee James	YES
Mr. James Kifer	YES
Ms. Donna Oberlander	YES
Mr. Larry Pickett	YES
Ms. Katie Robinson	YES
Mr. Howard Shreckengost	NO VOTE
Mr. Neil Weaver	YES

The motion carried.

#### IV. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Jim Geiger reported the private donor support for FY2021. The overall donor retention rate for the past year was 66 percent. The total giving for 2021 was the highest since 2013. Alumni engagement held virtual events that included wine tasting, paint 'n sips and book club. They partnered with alumni to relaunch the eEagle, implemented the COVID Tracker and Information, as well as, integration communications.

#### V. REPORT OF CLARION STUDENT SENATE

Ryan Zavinski reported Senate held an activity day in Gemmell for all senators to meet. Before the end of the spring semester they held elections. Senate Presidents within the PASSHE institutions are gathering for board meetings.

#### VI. REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Trustee Robinson reported she met with student advisory groups from Cal, Edinboro and Clarion. They met with Dr. Fenske to discuss their leadership goals. They will meet again in August.

#### VII. REPORT OF FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FACILITIES

Len Cullo went over the contracts, grants and facilities report that was distributed to the Trustees prior the meeting. He happily announced that Tippin Gymnasium is no longer on the facilities report. That project has been completed.

#### VIII. REPORT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

David Dollins provided a fall enrollment update. Admissions hosted collaborative campus visits at Clarion and Edinboro. The Admissions teams from Cal, Clarion and Edinboro embarked on a three-day road trip, their first action as an integrated university and spent one day on each campus.

#### IX. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Fenske was pleased to announce that students will begin moving into campus housing in three weeks to start the fall semester. Her team has been working on programs for the residence halls, and intermural and club sports at the student rec center. A new sound system is being installed in the Gemmell MPR with zoom capability for large events. They added more orientation dates for the summer and scheduled special programs for incoming freshman and sophomores who did not get their freshman programs last year. The Student Association selected eCampus for their bookstore vender. A spirit wear store will

be moved back into Gemmell this fall. As of May 1, our new dining and catering on campus is Aramark.

X. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Gent provided Dr. Jackie Knaust's report in her absence. Dr. Knaust has been reelected chair of Faculty Senate for the next academic year. Even though campus is still fairly quiet with the start of the semester a month away, faculty have been using this time to refresh, renew and plan for the return of our students this fall. It was joyful to see and talk to the Dean, colleagues, our incoming students and their parents at freshman orientation last week. She looks forward to keeping Trustees updated on Faculty Senate Business.

XI. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Gent reported some points of pride and that Clarion recently hosted the GIS Conference. Kids in College wrapped up last week at the Venango campus. They continue with Middle States reporting and will finalize the self-study in August. The Middle States review team will be on campus in the fall. Deans from Cal, Clarion, and Edinboro are meeting for leadership team building.

XII. REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, SOCIAL EQUITY, & MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

Rogers Laugand noted departmental highlights and events. Juneteenth had 175 participants with President Laurie Carter (CUP alumna) as the keynote speaker with other female speakers including President Pehrsson. Social Equity is hosting Heritage Week and American History Month. During Welcome Week, they are planning Building Bridges programs for students.

XIII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Pehrsson reported the College of Arts and Sciences continues to identify students who left Clarion without a degree, but whose degree work is near complete, or whose degree work is complete with new integrative studies criteria. Since the effort began in 2018, 164 students have been readmitted and graduated with a BS or BA degree and two students earned ASAA degree. Military Times ranks Clarion University No. 1 for general education and 14<sup>th</sup> overall for the mid-Atlantic region in its annual Best for Vets. July 14 – BOG voted unanimously to approve a measure to integrate six institutions into two new universities.

#### XIV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Weaver stated that last week's BOG's meeting was transformational for the State System and Clarion University. They had some great remarks and presentations at the meeting. It was an historic day and vote.

#### XV. REPORT OF PACT

Trustee Bauer reported that PACT is focusing on their committees – Advocacy and Governance. Each university will be represented by one trustee – Trustee Dunbar will represent Clarion on Advocacy. Trustee Weaver will represent Clarion on Governance. The fall meeting is October 15, 2021 at Kutztown and Spring PACT – March 23-25, 2022.

#### XVI. REPORT OF THE CLARION UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Trustee Kifer reported the Foundation is currently going through the fiscal year audit and data software enhancements. The investment and endowment performance for the year has grown 26 percent from last year.

#### XVII. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Trustee Chairwoman Dunbar delivered her comments from the BOG's meeting the prior week in support of the Western Integration. She noted her support for the transition to pair with the sister universities, stating change used effectively provides opportunities to grow. *"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy not in fighting the old, but in building the new"* (Socrates). We need to change strategy, be innovative. Integration could well be the team sport of Higher Education.

#### XVIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### 1. Nominating Committee

Trustee James reported the Nominating Committee met earlier in the afternoon to consider naming opportunities for campus facilities. They will bring more information public at a later date.

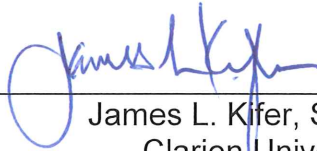
#### XIX. OTHER BUSINESS – NONE.

XX. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

A motion was made by Trustee Bauer, and seconded by Trustee Weaver, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Thursday, September 23, 2021.

Respectfully submitted



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James L. Kifer, Secretary  
Clarion University  
Council of Trustees