

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
403 MONTGOMERY HALL
CLARION, PA 16214
PUBLIC MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman JD Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following Trustees present:

Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman
Mrs. Susanne Burns
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:

Mr. James Kifer, Secretary
Mr. Howard Shreckengost

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson, President
Dr. Jeffery Allen, Dean, Health and Human Services
Mr. Len Cullo, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Dr. Laura Delbrugge, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
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

The following administration was absent:

Mr. David Dollins, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management

At this time, Chairwoman Dunbar called on Dr. Allen who introduced faculty members Dr. Jeanne Slattery, Psychology, and Dr. Kenn Staub, Communication Sciences and Disorders, who spoke of their teaching positions and many services to Clarion University and students.

Two students who were highlighted and present for the meeting were Danielle Stoner and Mickenna Ansell who spoke to the trustees of why they chose Clarion University and their college experience.

Trustee Bauer introduced Senator Scott Hutchinson, Pennsylvania's 21 District, who visited the meeting and spoke briefly to those in attendance.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Janis Jarecki-Lui spoke about the interdisciplinary case study that will cover all departments within the Health Sciences and Human Services. This case would be presented to a panel in the National Case Competition – CLARION.

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 July 18, 2019, meeting minutes
2. Approval of the Annual Budget – FY2019-2020.
3. Approval of the Trustee Finance Committee Purchasing Report

A motion was made by Trustee Weaver, seconded by Trustee Burns, to approve the September 19, 2019, meeting minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF VENANGO CAMPUS

Hope Lineman provided the Venango report. "Kids in College" this summer was successful. They are looking forward to new leadership and securing permanent leadership on campus. They have solid enrollment in the ASN program and saw an increase in respiratory care enrollment numbers. They have 23 students enrolled in the EMS program. They implemented a county-run program for high school seniors to come on campus. She also noted the facilities updates to Suhr Library and Montgomery Hall. She finished by introducing the Advisory Board members who attended.

V. REPORT OF VENANGO STUDENT SENATE

Trelyn Nelson, President, reported that Senate is focusing on student concerns, eFollett book prices, new inventory in the bookstore, and healthier options in the café. They implemented a new club – Clarion University Venango Democrats Club. They are working to arrange “Pizza with the President” during the semester. Trelyn also reported on her experience as a Venango student.

VI. REPORT OF CLARION STUDENT SENATE

Brianna Shepherd, President, reported their first Wingo was successful with 370 attendees. Twenty-one students applied for eight positions on Senate. They are planning a “Good Neighbor Walk” and distributing community-recycling ideas. Their annual retreat will be held at Camp Whitehall in Emlenton. They are working on eFollett scholarships for students in need for next year.

VII. REPORT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Len Cullo reviewed the 2019-2020 annual budget in the workshop prior the meeting. He announced DGS has given the University clearance to begin moving back into Tippin on October 11.

VIII. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Jim Geiger distributed his fundraising report. The Clarion Transits (buses) are getting a new look with new paint color and wraps. President Pehrsson’s second car is being wrapped and the students will hold a contest to name the car.

XIV. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Susanne Fenske reported that our housing numbers have gone up this semester the first time in five years. Our pet-friendly Living and Learning Community is successful, and they are having an animal photo contest. The Center for Wellness is currently going through their accreditation process. The outdoor fitness court is completed and the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for October 2. They are working on professional development for their staff, and Student Affairs will host SAFE Schools Summit on November 21. The keynote speaker is Natalie Hammond, who was the lead teacher at Sandy Hook Elementary during the shooting in December of 2012. Note to Trustees: This is the same day as trustee meeting and trustees are invited to attend; 10 am – 4 pm in Gemmell MPR.

X. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Barry Sweet provided the report in Jim Lyle's absence. He emphasized that the relationship with the Senate and administration is the strongest it has been in a long time.

XI. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Provost Pam Gent announced the new interim Vice Provost, Dr. David Hartley. They opened the Somerset campus with 15 nursing students enrolled and already 9 for the next academic year. Ninety-seven percent of our nursing students passed the NCLEX exam. They are in the process for accreditation in our Master of Athletic Training. She is happy to report that the APSCUF contract negotiations are progressing.

XII. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Trustee Dunbar first acknowledged Venango Advisory Council with profound gratitude. She reported that the Council is working on updating their Bylaws. She commended trustees for their wide breath of involvement. At one juncture, several trustees were involved in a sustainability meeting while Trustee James was at the American Council of Trustees in Meadville. Trustee Zuzzio was involved in PACT initiative for greater awareness of student trustee roles. Trustee Dunbar commended the culture of Clarion University and our commitment to honor Clarion University's future by embracing culture. The Executive Committee provided their recommendations to the State System for the University's Financial Sustainability Policy and Procedures.

XIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. PRESIDENTIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

Trustee Weaver announced that the committee has completed the Presidential Annual Review and note on the committee's recommendation is expected after the Executive Session planned for later this evening.

XIV. REPORT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Carrie Thompson provided the report in David Dollins' absence. For the first time in 10 years, we have an increase in freshman at 14 percent on the Clarion campus. They are accrediting this increase to our initiative "Taking Back Our Back Yard." We know this worked, so next year we will expand our back yard. She stated they also showed an increase in our diverse group of students.

XV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Weaver reported that the BOG continue to work on the system redesign, financial stability policy, and changes to ACT 188 Public School Legislation.

XVI. PACT REPORT

Trustee Bauer chaired the first trustee meeting at Slippery Rock. We had three regional meetings which outpaced attendance at former Harrisburg site for Fall Meeting. There was a three-prong focus:

- System Redesign Update which is moving along and in phase 2.
- System Advocacy Update—this was relative to knowing your representative and senator.
- Governance—Student Trustee best practices and trustee accountability.

The speaker was Trustee Zuzzio at the first meeting and subsequent student trustees at all regional meetings. JD spoke on governance and trustee accountability at all meetings.

The Sustainability Policy includes—

- Quality of education vs quantity of students enrolled.
- Min reserves is 40% of E&G—Trustee Bauer pointed out if we have a minimum—we need a maximum so that money can be deployed for either investment or to other areas of need.
- Recognition of areas that are lagging—meaning aligning federal and state initiatives with the system.

XVII. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Trustee Bauer noted that the Foundation is elated for the increase in students living in University housing.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Pehrsson reported that the search for the associate Vice President for Student Success and Dean of Venango campus is underway. They are working with the Foundation on changes to university housing. The Athletic Strategic Planning is working to increase scholarships and donations to benefit athletes. The Presidential Diversity Advisory Committee (PDAC) will kick off their first meeting on September 30, and the Presidential Commission on Sustainability will advocate issues on campus.

XIV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – NONE.

XX. NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Dunbar indicated that the Council would be going into Executive Session to discuss President Pehrsson's annual review and evaluation. She further indicated that the Council would return to public session for any related votes on that matter and then adjourn.

The trustees entered into executive session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss personnel matters and returned to public session at 9:16 p.m.

1. Presidential Leadership Review

A motion was made by Mr. Weaver, seconded by Ms. Oberlander, to approve the following motion. The motion carried unanimously.

MOVE that the Clarion University Council of Trustees advise the Board of Governors and the Chancellor of the State System of Higher Education that Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson is the ideal executive to lead Clarion University and we hereby recommend continuing her employment as Clarion University's President.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Milissa Steiner Bauer	YES
Mrs. Susanne Burns	YES
Ms. JD Dunbar	YES
Mr. R. Lee James	YES
Ms. Donna Oberlander	YES
Mr. Larry Pickett	YES
Mr. Neil Weaver	YES
Mr. Tree Zuzzio	YES

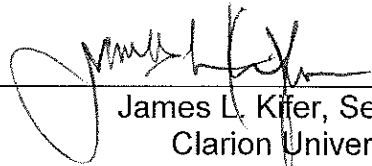
XXI. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Thursday, November 21, 2019 on the Clarion campus.

Respectfully submitted



James L. Kifer, Secretary
Clarion University
Council of Trustees