

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021  
VIA ZOOM  
PUBLIC MEETING  
4:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman, JD Dunbar called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. with the following Trustees present:

Mrs. Susanne Burns  
Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman  
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman  
The Honorable R. Lee James  
The Honorable Donna Oberlander  
Mr. Larry Pickett  
Ms. Kathryn Robinson, Student Trustee  
Mr. Brendan Shepherd  
Mr. Howard Shreckengost

ABSENT:

Mr. James Kifer, Secretary  
Mr. Neil Weaver

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  
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 July 22, 2021, meeting minutes
2. Approval of the September 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the 2021-2022 Annual Budget

Trustee James made a motion to remove Item #3 from the Consent Agenda for further discussion and then rescinded the motion.

A motion was made by Trustee Burns, seconded by Trustee James, to approve the September 23, 2021 Consent Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Sue Burns	YES
Ms. Milissa Bauer	YES
Ms. JD Dunbar	YES
Mr. R. Lee James	YES
Ms. Donna Oberlander	YES
Mr. Larry Pickett	YES
Ms. Kathryn Robinson	YES
Mr. Brendan Shepherd	YES
Mr. Howard Shreckengost	YES

The motion carried.

IV. REPORT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

David Dollins reported that they are wrapping up final fall census data. The Admissions team is traveling more for recruitments and have 250 face-to-face events scheduled this year compared to only 20 events last year due to the pandemic. They launched the Admissions application for 2022 and have received more deposits than at this time last year. They have 50 families registered for Saturday's Open House. They are hosting a guidance counselor workshop on October 20 and working to launch the new student database as part of NewU.

V. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Susanne Fenske reported that the President's Leadership Academy met last evening with 30 student leaders in attendance from California, Clarion and Edinboro Universities. They are seeing a rise in attendance for in-person events on campus – with masks. Leadership Development held a September 11 event. They hosted a parent-to-parent event at last week's football game with 75 family members in attendance. CSA recently hired a new bookstore manager and they

are working to move the spirit wear store to the permanent location in Gemmell. They have 1100 students living in housing and the staff is busy helping with meal deliveries to those in quarantine.

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

Rogers Laugand reported that his office recently provided a luncheon for the 11 new Frederick Douglass scholars. Social Equity is hosting Heritage Week in October that will coincide with ALF with sampling of ethnic foods. They are holding sessions for the Building Bridges program.

VII. REPORT OF CLARION STUDENT SENATE

Ryan Zavinski reported Senate assisted with Welcome Week and Convocation. They hosted Wingo with 174 students in attendance. They are working on RSO budgets, reorganizing a new Fraternity-Omega Psi Phi, and tabling this week in Eagle Commons to hear and address any student concerns.

VIII. REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Kathryn Robinson, Student Trustee, reported that the Student Advisory Board meet with Dr. Fenske and reviewed names for NewU. PASSHE student trustees are sharing a line of communication. She introduced student Sam Shannon who is leading student programs on campus.

IX. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Jim Geiger reported they implemented a COVID-19 tracker on the website. They hosted a social for employees for Founder's Day. CU Day of Giving raised \$137,000. The name for NewU will be announced in October and students will have the opportunity to review several branding options and logos for NewU.

X. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Jackie Knaust, Chair, reported they have met two times since the start of the semester. They are working on curricular proposals. The integrated Faculty Senate working group is meeting to organize Faculty Senate for NewU.

XI. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Gent reported they are sharing 50 courses this fall between the three universities. ROTC competed in the Ranger Challenge at West Point and placed second putting them in the top half of the best schools in the nation. Clarion had 1041 students participate in an internship, co-op, or student teaching last year. Forty-six percent of our students did a virtual development conference on how to write a resume and interview in conjunction with California and Edinboro. Continuing Education partnered with CVS on a pharmaceutical program and an

EMT program at Venango campus. We are moving our student information system to Banner for the Integration. The Little Theater opens this weekend.

XII. REPORT OF FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FACILITIES

Len Cullo reviewed the grants and facilities listings that were distributed to the trustees' prior the meeting. In integration, he is overseeing athletics at all three universities and happy to report that all fall teams are participating.

XIII. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Pehrsson reported CU Points of Pride that included: The Center for Career and Professional Development's increase of student engagement through gamification; Venango Campus celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year; the Student COVID Task Force has been engaged to once again develop a peer-led marketing campaign for COVID safety; Sam Shannon is leading the task force with Student Senate; and, they continue working with the NCAA per our plan to retain a full complement of sports on each campus.

XIV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Bauer presented the Board of Governors' Report which was shared by Trustee/Governor Neil Weaver in advance of the meeting due to necessary absence after Council workshop. The BOG approved an agreement that basically says any faculty member identified for retrenchment this year or in each of the next two years will not lose their job until June 2024. Faculty at the 14 state universities will get a three-year reprieve from having to worry about losing their job, provided additional one-time state funding promised by Governor and the General Assembly comes through. The board approved the provision to their labor agreement on Wednesday by a 12-3 vote.

Six other amendments to the faculty contract also were approved. Those specifically addressed issues arising from the consolidation of Lock Haven, Mansfield and Bloomsburg universities into one institution and California, Clarion and Edinboro universities into another.

Next week, the BOG will take part in a workshop that will provide an update on the budget analysis being done to prepare the State System's appropriations request for next year. They are planning to share a progress report on the efforts underway by the presidents and their teams along with PASSHE staff to identify how best to invest the \$50 million in one-time funds provided by the Commonwealth this year.

Next board meeting will be in Lancaster on October 13 and 14.

XV. REPORT OF PACT

Trustee Bauer reported that PACT will hold their virtual fall meeting on October 15. They will be discussing student success and how it makes your community successful. They will also be working on Bylaw changes.

XVI. REPORT OF THE CLARION UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Max Smith, Executive Director, University Foundation, shared the investment and fundraising report in Trustee Kifer's absence.

XVII. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Chair Dunbar announced that both she and Trustee Pickett will present to the Inaugural Dr. Dale Presidential Leadership Academy (for faculty and staff) by Dr. Gwen Price. She shared that PSU's Rural-Urban Leadership Program (RULE) will hold its upcoming Study Institute at Clarion University on November 4 & 5.

XVIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS – NONE.

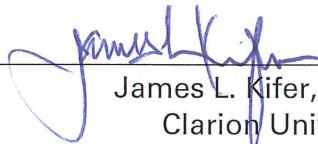
XIX. OTHER BUSINESS – NONE.

XX. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m. The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Thursday, November 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted



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James L. Kifer, Secretary  
Clarion University  
Council of Trustees