

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 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:

Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman
Mrs. Susanne Burns
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman
The Honorable R. Lee James
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary
Ms. Kaitlyn Krupa, Student Trustee
The Honorable Donna Oberlander
Mr. Larry Pickett
Mr. Brendan Shepherd
Mr. Howard Shreckengost
Mr. Neil Weaver

ABSENT: 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 February 18, 2021, meeting minutes
2. Approval of the Trustee Finance Committee Purchasing Report
3. Approval of the Capital Program Submissions
4. Approval of the 2021-2022 Housing and Dining Rates

A motion was made by Trustee Shreckengost, seconded by Trustee Burns, to approve the April 22, 2021, Consent Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Milissa Bauer	YES
Mrs. Sue Burns	YES
Ms. JD Dunbar	YES
Mr. R. Lee James	YES
Mr. James Kifer	YES
Ms. Kaitlyn Krupa	YES
Ms. Donna Oberlander	YES
Mr. Larry Pickett	YES
Mr. Howard Shreckengost	YES
Mr. Neil Weaver	YES

The motion carried.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Nominating Committee

Trustee James reported on the Nominating Committee that met earlier in the afternoon. He presented the following proposed slate of Council of Trustee officers for 2021-2022:

Ms. JD Dunbar	Chairperson
Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer	Vice Chairperson
Mr. James Kifer	Secretary

A motion was made by Trustee Weaver, seconded by Trustee Krupa, to approve the proposed slate of officers for the 2021-2022 as presented by the Nominating Committee.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Milissa Bauer	YES
Mrs. Sue Burns	YES
Ms. JD Dunbar	YES
Mr. R. Lee James	YES
Mr. James Kifer	YES
Ms. Kaitlyn Krupa	YES
Ms. Donna Oberlander	YES
Mr. Larry Pickett	YES
Mr. Howard Shreckengost	YES
Mr. Neil Weaver	YES

The motion carried.

V. NEW BUSINESS

1. Trustee Pickett presented a Resolution of Appreciation to Student Trustee Kaitlyn Krupa.

WHEREAS, Kaitlyn E. Krupa has been a member of the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania since May 14, 2020, and successfully concludes her service as a member of the Council upon her graduation from the University with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a minor in Women and Gender Studies on May 8, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Krupa, throughout her tenure on the Council of Trustees, she manifested a mature, informed, and responsive understanding of the role of Council in the governance of the University; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Krupa, has provided invaluable insight, perspective and guidance to the Council of Trustees in her role as laudable advocate of student interests with her responsibility for directing her judgment and influence toward the concerns and challenges of the whole institution; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to her service on the Council of Trustees, Ms. Krupa has applied extraordinary talents, integrity and thoughtful consideration in steadfast dedication to Clarion University students and outstanding leadership to campus organizations, including founder of the CU Menstrual Program, advisor to the Clarion University Student Senate, Board of Directors for Clarion Student Association, member for the President's Leadership Academy, COVID-19 Administration Taskforce, COVID-19 Student Taskforce, BSN Club, Resource Room Taskforce, Interhall Council, CU Engaged Coalition, and Civic Engagement Scholarship Program. Nursing Peer Tutor; and,

RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Clarion University of Pennsylvania expresses appreciation to Kaitlyn E. Krupa for her loyal and effective service as a member of the Council and for her zenith volunteerism, teambuilding and leadership as Chair of the Student Trustee

Selection Committee and for her stellar achievement as a student leader and extends to Ms. Krupa its very best wishes for continued success and happiness; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there Resolution is fondly rendered for said Student Trustee Kaitlyn E. Krupa with our heartfelt wishes for her continued success and leadership, wishing her well in all future endeavors, and shall be made a formal record in the minutes of the Council of Trustees of April 22, 2021.

2. Trustee Bauer presented Ms. Ann Jamison a Resolution of Gratitude.

WHEREAS, Ann M. Jamison has advanced the mission and agenda of Clarion University through her 32 years of service, beginning in 1988, with her passionate commitment and steadfast advocacy as Senior Executive Associate to the President of Clarion University; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Jamison has provided outstanding support and leadership to five Presidents and two Interim Presidents over the course of her 32 years of service and has announced her intent to retire on April 23, 2021.

WHEREAS, Ms. Jamison's tireless efforts to engage the entire university community — students, faculty, staff, families, business leaders, and countless others — set high standards for integrating communications across the system, including the Council of Trustees and the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Jamison's unwavering commitment, willingness and ability to understand and respond to concerns of the Clarion University community, has made a substantial contribution to the betterment of the University; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Jamison brought respect, honor, and integrity within the Office of the President and exhibited outstanding spirit in her service while maintaining a demeanor that made working with her a pleasure; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Jamison has chaired numerous imperative search committees within the University System, one dealing with an efficacious search for a president for Clarion University in 2018; and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Jamison organized or led several working groups on important events such as Presidents' Inaugurations, Founder's Day, Retiree's Steak Fry, Employee Appreciation events, Holiday celebrations, hundreds of receptions and dedications for trustees, university leadership, as well as the entire university community; and,

WHEREAS, over a nearly 32-year career with Clarion University, Ms. Jamison earned distinction over a vast repertoire of University knowledge with an unyielding brand of positivism, an infectious spirit of camaraderie, an

unrivaled legacy of expertise and leadership developed during her career proving invaluable to Clarion University; and,

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this devotion, Ms. Jamison has provided exemplary service preparing correspondence, public announcements, agendas and minutes of meetings, organizing projects and special assignments and focus on detail; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clarion University Council of Trustees hereby commends Ann M. Jamison for her time-honored legacy of dedication, enthusiasm and outstanding service to Clarion University over the past 32 years and wish to express their fond wishes to Ms. Jamison for a long and happy retirement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be made a formal record in the minutes of the Council of Trustees of April 22, 2021.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – NONE.

VII. REPORT OF VENANGO CAMPUS

Hope Lineman reported that partnerships served 81 businesses through the SBDC Jump Start Program; the Office of Continuing Education served 100 students for online training; they obtained two cohorts for the pharmacy technician program with CVS drug store and a Philadelphia pharmacy; obtained a cohort for the ASN degree with 59 seats filled for fall; worked with 18 WEDnet contracts giving money back to companies with complete training within their companies. A pilot program is underway for Prepared PA for students to access work relevant learning. This will allow students to earn credentials.

She reported on facility updates to Montgomery Hall resource room and second floor faculty offices; flower beds on campus were redone; LED upgrades were done in Frame Hall and financed through the PA Rebate Program; and new signage was completed for Suhr Library.

VIII. REPORT OF VENANGO CAMPUS STUDENT SENATE

Taylor Lovejoy, vice president, reported for President Keely Ritter who was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Venango Senate has been working on additional vending options from AVI Services, they moved food and drink into Suhr Library, hosted a beach party during mid-terms with games and crafts, tie-dye event, the second annual virtual awards ceremony and fall senate elections.

IX. REPORT OF CLARION STUDENT SENATE

Chelsea Mason reported that Clarion Senate held free resume and professional photos for students, nomination for executive board and election on April 26,

hosted the Reinhard Awards with 50 students in attendance, Saturday mock retreat where senate went over their roles and expectations.

X. REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Trustee Krupa provided her last report and indicated she made great friendships with student trustees from sister institutions. She thanked the Council of Trustees for the last year.

XI. REPORT OF FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FACILITIES

Len Cullo noted renovations for Egbert and Moore Halls.

XII. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Jim Geiger reported E-Eagle newsletter has been launched to advertise events, Alumni Association is hosting a paint and sip over the holiday, we are planning for an in-person homecoming in the fall, and they are ahead of last year in fundraising.

XIII. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Susanne Fenske reported that Clarion was designated Voter Friendly campus; President's Leadership Academy completed its training with 59 members; they have plans to integrate this student organization with EU next semester; offered over 100 programs to students this year; new Clarion branded arcade game installed in the Rec Center; fifty-nine percent of our sorority and fraternity students made the dean's list; orientations are planned for the summer; wrapping up RFP for a new e-Book Store provider; students are signing up for fall '21 housing; housing and dining rates are on the April agenda for the Council's approval for next academic year.

XIV. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Jackie Knaust reported that Senate is reviewing CCPS proposals, consulting Rogers Laugand regarding DEI for syllabi, and integrations for faculty senate structure for NewU is ongoing.

XV. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Gent reported that students have completed class registrations for fall '21; they are sharing 22 classes with CalU/EU next semester; senior honors presentation will take place today; University Theatre continues to offer virtual events; the American Chemical Society reauthorized our chemical program with equipment donations from a plant in Erie; Registrars' office working to move an integrated system to Banner software; proposal was presented for the ROTC program for NewU; and finalizing curriculum for NewU.

XVI. REPORT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

David Dollins reported that starting July 1 he will take over EU enrollment management; transitioning student software to Banner for the Integration; received grant for NewU to manage the student emergency aid and will hire for a full-time position.

XVII. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Weaver reported that the BOG approved student trustee appointments earlier this week, the State System voted to freeze tuition, President Carter is leaving this was her last meeting, presidents not involved in integration expressed financial concerns for their institutions, the BOG support the Chancellors path for integration.

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

Rogers Laugand reported that three students will present at the Douglass Research and Debate Days; the student organization, ASIA, will discuss Stop Hate; offering healing and listening sessions during the George Floyd trial; Building Bridges sessions are completed; Free Speech event on April 14 included faculty; launched diversity and Title IX training to students & employees; Lavender graduation is scheduled for April 25.

XIV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

President Pehrsson reported that 400 faculty and staff completed the Western Integration plan. It is now open for a 60-day public comment period which the State System will accept feedback from the three campuses with the boards' final vote in July. Students are getting weekly email updates on the integration.

XX. REPORT OF PACT

Trustee Bauer reported that the spring conference will review the changes in ACT 50, hold a president's round-table and President Pehrsson will provide remarks.

XXI. REPORT OF THE CLARION UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Trustee Kifer reported the Foundation donated scholarships, they are working on the 2022 budget and compliance reports, reported a 27.7 percent endowment performance growth since last fiscal year.

XXII. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

Trustee Chairwoman Dunbar provided a litany of thanks to all 10 members of the Council of Trustees and expressed excitement for next week's Board of Governor's integration reveal. She presented a book to Student Trustee Kaitlyn Krupa called, "Thanks a Thousand" by AJ Jacobs for providing her voice not only as a trustee but as a student.

XXIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

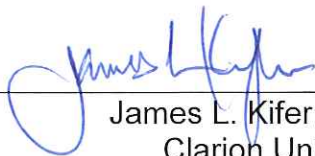
XXIV. NEW BUSINESS – None.

XXV. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Thursday, July 22, 2021.

Respectfully submitted



James L. Kifer, Secretary
Clarion University
Council of Trustees