

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018
ROOM 108 EAGLE COMMONS
CLARION PA 16214
Public Meeting
7:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Dunbar with the following Trustees present:

Mrs. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman
Mrs. Susanne Burns
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman
Mr. Edward Green
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary
The Honorable Donna Oberlander
Mr. Randy Seitz
Mr. Neil Weaver

The following Trustees were absent:

Dr. Syed Ali-Zaidi
The Honorable R. Lee James
Mr. Howard Shreckengost

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Jeff Allen, Dean, Health and Human Services
Mr. Len Cullo, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Dr. Susanne Fenske, Vice President, Student Affairs
Dr. Phillip Frese, Dean, College of Business and Information Sciences
Mr. Jim Geiger, Vice President, University Advancement
Dr. Steve Harris, Interim Dean, College of Arts, Education and Sciences
Dr. Todd Pfannestiel, Interim Provost and Academic Vice President

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Dunbar asked individuals offering public comments to limit their remarks to no more than five minutes.

Mr. Norbert Baschnagel presented his suggested list of five goals for Interim President Peter Fackler and the Council of Trustees to consider and possibly adopt. Ms. Dunbar thanked Mr. Baschnagel for his public comments.

III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Ms. Dunbar presented the items on the Consent Agenda:

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2017
2. Approval of the Certification of Foundation Compliance
3. Approval of the Certification of the CSA Compliance
4. Approval of the Tippin Gymnasium Renovation Gift Naming Spaces
5. Approval of the Capital Program Submissions
6. Approval of the Trustees' Finance Committee Purchasing Report

A motion was made by Mr. Kifer, seconded by Ms. Oberlander, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

At the workshop prior tonight's meeting, Dr. Fenske and Chief of Police Jason Hendershot presented the student affairs overview of services, student funding information and the annual security report to the trustees. No additional information was reported at this time.

V. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Mr. Geiger distributed a report of private support and noted the donor funding has increased by 27 percent due to a full team of fundraising officers on staff. He would like to share new marketing and advertising videos at the next meeting.

VI. REPORT OF STUDENT SENATE

Clarion Student Senate President Katie Welsh reported Senators would be traveling to Harrisburg on April 22 for Advocacy Day. They will host wingo on April 23 and noted that the last wingo event had 350 students participate. They will be assisting with the Reinhard Awards on April 25 and participating in a self-defense class on April 28.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

- VII. Mr. Fackler reported that the Provost search would be underway soon. We are conducting the search in house, without a search firm, with the idea to bring forward finalists in early May to meet the new President. He has been meeting with the Foundation Board president discussing mutual support for our affiliated housing. His personal interest is affordability for our students and retention. He feels his involvement with this is making real progress.

VIII. COUNCIL CHAIRWOMAN'S REPORT

Trustee Dunbar thanked Dr. Frese for his tour of Still Hall earlier this afternoon and the presentation by faculty and students who talked about their experience studying business and ecology in New Zealand last summer. She also commended Dr. Fenske and Chief Hendershot for their workshop presentation.

The meeting was turned over to Trustee Bauer who encouraged all the trustees to attend the PACT Conference in Harrisburg on April 12 & 13, 2018. She explained we are taking the NCHEMS report and discussing three key elements:

1. Student success
2. University strengthens
3. Governance and changes in the State System.

She was invited to speak at the conference and will be a member of the panels.

She reported that the Presidential Search Committee has narrowed the candidates down to three who would be invited to campus. She encouraged everyone to attend the open forums with the candidates. After the campus interviews, the committee will provide their recommendation to the Council of Trustees.

Trustee Dunbar also encouraged all trustees to attend the dinner with the presidential candidates. A Special Meeting of the Council of Trustees has been scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 11:00 a.m. to vote for candidates to be forwarded to the Chancellor for the Position of University President.

She announced that the April 19 meeting of the Council of Trustees is Trustee Green's last meeting on Council. Trustee Dunbar commended the fabulous job he has put forth while on the Council and thanked him for all his work and dedication. She noted, especially, Trustees Green's efforts in the student trustee interview process to secure the names of candidates. He stated his experience on Council has influenced his career decisions and he has very much enjoyed it.

IX. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Adam Roberts, Chair of Faculty Senate, provided his report and that Academic Standards Committee is reviewing proposals and inquiry seminars. We are in the process of recruiting faculty for the provost search committee. At the April council meeting, trustees will be asked to approve the Faculty Bylaws and Constitution. He appreciates that Mr. Fackler has been actively involved at the Faculty Senate meetings.

X. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. Pfannestiel reported he is working with faculty on new program development, retention and new classes for fall 2018. We are also preparing for fall 2018 and 2019 semesters with the Health and Human Services disciplines leading the way in student enrollment. Our graduate and online programs are improving and our transfer student enrollment is still increasing. Our January visit day brought 82 students to campus and another 109 students registered for February.

He also reported on the ReUp program and that we engaged 1200 drop-outs in the past year, 112 of those are possible readmits, 25 students registered for classes and four recently completed their degrees.

Last, we continue to work with Academic Partnership to recruit students in the MBA and BSN programs for fall 2018. We anticipate an additional 250 students in each of these programs.

XI. REPORT OF FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND FACILITIES

Mr. Cullo happily reported that the long-awaited Tippin Gymnasium renovations would begin in March/April.

XII. REPORT OF COMMITTEES

1. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on February 9, 2018 and a copy of the minutes would be forwarded to the trustees.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Raymond Feroz announced that faculty have enjoyed working with Mr. Fackler during this tenure.

Trustee Weaver thanked Mr. Geiger for attending the BOGs' meeting and speaking to the board on fundraising. He noted this has given Clarion a lot of viability and it was well received.

Trustee Dunbar asked Mr. Weaver to provide a BOGs' report. He stated that the board is making many changes and taking them very seriously. The board approved the revised standing committee restructuring and we now have three focused committees: University Success Committee, Student Success Committee, and Governance and Leadership Committee. Within the next four months, the board will be interviewing four candidates for university presidents.

The BOGs' report would be added to future Council agendas for Mr. Weaver to provide his report.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. was made by Mr. Green, seconded by Mrs. Bauer. The next regular meeting will be Thursday, April 19, 2018, on Clarion campus.

Respectfully submitted



James L. Kifer, Secretary
Council of Trustees