

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES  
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018  
108 EAGLE COMMONS  
CLARION, PA 16214  
PUBLIC MEETING  
7:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following Trustees present:

Mrs. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman  
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman  
The Honorable R. Lee James  
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary  
The Honorable Donna Oberlander  
Mr. Howard Shreckengost  
Mr. Neil Weaver (via conference call)

The following Trustees were absent:

Dr. Syed Ali-Zaidi  
Mrs. Sue Burns  
Mr. Randy Seitz

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson  
Dr. Jeff Allen, Dean, Health and Human Services  
Mr. Len Cullo, Vice President, Finance and Administration  
Mr. David Dollins, Associate Vice President, Enrollment Management  
Dr. Pam Gent, Interim Provost and Academic Vice President  
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

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.

### III. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, and the Special Meetings of May 11 and June 13, 2018.
2. Approval of the SBDC USDA Grant Proposal and Resolution.
3. Approval of the Student Code of Conduct and Committee Standards.
4. Approval of the Finance Committee Report for July 19, 2018.

A motion was made by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Shreckengost, to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Dunbar indicated that the Council's agenda would be re-ordered to allow Mr. Weaver, who was participating via conference call, to provide the Board of Governors' Report before he leaves the meeting.

### IV. Report of the Board of Governors'

Trustee Weaver reported that the BOGs named four new presidents who will assume their duties this fall. Clarion University was represented with student athlete, Christina Sathers, who was recognized for bringing home a NCAA national championship in the 1mm Dive. The Board approved to increase state system universities tuition by 2.9 percent for 2018-19. The new Chancellor, Dr. Daniel Greenstein, will begin September 1. The Board presented Dr. Karen Whitney, Interim Chancellor, with a Resolution of Appreciation at the meeting.

At this time, Chairwoman Dunbar asked Pete Fackler to come forward. Trustee Weaver read a letter of appreciation to Mr. Fackler from Governor Tom Wolf thanking him for his dedication and service to Clarion University as Interim President and Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration.

### V. Remarks of the Council Chair

Trustee Dunbar reported that she and Trustee Bauer presented "Female Fueled Leadership" on April 24 in Carter Auditorium. She and Trustee Bauer welcomed USDA Rural Development Director Curt Coccodrilli to Clarion for the University

event hosted by Interim President Peter Fackler for a joint community/economic development visit.

Ms. Dunbar extended gratitude for those members of the Council who served on the Presidential Search Committee. At this time, she turned the floor over to new President "Dr. Dale" Pehrsson.

President "Dr. Dale" Pehrsson introduced spouse Dr. Bob Pehrsson who was present for the meeting. She noted they both are so glad to be a part of Clarion University and the community.

Mr. Geiger announced that Dr. Dale and Dr. Robert Pehrsson have donated \$25,000 to a scholarship fund that will support and focus on faculty sabbatical research and teaching.

## VI. Committee Reports

### 1. Executive Committee

The committee met on July 13 and a copy of the minutes have been forwarded to the trustees.

### 2. Facilities Committee

Trustee Kifer presented the Annual Facilities Committee Report for Chair, Randy Seitz, who was not able to attend the meeting. The committee participated in a review and inspection of nine University buildings at the Clarion campus that included: Central Services, Former Rhea Lumber facilities, Ralston, Harvey, and Keeling Halls, Student Recreation Center and McEntire Maintenance building.

A motion was made by Mr. Shreckengost, seconded by Mr. Kifer, to approve the Annual Facilities Report. The motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees, Clarion University, approve the 2018 Annual Facilities Report.

### 3. Naming Committee

Chairman James reported that the Naming Committee met earlier in the evening to discuss the request of the President's Executive Council for the naming opportunity of the Gemell MPR after Dr. Karen Whitney. The Naming Committee requested to revisit this item when Dr. Whitney concludes the interim chancellor role. They felt this would be a better time to dedicate a facility.

A motion was made by Ms. Oberlander, seconded by Mr. Shreckengost, to table this discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report of University Advancement

Mr. Geiger reported they had the best fiscal year since 2013. They are working with the Zimmerman Agency and David Dollins, Enrollment Management, to present to the leadership on where we want to focus and deploy our resources for the coming year.

VIII. Report of Finance, Administration and Facilities

Mr. Cullo distributed renovation pictures of the Tippin project. He reported that they had a slight delay due to the finding and proper removal of asbestos. We have some buildings getting ADA compliance improvements and we will begin looking at possibilities as to where to move the Carrier offices. Finally, we are currently where we want to be with our budget moving forward.

IX. Report of Student Affairs

Dr. Fenske introduced the student in the spotlight, Blake Walter, senior, Middle Level Mathematics Education major, who spoke to the trustees about his Clarion experience as a SOAR Mentor/Orientation Leader. He explained that he chose Clarion because the orientation leaders provided a great experience and once he met with the professors in the Education Department, he was certain he was sold on attending Clarion. This summer he has worked with 600 students and their guests at orientation and they are preparing for August "Welcome Week", a four-day program for the incoming freshman. Mr. Walter is also a member of the soccer club.

X. Report of the President

President Pehrsson thanked Mr. Fackler for assisting with her transition. The Inauguration has been scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2019. She met with BOGs last week and will be traveling to Harrisburg tomorrow to meet with the new Chancellor. The President's Executive Council Retreat was held earlier this week and we discussed all the divisions and the budget. Our focus was on student retention. She reported her main focus for her first year at Clarion would be fundraising.

XI. Report of Academic Affairs

Dr. Gent reported on some of the new programs and certifications being offered and she is hopeful these will help our enrollment numbers for fall. They just completed the one-year long project on internships and that one out of four students completed an internship last year. Dr. Gent extended her appreciation to the faculty and Career Development staff for this success.

XII. Report of Faculty Senate

Jim Lyle, Chair, Faculty Senate, stated that they look forward to working with President Pehrsson. We would be working with the administration for the provost position search and they hope to find ways to make college affordable for our students.

XIII. Report of Clarion Student Senate

Brianna Shepherd reported on Student Senate activities planned for the start of the academic year.

XIV. New Business

1. Approval of the Resolution of Appreciation for Interim President Peter Fackler

A motion was made by Mr. James, seconded by Ms. Bauer, to approve the following resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, Mr. Peter C. Fackler served with honor at Clarion University of Pennsylvania as Interim President from October 18, 2017, until June 30, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Peter C. Fackler earned the respect and confidence of his colleagues and the community at large because of his integrity and dedication to Clarion University's success, notably building relationship bridges leading to collaborative decisions positively impacting the future of our institution; and

WHEREAS, Peter C. Fackler's work at Clarion University has proven to be effective from his commitment to higher education and role of shared governance; and his detailed attention to The Council of Trustees, in particular his expressed support of trustee initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the leadership of Peter C. Fackler has expanded Clarion's access to funding opportunities through expansion of program offerings and partnerships that helped leverage resources and increase the university's visibility across the region.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees express their deepest appreciation and boundless gratitude for the work and dedication of Mr. Peter C. Fackler for his unselfish service to Clarion University and we extend our fond and earnest wishes for future unbridled happiness; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution be made a part of the Council of Trustees minutes of the meeting of July 19, 2018, with copies

delivered to Mr. Fackler and another placed in the permanent archives of Clarion University of Pennsylvania.

## 2. Approval of Order of Succession Plan

President Pehrsson report that in her absence the following individuals will assume responsibility for the operation of the university in the order listed:

Mr. James M. Geiger, Vice President for University Advancement  
Dr. Susanne K. Fenske, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Mr. Leonard A. Cullo, Jr., Vice President for Finance & Administration  
Dr. Pamela Gent, Interim Provost/Vice President Academic Affairs

A motion was made by Mr. Kifer, seconded by Mr. James, to approve the following resolution. The motion carried unanimously.

WHEREAS, Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A: *Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers*, requires that each PASSHE university president develop and publish an Order of Succession identifying, in rank order, members of its university's executive management team who will act on behalf of the president in his/her absence; in the event the president is temporarily unable to fulfill the responsibilities of the position; or in the event there is a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A, *Appointing Interim and Acting Chief Executive Officers*, requires that prior to the beginning of each academic year, the president deliver the university Order of Succession Plan to the Chancellor after a resolution and vote by the university's Council of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the attached Order of Succession Plan, provided by the Council of Trustees', lists in rank order the members of President Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson's executive management team to act on her behalf in her absence or in the event she is temporarily unable to fulfill her responsibilities, or in the event there is a vacancy;

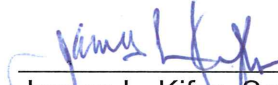
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees approves and certifies the attached Order of Succession Plan and directs President Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson to deliver the Succession Plan to the Chancellor, in accordance with Board of Governors Policy 1983-14-A.

IV. ADJOURNMENT AND NEXT MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Bauer, seconded by Ms. Oberlander, that the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the Council of Trustees would be Thursday, September 20, 2018, on the Clarion University - Venango campus.

Respectfully submitted

  
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James L. Kifer, Secretary  
Council of Trustees