

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 5, 2022

The Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees held their Quarterly meeting on October 5, 2022, at 2:30 p.m. The trustees met in the Assembly Room of Monty's. The public participated via the Zoom Webinar link provided. Those in attendance:

Trustees Present – Voting Members:

Honorable John E. Wetzel - Chairperson
Ms. Karen Russell – Vice Chairperson
Mr. Michael K. Hanna, Jr. – Secretary
Mr. Daniel P. Elby – At Large Officer
Ms. Amy Brayford
Mr. Krystjan K Callahan
Mr. Steve Crawford
Mr. Patrick Henderson
Ms. Angela C. Smith
Mr. Raymond Zaborney
Ms. Julia Burcin
Ms. Jenna Nila

Trustees Absent:

Dr. Brian O'Donnell
Ms. Susan Kefover

University Personnel

Dr. Bashar Hanna, President
Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Bloomsburg Campus Administrator
Dr. Marty Wygmans, Vice President for Student Success and Campus Life
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Dr. John Ulrich, Special Assistant to the President, Mansfield Campus Administrator
Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Chief of Staff and Vice President of University Affairs
Dr. Ron Darbeau, Vice President of Faculty Affairs and Academic Operations
Mr. Tom Fletcher, Senior Advisor to the President for Strategic Partnerships
Mr. Albert Jones, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer
Dr. Cori Myers, Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness
Ms. Jennifer Umberger, Associate Vice President of Marketing and Communications
Dr. Ed Keller, Interim Associate Vice President for Technology
Ms. Amy Dicello Associate Vice President for Finance
Mr. Dan Knorr, Director of External & Government Relations
Ms. Mary Vezendy, Coordinator of Operations
Ms. Amy Osborne, Director of Operations and Resource Management
Ms. Bianca Hoffman, Executive Associate

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Student Guests

Ms. Sabina Bower, President, Community Government Association, Bloomsburg
Mr. Logan Blecker
Ms. Nialee Morales

Pledge of Allegiance

In accordance with House Resolution Number 32, Trustee Wetzel requested everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Call to Order

Trustee Wetzel called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported that The Council of Trustees for Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania formed a Nominating Committee as a body of the whole on October 5, 2022 for the purposes of nominating members to serve in officer positions under the existing bylaws applicable to the Council of Trustees.

The Council has nominated and elected the following individuals to serve as officers of the Council of Trustees for a term starting October 5, 2022:

Honorable John E. Wetzel - Chairperson
Ms. Karen Russell – Vice Chairperson
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Roll Call

Trustee Wetzel asked Bianca Hoffman to conduct a roll call. Ms. Hoffman conducted a roll call of those in attendance and acknowledged a quorum.

Public Comments

Trustee Wetzel opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments at this time.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees

A motion was made by Trustee Crawford to approve the pre-integration minutes from each Council of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee Russell; the motion was unanimously approved.

Introductions

President Hanna acknowledged the following individuals as being nominated and granted Faculty Emeritus status and retirement recognition:

Bloomsburg Campus

Dr. Christopher Armstrong – Department of Sociology, Social Work and Criminal Justice
Dr. Christopher Donahue – Languages & Cultures
Dr. Jeffrey Davis – Department of History
Dr. Michael Hickey – Department of History

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Dr. William Hudon – Department of History
Dr. Cheryl Jackson – Department of Nursing
Dr. Douglas Karsner – Department of History
Dr. Thomas Klinger – Department of Biology
Dr. Kurt Smith – Department of Philosophy
Dr. Luke Springman – Department of Languages & Cultures
Lock Haven Campus:

Dr. Ramona Broomer – Department of Visual and Performing Arts
Dr. Fay Cook – Department of Health Science
Dr. Shonah Hunter – Department of Biology
Dr. Cheryl Newburg – Department of Psychology

NEW BUSINESS

Informational Items:

Trustee Wetzell introduced Dr. Bashar Hanna, President, to provide the President's Report.

President's Report (Dr. Bashar Hanna)

President Hanna reviewed his President's Report with the Trustees. A copy of the report is appended to the minutes. He presented the following:

- University Highlights
 - As of July 1, 2022 Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities became Commonwealth University of PA. Integration of universities took the work of nearly 1,000 individuals over 18 months, created a single Leadership Team and expanded academic program offerings.
 - Agreement was signed with Central Columbia School District that guarantees admission, eligibility for merit-based scholarships, and on-campus housing at any campus location.
 - Transfer agreements were signed with Northern Pennsylvania Regional College and Reading Area Community College that guarantees transfer admission for qualifying students.
 - Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board awarded grants to CU campuses to curb underage drinking. Each campus will receive \$40,000 to fund trainings, outreach, presentations, and other resources.
 - Bloomsburg Police Departments and the Town of Bloomsburg were awarded \$33,000 ICAT Grant for officer training.
 - Bloomsburg Nursing Department earned CCNE reaccreditation. This is for Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and Doctor of Nursing Practice programs for 10 years ending June 30, 2032.
 - TRIO Upward Bound Program was renewed by the U.S. Department of Education. The program will receive at least \$2.44 million in federal funds to continue preparing low income and potential first-generation college students from 8 area high schools to successfully enroll in and complete postsecondary degree programs.
 - Mansfield held convocation to kick off 2022-23 academic year on Friday, August 19. Dr. Brad Lint from the Department of English served as Grand Marshal and

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master of ceremonies and faculty speaker, Dr. Peggy Dettwiler, director of choral activities, spoke to the theme of "Look to this Day."

- Mansfield Music Professors, Drs. Alissa Rose and Christine Moulton performed in the 10th International Congress of Voice Teachers at the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna.
- Mansfield received a \$25,000 donation from PSECU geared to student scholarships, campus programs, and financial literacy education.
- Mansfield Senior Lauren Griffith, a cell and molecular biology major, is one of the 2022 recipients of the NASA Pennsylvania Space Grant, and plans to use the funds to continue her research on pancreatic cancer.
- Bloomsburg's nurse anesthesia program's Class of 2022 achieved perfect scores on its national certification exam for the second time.
- Mansfield students, Sarah Hart, Ethan Allen, Hannah Caccia, Seth Anderson, and Quanwen Long finished as runner up in the 2022 CSBS Community Bank Case Study Competition. Each member of the team receives a \$500 scholarship and will have their work published in the CSBS Journal of Community Bank Studies.
- Student Success
 - Mansfield Concert Choir completed their 9th European tour . 42 university student singers, and directors Peggy Dettwiler and Sheryl Monkeliën traveled through Spain and France in May.
 - 20 Mansfield music students provided back-up vocals at a Josh Groban concert in Bethel, New York in July.
 - Four Lock Haven sports management students worked at the Kentucky Derby with Quint Events in the Homestretch Club.

Fall Enrollment Update (Dr. Stephen Lee)

Dr. Lee presented fall 2022 enrollment data for each campus as well as retention and graduation data.

Introduction of New Faces to Commonwealth University

Trustee Wetzel introduced Dr. Rogers-Adkinson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Rogers-Adkinson introduced the following:

- Dr. Leo-Felix Jurado, Dean, College of Health Professions
- Dr. Ann E. Larson, Dean, College of Education and Human Studies
- Dr. Angela Boswell, Associate Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities
- Dr. David DeVallance, Associate Dean, College of Science and Technology

New Faculty

- Daniel David, Nursing
- Kali Fedor, Exceptionality Programs
- Jayme Hile, Nursing
- Amy Luzier-Barrett, Nursing
- Kristin Maguire, Athletics
- Allison Maloney, Nursing
- Emily Powell Hodges, Student Support Services

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- Kellie Pytel, Counseling & Educational Leadership

Student Spotlight

Trustee Wetzel introduced Ms. Sabina Bower, President, Bloomsburg CGA. Ms. Bower gave remarks.

Trustee Wetzel thanked participants for their presentations on information items and moved on to action items.

ACTION ITEMS:

General Administration

Trustee Wetzel introduced President Hanna and Ms. Amy Dicello, Associate Vice President for Finance, to lead the discussion on the FY 2022-23 Budget Approval.

2022-2023 Budget Approval (Ms. Amy Dicello)

The Educational and General Operations (E&G) Budget Summary was presented along with information on Key Assumptions, FY 2022-2023 and Variance Highlights, FY 2022-2023.

Trustee Wetzel asked for a motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget as presented. Trustee Callahan made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 budget as presented; second by Trustee M. Hanna, the 2022-2023 budget motion passed unanimously.

Non-Instructional Emeritus (Dr. Bashar Hanna)

In accordance with Policy 8761, Non-Instructional Emeritus Status, and upon the recommendations of departmental colleagues, the appropriate supervisor, the appropriate Vice President, Dr. Hanna recommended the following to receive Non-Instructional Emeritus status from Bloomsburg:

- Ms. Bobbi Jo Andreas, Custodian, Facility Services
- Ms. Pamela Badolato, Administrative Assistant, College of Education
- Ms. Irene Johnson, Administrative Assistant, College of Science and Technology
- Mr. Michael Wallace, Custodian, Facility Services

A motion was made by Trustee Brayford to approve these individuals for Emeritus. Trustee Smith seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Retirement Resolutions (Dr. Bashar Hanna)

Dr. Hanna announced and recommend the usual resolutions be passed recognizing the following individuals for their dedicated service to the University upon their retirement:

- Ms. Susan Birdsey, Clerical Assistant, Clinical Mental Health Department
- Ms. Donna Fahnstock, Custodial Supervisor, Facilities Department
- Ms. Tammy Kramer, Clerical Assistant, Division of Student Success and Campus Life
- Ms. Teala Mantle, Stock Clerk, Athletics Department
- Ms. Bobbi White, Clerical Supervisor, Division of Academic Affairs

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A motion was made by Trustee Crawford to approve these recognitions for service. Trustee Russell seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Trustee Comments

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Wetzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting 3:32 p.m.

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Michael K Hanna Jr
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Mr. Michael Hanna, Jr.
Secretary

Mary Vezendy
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Coordinator of Operations