

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES Friday, March 7, 2025

The Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees held their Quarterly meeting on March 7, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The trustees met in Alumni Hall on the Mansfield campus. 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
Mr. Patrick Henderson (via zoom)
Mr. Steve Crawford
Ms. Angela C. Smith
Dr. Brian O'Donnell
Mr. Raymond Zaborney (via zoom)
Ms. Jessica Dodge
Ms. Susan Kefover
Ms. Janeyda Ortiz

Trustees Absent:

Mr. Marvens Ravix
Ms. Amy Brayford
Mr. Krystjan K Callahan

University Personnel

Dr. Bashar Hanna, President
Dr. Michelle Kiec, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Administration
Ms. Mary Vezendy, Director of Operations
Ms. Christa Lamoreaux, Executive Associate
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President for Enrollment Management, LH Campus Administrator
Dr. Gretchen Sechrist, Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Undergraduate Education
MA Campus Administrator
Dr. Cori Myers, Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness
Mr. Robert Thorn, Interim Chief Financial Officer
Mr. Dan Knorr, Executive Director of Economic Development & External Affairs
Mr. Doug Spatafore, Senior Director of Athletic Communications & Marketing
Ms. Stacy Wagner, Chief Facilities & Safety Officer

Student Guests

Mr. Jason Gao, Mansfield Junior, Double-Major, Music Performance and Music Education.

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Call to Order

Chair Wetzel called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported the Council of Trustees met earlier today in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, legal matters, information related to collective bargaining agreements, and public safety issues.

Roll Call

Chair Wetzel asked Mary Vezendy to conduct a roll call. Ms. Vezendy conducted a roll call of those in attendance and acknowledged a quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance

In accordance with House Resolution Number 32 of 1989, Chair Wetzel requested everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees

A motion was made by Trustee O'Donnell to approve the meeting minutes of the December 6, 2024 Council of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee Smith; the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Chair Wetzel opened the meeting for public comment. Justin Knarr, Mansfield music student, expressed concerns around faculty complement in the Music department and the need to fill vacancies and attract students. Dr. Christine Moulton, Professor of Music, commented on the complement status of the music department faculty and the need to fill vacancies therein. Dr. Kiec explained that the process is complex but is underway. There were no additional individuals wishing to make comments.

NEW BUSINESS

APSCUF Remarks

Chair Wetzel introduced Dr. Adrienne McEvoy, Professor of History, Political Science, and Philosophy at Commonwealth University – Mansfield, to provide those remarks. Dr. McEvoy gave remarks on behalf of APSCUF with a focus on growth, change, and collaboration on the Mansfield campus.

Informational Items:

Chair Wetzel introduced Dr. Bashar Hanna, President, to provide the President's Report.

President's Report (Dr. Bashar Hanna)

President Hanna presented the PASSHE Board-Affirmed Metrics for his Presidents report. These metrics are located on the PASSHE website at

<https://viz.passhe.edu/t/Public/views/Board-AffirmedMetrics/BAMCharts?%3AisGuestRedirectFromVizportal=y&%3Aembed=y>

Student Spotlight

Chair Wetzel introduced Mr. Jason Gao, Mansfield Junior, Double-Major, Music Performance and Music Education. Mr. Gao gave remarks and a brief presentation.

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Winter Session Update

Chair Wetzel introduced Dr. Stephen Lee. Dr. Lee presented the winter session headcount enrollment of 1,644 and FTE enrollment at 430.6 for the 2024-2025 winter session. Student credit hours were reported at 6,219. Winter session revenue less direct expense was reported at \$1,344,912.

ACTION ITEMS:

Student Fees

Chair Wetzel introduced Mr. Robert Thorn, Interim Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Thorn presented the proposed student technology fee and Lock Haven activity fee changes as follows:

UNDERGRADUATE:	Annual Fee 2025-2026	Annual Fee \$ Increase	Per Term Fee 2025-2026	Per Term Fee \$ Increase
Technology Fee				
Resident - Undergraduate	718	240	359	120
Non-Resident - Undergraduate	1,092	364	546	182
Activity Fee ¹				
Lock Haven Students	678	144	339	72

GRADUATE: Per Credit	Per Credit Fee 2025-2026	Per Credit Fee \$ Increase
Technology Fee (no flat rate)		
Resident - Graduate	60	32
Non-Resident - Graduate	60	20
Activity Fee ¹		
Lock Haven Students	29	6

¹ Activity Fee is recommended by the Student Government Association on each campus and may vary based on campus needs.

Mr. Thorn presented the Housing and Dining fee request changes option of 3.6% CPI increase or net 5% increase as follows:

Housing	Current Cost (per Semester)	Cost with CPI (3.61%) Increase	Cost with 5% Increase	Net 5% Increase
Bloomsburg (Standard 2-Person)	\$3,716	\$3,850	\$3,902	\$186 / semester
Lock Haven (Standard 2-Person)	\$3,553	\$3,681	\$3,730	\$177 / semester
Mansfield (Standard 2-Person)	\$3,620	\$3,751	\$3,801	\$181/ semester

Dining	Current Cost (per Semester)	Cost with CPI (3.61%) Increase	Cost with 5% Increase	Net 5% Increase
Bloomsburg (14-Meal Plan)	\$1,827	\$1,893	\$1,918	\$91 / semester
Lock Haven (14-Meal Plan)	\$2,127	\$2,204	\$2,233	\$106 / semester
Mansfield (14-Meal Plan)	\$1,979	\$2,050	\$2,078	\$99 / semester

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Mr. Thorn presented the proposed program specific fees as follows:

Fee Description	2024-2025	Proposed for 2025-2026	Frequency
Advanced Admission Deposit: DNP	300	1,500	One time (applied to 1 st semester tuition)

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Advanced Technology Fee: BS Digital Forensics and Cybersecurity	-	100	every semester (8)
Clinical Fee: MS Speech-Language Pathology	-	750	every semester with clinical coursework (4)
Clinical Fee: Graduate Nursing (AGNP/CRNA/FNP)	-	1,000	every semester with clinical coursework (4/6/5)
Clinical Fee: Doctorate of Audiology	-	1,000	every semester with clinical coursework (11)

A motion was made by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the technology fee and Lock Haven activity fee changes as presented; the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A motion was made by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Crawford to approve a 3.6% CPI increase to the dining and housing fees. A roll call vote was taken. Yes votes: Trustees O'Donnell, Crawford, and Elby. No votes: Trustees Wetzel, Zaborney, Dodge, Henderson, Russell, Kefover, Hanna, Smith, and Ortiz; the motion was not passed.

A motion was made by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Smith to approve the 5% increase of the housing fee. A roll call vote was taken. Yes votes: Trustees Wetzel, Zaborney, Dodge, Henderson, Russell, Kefover, Hanna, Smith, Elby, and Ortiz. No votes: Trustees O'Donnell and Crawford; the motion was passed with majority vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Smith and seconded by Trustee Ortiz to approve the 5% increase of the dining fee. A roll call vote was taken. Yes votes; Trustees Wetzel, Zaborney, Dodge, Henderson, Russell, Kefover, Hanna, Smith, Elby, O'Donnell, and Ortiz. No votes; Trustee Crawford; the motion was passed with majority vote.

A motion was made by Trustee Hanna and seconded by Trustee Russell to approve the program specific fees as presented; the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Approval of Revised Commonwealth University Naming Policy

Chair Wetzel introduced Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for Advancement. Mr. Evans presented the revised naming policy that was previously reviewed by the Trustees. A motion was made by Trustee O'Donnell and seconded by Trustee Ortiz to approve the Commonwealth University Naming Policy; the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

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Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026

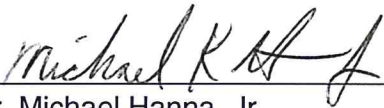
The Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026 was tabled until the next meeting following a motion by Chair Wetzel, seconded by Trustee Smith and passed unanimously.

Other Business

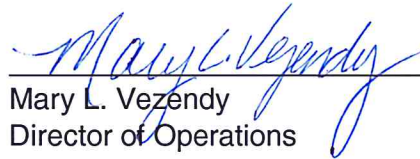
No other business or comments noted.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Chair Wetzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:20 p.m.



Mr. Michael Hanna, Jr.
Secretary



Mary L. Vezendy
Director of Operations