

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 2, 2025

The Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees held their Quarterly meeting on May 2, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. The trustees met in the DACC Ballroom on the Lock Haven 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
Ms. Jessica Dodge
Ms. Susan Kefover
Ms. Janeyda Ortiz
Mr. Marvens Ravix (via zoom)
Ms. Amy Brayford
Mr. Krystjan K Callahan (via zoom)

University Personnel

Dr. Bashar Hanna, President
Dr. Michelle Kiec, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff
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. 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. Braedon Campbell, Lock Haven Senior, Health Science major on accelerated 3+2 PA track.

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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 on Wednesday, April 23, Tuesday, April 29, and earlier today, twice, 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 March 7, 2025 and March 28, 2025 Council of Trustees meetings, seconded by Trustee Zaborney; the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Chair Wetzel opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Angela Harding, Clinton County Commissioner, spoke on issues the county is currently facing and concerns surrounding Lock Haven and other Clinton County areas since integration. She addressed specific concerns around the recreation program and humbly asked that CU include the Lock Haven community in future planning talks in an effort to capitalize on the area's assets. Chair Wetzel asked for Commissioner Harding's contact information for future discussion. There were no additional individuals wishing to make comments.

NEW BUSINESS

APSCUF Remarks

Chair Wetzel introduced Dr. Stanley Berard, Professor of Political Science at Commonwealth University – Lock Haven, to provide those remarks. Dr. Berard gave remarks on behalf of APSCUF.

Emeritus Recipients

Chair Wetzel introduced President Hanna. In accordance with CU Policy 02-100 on Emeritus, he announced the following were approved to receive emeritus status:

Bloomsburg Campus

Faculty Emeritus

Dr. Carolyn LaMacchia Professor, Business Innovation and Technology

Manager Emeritus

Ms. Charlotte Droll, Assistant Director of Library Services

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Ms. Elizabeth Walters, Executive Associate, Title IX Office
Ms. Marcella Woods, Coordinator of Cultural Affairs and Student Support Services

Lock Haven Campus

Faculty Emeritus

Dr. Ruben Berrios, Professor, Business Innovation and Technology

Mansfield Campus

Faculty Emeritus

Ms. Jamey Harris, Faculty Librarian and Coordinator of Technical Services

Non-instructional Emeritus

Ms. Judi Brayer, Associate Director of Student Success/Director of Orientation

President Hanna and Chair Wetzel thanked all receiving this honor for their dedicated service to our students and the University.

Informational Items:

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

President's Report (Dr. Bashar Hanna)

President Hanna presented CU retention rates (second year URM and PELL) for his Presidents report. The full quarterly Presidents Report can be found at

<https://www.commonwealthu.edu/documents/council-trustees-slides-20250502-qm>

Student Spotlight

Chair Wetzel introduced Mr. Braedon Campbell, Lock Haven Senior, Health Science major on accelerated 3+2 PA track. Mr. Campbell gave remarks and a brief presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

Non Resident Graduate Student Technology Fee

President Hanna and Provost Kiec gave a brief overview Per BOG Policy Procedure/Standard Number 2011-02-A: *A technology tuition fee will be approved by the councils of trustees for all students; the fee must be structured in a manner that is differentiated by domicile status (in-state/out-of-state).*

Chair Wetzel made the motion to approve the Non Resident Graduate Student Technology Fee increase of \$12, making the new per credit fee \$72. Trustee Russell seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Order of Succession Planning Resolution

Chair Wetzel read the Order of Succession Planning Resolution that approves and certifies the following Order of Succession Plan and directs the President of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania to deliver the Plan to the Chancellor.

1. Dr. Michelle Kiec, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
2. Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff
3. Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
4. Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for Advancement

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A motion was made by Chair Wetzel to approve the Order of Succession as presented. Trustee O'Donnell seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Capital Project Request FY2026-2031

Chair Wetzel introduced Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff. Ms. Williamson presented the Recommended Prioritization for Funding/Authorization for FY2026 to FY2031 as follows:

Priority	Project	Anticipated Funding
1	Lock Haven – Raub Hall Renovation \$13M approved - Need additional \$5M	FY 2025-26
2	Bloomsburg – Andruss Library Renovation Expected cost \$30M	FY 2027-28
3	Lock Haven – Stevenson Library Renovation \$20M approved – Need additional \$13M	FY 2029-30
4	Mansfield – Initial Right-Sizing Request for \$20M funding	FY 2028-29
5	Mansfield – Utility Infrastructure Phase 2 \$20M approved – Need additional \$20M	FY 2029-30
6	Mansfield – Butler Renovation Expected cost \$30M	FY 2029-30
7	Bloomsburg - Centennial Renovation Expected cost \$22M	FY 2030-31

Trustee Wetzel asked for a motion to approve the Capital Project Request. A motion was made by Trustee Hanna and seconded by Trustee Zaborney; the motion passed unanimously.

Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for Academic Year 2025-2026

Chair Wetzel refers to handout, Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026. Two options were presented. A motion was made by Trustee Zaborney and seconded by Trustee Brayford to approve option 1 as follows:

Tuesday, October 7, 2025	Bloomsburg Campus
Tuesday, December 2, 2025	Lock Haven Campus
Friday, March 6, 2026	Lock Haven Campus
Friday, May 8, 2026	Mansfield Campus

The motion for option 1 was passed 13-2 with Trustees Hanna and O'Donnell opposed.

Other Business

Student Trustee Recognition

Chair Wetzel made a motion and read the following resolution for the CU Lock Haven Student Trustee:

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WHEREAS, Ms. Janeyda Ortiz served as a student member of the Commonwealth University, Lock Haven Council of Trustees for the 2024–2025 academic year, and

WHEREAS, she has served responsibly and with integrity on various committees representing Commonwealth University, and

WHEREAS, more importantly, she has been a positive role model for all other students,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Trustees of Commonwealth University expresses its gratitude and appreciation for her dedicated service to Commonwealth University.

Seconded by Trustee O'Donnell and unanimously approved. Members of Council offered remarks of appreciation to Ms. Ortiz. Ms. Ortiz thanked the Council for their support and mentorship. President Hanna concluded with remarks of gratitude and his congratulations to the student trustee.

Trustee Comments

Trustees Zaborney, Wetzel, Elby, and Brayford gave words of gratitude and thanks to President Hanna for his leadership and dedication to CU. Chair Wetzel stated that a proper goodbye celebration for President Hanna will be forthcoming. Additionally, Chair Wetzel announced the Mansfield THRIVE End-of-Semester Event taking place on Friday, May 9 at 12 p.m. at CU-Mansfield - South Hall Mall & Laurel Lawn.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Chair Wetzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 p.m.

Signed by:

Michael L. Hanna Jr. 1/19/2026

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Mr. Michael Hanna, Jr.
Secretary

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Mary Vezendy 1/20/2026

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Mary L. Vezendy
Director of Operations