Council of Trustees

Quarterly Meeting December 6, 2024



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Call to Order

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Public Comment Period

By Phone: *9 Raise Hand

APSCUF Remarks

Emeritus Recipients

Bloomsburg

Dr. Christopher Hallen Professor, Physical and Environmental Science



Dr. Denise Davidson Professor, Counseling and Educational Leadership



Dr. Francesca Kendris Associate Professor, Counseling and Educational Leadership



Dr. Wendy Lee Professor, History, Philosophy & Political Science



Dr. Youmin Lu Professor, Mathematics, Computer Science & Digital Forensics



Dr. Michael Martin Associate Professor, Languages, Literatures, and Writing



Dr. Darlene Perner Professor, Early Childhood Education & Exceptionality Programs



Dr. Julie Vandivere Professor, Languages, Literatures, and Writing



Lock Haven

Dr. Mark Cloud Professor, Psychology



Dr. Marjorie Maddox-Hafer Professor, Languages, Literatures, and Writing



Mansfield

Dr. Brian Loher Professor, Psychology



President's Report

Dr. Bashar W. Hanna President



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Homecoming Festivities Across Campuses

• This fall, CU celebrated Homecoming at Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield campuses with various events engaging students, alumni, faculty, staff, and local communities.



Police Departments Achieve Accreditation

 All three campus police departments earned Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation (PLEAC), placing CU among just ten higher education institutions in Pennsylvania to receive this recognition.



Introducing "Rush" Bloomsburg's K9 Officer

 The Bloomsburg campus welcomed "Rush," a K9 explosive detection dog who completed training last month. Rush will enhance campus and community safety.



Higher Education Panel Participation

 Dan Knorr, CU's Executive Director of Economic Development and External Affairs, joined WVIA's Keystone Edition Business panel to discuss challenges and innovations in Pennsylvania higher education and CU's commitment to providing an affordable, high-quality education for our students.



Bloomsburg's Ambitious \$100M Fundraising Campaign

 CU-Bloomsburg launched "It Starts With Us" Campaign, aiming to raise \$100 million to provide transformative support for students and the campus community.



Transformative Gifts to CU-Mansfield

- A \$300,000 contribution from Edith Johnson's trust, made in her memory by Ken and Charles Johnson, to support music students at CU-Mansfield.
- Mark Doherty '95 donated \$500,000 for student-athlete scholarships.
- Professor Emeritus Roger Maisner committed \$1 million to Mansfield athletics scholarships—the largest gift in Mountaineer Athletics history.









Lock Haven Honors

Alumnus Michael Bobby

- Former Bald Eagle men's soccer player Michael Bobby '83 was celebrated with the naming of the men's soccer coach's office.
- The endowed Michael Bobby '83 Memorial Scholarship was also announced with more than \$40,000 raised thanks to the Bobby family, friends and his Phi Mu Delta fraternity brothers.



Governor Schweiker Returns to Bloomsburg

 Former Pennsylvania Governor and Bloomsburg alumnus Mark Schweiker ('75) hosted two public fireside chats in Carver Hall's Gross Auditorium on Oct. 24.



Haven Cupboard Celebrates 5th Anniversary

- Lock Haven's "Haven Cupboard" celebrated its 5th year, marking a milestone in supporting students with essential resources. WNEP covered the event.
- The Cupboard has been at its current location at East Campus for a year and serves approximately 150 students a week.



Student Volunteerism at MLB Classic

 Over 20 CU students contributed to gameday operations at the MLB Little League Classic in Williamsport.



Recognition in STEM and Social Mobility

- CU-Bloomsburg ranked 8th nationally by Washington Monthly for supporting women in STEM (Chemistry).
- CU-Mansfield earned top-30 rankings in social mobility and research, as well as a spot in the top 50 Bachelor's Colleges.





Zeigler Institute for Professional Development (ZIPD) Conference

- Held in November, the ZIPD Business Conference connected CU students and high schoolers with alumni and professionals for career insights.
- More than 600 CU Students participated, and 70 alumni returned and provided conference sessions.



Model UN at CU-Mansfield

- CU-Mansfield hosted its second Model UN conference with over 130 high school participants, guided by faculty and student volunteers.
- Dr. Jonathan C. Rothermel, associate professor of political science, organized the event with support from Mansfield students and Dr. Jeff Bosworth, Chair of the Department of History, Political Science, and Philosophy.


Lock Haven Student Achieves Research Milestone

- Jake Watson, a senior at Lock Haven, participated participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Opportunity in Chemistry (SUROC) at the University of North Carolina (UNC).
- His research explored the reaction in making cyclopropanes using a dialkyl sulfone reagent.



Lock Haven Athletics Achievement

- CU-Lock Haven's Gwen Lloyd was named the 2024 PSAC Women's Cross Country Champion Scholar.
- Gwen is a senior in the special education and early childhood education dual degree program and has held a 4.0 grade point average through 144 credit hours.



CASSH Con Success

- The Careers in Arts, Social Sciences, and Humanities (CASSH) conference featured keynote speeches, alumni panels, and networking opportunities for CU students on all campuses.
- The professional development conference for students featured a keynote address, alumni panels, and networking opportunities for students.



2024 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



2024 Bloomsburg Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

- Jen Bryan '03, (women's basketball)
- Nicole Hartranft '04 (field hockey)
- Christine Krebs '01 (women's soccer)
- **Pete Rinella** '95 (wrestling)
- Vanessa Sterner '02 (softball)



L-to-R: Roongo, Christine (Krebs) McGinty, Pete Rinella, Nikki Hartranft, Vanessa (Sterner) Holste, Jen (Bryan) Grana & Dr. Michael McFarland

2024 Lock Haven

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

- Xuan Gao '13 (volleyball)
- Lenny Long '75 (men's soccer)
- Pat Rudy '77 (field hockey/lacrosse)
- Brittany (Rehrig) Sausen '13 (swimming)
- Jerry Swope '66 (men's wrestling)



L-to-R: Lenny Long, Xuan Gao, Pat Rudy, Jerry Swope & head swim coach Jerry Hammaker

2024 Mansfield

Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

- Randall Beasley '89 (football)
- Lee Brannon '00 (football)
- Katrina Brumfield '08 (women's track & field)
- Jessica Scordino '14 (women's cross country/ track & field)



L-to-R: Randall Beasley, Jessica Scordino Carson, Katrina Brumfield and Lee Brannon

Eileen G. Jones Honors College Fall Reception

- The work and scholarship of students in the Eileen G.
 Jones Honors College was presented and celebrated with a reception at CU-Bloomsburg Dec. 3.
- Fourteen graduating seniors were recognized with an Honors College Medallion.



New Gifts and Pledges

	FY 23 Total	FY 24 Goal	FY 24 Total	FY 25 YTD		
Bloomsburg	\$6,749,180	\$10,500,000	\$26,226,623	\$7,821,699		
Lock Haven	\$2,911,172	\$3,500,000	\$3,829,470	\$603,975		
Mansfield	\$506,447	\$600,000	\$618,562	\$1,902,085		
Total	\$10,166,799	\$14,600,000	\$30,674,655	\$10,252,759		
Total Since Integration	\$51,094,2113					

*FY 25 YTD figures not finalized for 11.30.24

Fundraising Momentum



Integration Funding



Integration Expenses



Local Enrollment Growth



Integration Enrollment Trends



■ 2021-22 ■ 2024-25

Thank you!

Student Spotlight

Erika Haag



- Junior
- Williamsport, PA (WAHS)
- Psychology Major
 - Forensic Psychology
 Concentration
- Minors:
 - Criminal Justice
 - Women's Studies
- Resident Assistant

Why did I choose Mansfield University?



- First Generation College Student
- Reasonable Cost of Attendance
- Generous Award Offer
- Well-Rounded Psychology
 Program
 - Opportunity to Concentrate in Forensic Psychology
- Close-Knit Environment
- Close to Home

Undergraduate Research

- Participated in Group Research during Research Methods Lab in Psychology in Spring 2024
- Presented Research at Student Showcase in Spring 2024
 - Won Best Presentation
- Presented Research at COPLAC in North Adams, MA in October
- Presenting Expanded Research at EPA in NYC this Spring





🗧 Community Care Day 🗸

Extracurriculars

NITED STATES PENITENTIAR ALLENWOOD, PENNSYIVANIA



- Psychology Club, Vice President
- Criminal Justice Club
- Volunteering
- Will be Participating in After-School Program this Spring

Experience as a Resident Assistant

- 2nd Year RA
 - Work with First Years in Oak Hall
 - Currently Oversee 36 Residents
- What I Do:
 - Advocate and Support Residents
 - Connect to Resources (Financially, Academically, Socially, etc.)
 - Organize Programs for Building
 - Awareness Programs
 - Safer Sex and Mental Health
 - Campus Connections
 - Title IX, North Hall Library, AD's
- Why I Do It:
 - Opportunity to Connect with Students
 - Opportunity for Leadership and Advocacy
 - Positive Impact on Residents' First Year at CU Mansfield
 - Financial Benefits



Career Path

- Internship in Summer 2025
- Complete Undergraduate Degree
- Continue my Education at a Graduate School for Psychology
- Become a Forensic Psychologist
 - Advocate for Victims
 - Analyze the Minds of Criminals



Proposed Student Fee Changes 2025 - 2026

Inflation of Technology Services

Technology Commodity	Annual % Increase	Five-year Cumulative % Increase
Personal Computers	5-8%	25% - 40%
Software and Software as a service	8-12%	40% - 60%
Network Hardware	6-9%	30% - 45%
Classroom Zoom Set-Up	~5%	25%

Technology Fee Funding Gaps



Bloomsburg | Lock Haven | Mansfield

Proposed Student Fee Increases – Technology & Activity Fee – Option 1

		Proposed			Proposed	
	Annual Fee	Annual Fee	Annual Fee	Per Term Fee	Per Term Fee	Per Term Fee
UNDERGRADUATE:	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Increase	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Increase
Technology Fee						
Resident - Undergraduate	478	670	192	239	335	96
Non-Resident - Undergraduate	728	1,020	292	364	510	146
Activity Fee ¹						
Lock Haven Students	534	678	144	267	339	72

					Proposed]
				Per Credit Fee	Per Credit Fee	Per Credit Fee
GRADUATE: Per Credit				2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Increase
Technology Fee (no flat rate)	-	-	-			
Resident - Graduate	-	-	-	28	60	32
Non-Resident - Graduate	-	-	-	40	60	20
Activity Fee ¹	-	-	-			
Lock Haven Students	-	-	-	23	29	6

¹Activity Fee is recommended by the student government on each campus and may vary based upon campus needs

Proposed Student Fee Increases – Technology & Activity Fee – Option 2

		Proposed			Proposed	
	Annual Fee	Annual Fee	Annual Fee	Per Term Fee	Per Term Fee	Per Term Fee
UNDERGRADUATE:	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Increase	2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Increase
Technology Fee						
Resident - Undergraduate	478	640	162	239	320	81
Non-Resident - Undergraduate	728	970	242	364	485	122
Activity Fee ¹						
Lock Haven Students	534	678	144	267	339	72

					Proposed	
				Per Credit	Per Credit Fee	Per Credit Fee
GRADUATE: Per Credit				2024-2025	2025-2026	\$ Increase
Technology Fee (no flat rate)	-	-	-			
Resident - Graduate	-	-	-	28	60	32
Non-Resident - Graduate	-	-	-	40	60	20
Activity Fee ¹	-	-	-			
Lock Haven Students	-	-	-	23	29	6

¹Activity Fee is recommended by the student government on each campus and may vary based on campus needs

2025-26 Dining Rate Proposal-Bloomsburg

Option 1	 \$18K net operational deficit payment to vendor No contribution to maintenance fund \$58 avg increase/semester or \$3.87/wk. or \$0.28/meal
Option 2	 Operational break even for vendor \$77K contribution to maintenance fund \$73 avg increase/semester or \$4.87/wk. or \$0.35/meal
Option 3	 Operational break even for vendor \$125K contribution to maintenance fund \$76 avg increase/semester or \$5.07/wk. or \$0.36/meal)
Option 4	 Operational break even for vendor \$171K contribution to maintenance fund \$87 avg increase/semester or \$5.80/wk. or \$0.41/meal)

2025-26 Dining Rate Proposal-Lock Haven

Option 1	 \$296K net operational deficit payment to vendor No contribution to maintenance fund \$71 avg increase or \$4.73/wk. or \$0.33/meal
Option 2	 \$261K net operational deficit payment to vendor No contribution to maintenance fund \$89 avg increase or \$5.93/wk. or \$0.42/meal
Option 3	 \$225K net operational deficit payment to vendor No contribution to maintenance fund \$107 average avg or \$7.13/wk. or \$0.51/meal
Option 4	 Operational break even for vendor \$125K contribution to maintenance fund \$286 avg increase or \$19.07/wk. or \$1.36/meal

2025-26 Dining Rate Proposal-Mansfield



2025-26 Housing Rate Proposal-Bloomsburg



2025-26 Housing Rate Proposal-Lock Haven



2025-26 Housing Rate Proposal-Mansfield



Program Specific Student Fees

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

		Proposed for	
Fee Description	2024-2025	2025-2026	Frequency
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:			every semester with clinical coursework
Graduate Nursing (AGNO/CRNA/FNP)	-	1,000	(4/6/5)
Clinical Fee:			
Doctorate of Audiology	-	1,000	every semester with clinical coursework (11)

Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE) Self Study

Self-Study Report

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
 - Provides context for integration and milestones achieved
 - Describes consultation with MSCHE before/during integration
 - Overviews the self-study process
- Requirements of Affiliation
- Seven chapters one for each standard
 - Describes how we meet standards and criteria
 - Shares strengths, challenges, opportunities, and outcomes
 - Refers to evidence archived in the inventory
- Glossary
 Bloomsburg | Lock Haven | Mansfield


Some Key Accomplishments

- Mission and strategic plan
- Program array and general education
- Council of Trustees established
- Shared governance senate
- Task forces and working groups
- Enrollment management and student aid
- Student success centers and retention
- Student learning

- High-impact practices and Prof U
- Brand identity style guide
- Technology integrations
- Budget and new budgeting process
- DEIB programming and initiatives
- Professional development
- Fundraising
- Assessment and accessible data dashboards



- Acknowledge any suggestions for change
- Call for COT endorsement of the draft as required by MSCHE
- Submit the self-study report and evidence
- Schedule additional location visits at Lock Haven, Mansfield, and SCI Muncy
- Host the team visit March 23-26, 2025
- Receive initial report from the team

Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Audit Approvals

Andy Lee, CPA Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP



Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania

Audit Exit Presentation Year ended June 30, 2024

©2024 CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) is an independent network member of CLA Global. See <u>CLAglobal.com/disclaimer</u>. Investment advisory services are offered through CliftonLarsonAllen Wealth Advisors, LLC, an SEC-registered investment advisor.

Agenda

- Audit scope and process
- Audit opinion and communications
- Single audit update
- Industry insights and emerging issues





Audit Scope







Audit Process

RISK-BASED APPROACH

Internal controls	Revenue recognition
Significant estimates	Investment valuation
Capital projects and debt	Salary/Other postemployment benefits





AUDIT OPINIONS

Financial statement

Financial statement audit opinion is **unmodified**.





AUDIT RESULTS

Financial statement

No material weaknesses noted. No significant deficiencies noted.





Governance Communications

Overall

- Purpose is to communicate audit results to governance
- No changes in scope
- No new or changed accounting policies
- Disclosures are neutral, consistent and clear

Estimates

- Evaluated key factors and assumptions related to significant estimates
- We are comfortable with management's estimates

Difficulties

- No significant difficulties encountered
- No disagreements with management
- No other findings to report
- No consultations

Other

No corrected and uncorrected adjustments







Single Audit

Major Programs	Status	Findings
Student Financial Assistance (SFA) Cluster Trio Cluster Consultation Agreement Career and Technical Education Basic Grants to States Mental and Behavioral Health Education and Training Grants Child Care and Development Block Grant	Testing under way and on track to be substantially complete by the end of the year	None noted as of this meeting





Questions and Feedback We appreciate the opportunity to serve you and welcome any feedback relative to our performance and to the engagement.



83

Andy Lee, CPA Andrew.Lee@CLAConnect.com

Colin Daigle, CPA Colin.Daigle@CLAConnect.com



CLAconnect.com

CPAs | CONSULTANTS | WEALTH ADVISORS

©2024 CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) is an independent network member of CLA Global. See <u>CLAglobal.com/disclaimer</u>. Investment advisory services are offered through CliftonLarsonAllen Wealth Advisors, LLC, an SEC-registered investment advisor.

Industry Insights

1	Economic conditions and volatile markets	2	Labor shortages, turnover and retention
3	Cybersecurity and technology costs	4	Business succession and transition
5	Cash management	6	Political and legislative uncertainty





Insights Stay informed and prepare for what's next.



Upcoming Event Higher Education Virtual Conference 2025





GASB Standards



©2024 CliftonLarsonAllen LLP. CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen LLP) is an independent network member of CLA Global. See <u>CLAglobal.com/disclaimer</u>. Investment advisory services are offered through CliftonLarsonAllen Wealth Advisors, LLC, an SEC-registered investment advisor.

GASB 100 Accounting for Changes and Error Corrections



Effective date
June 30, 2024

New requirements:

Updated disclosure guidance for:

(i)

- Accounting principles
- Accounting estimates
- Correction of errors

Required to disclose line items impacted by the change even if beginning balances remain the same **CLA can help by** assisting with or evaluating financial statement disclosure updates



GASB 101 Compensated Absences



Effective date **December 31, 2024**



Revaluate leave policies

i

- Liability must include any accumulated leave that is unused or used but unpaid
- Footnote disclosures will be enhanced

Examples include

- Sick leave not paid at termination
- Parental leave
- Military leave and jury duty that has commenced



CLA can help by evaluating the standard related to compensated absences and assisting with or evaluating in financial statement disclosures





90

GASB 102 Certain Risk Disclosures

CLA can help by assisting with or evaluating financial statement disclosure updates

Effective date June 30, 2025

Increased footnote disclosures surrounding risk:

- Limitations on raising revenues
- Concentrations related to tax revenue or vendors
- Debt or mandated spending especially unfunded mandates
- Impact of major employer leaving the community
- Collective bargaining agreements





GASB 103 Financial Reporting Module

CLA can help by assisting with or evaluating financial statement disclosure updates



Effective date June 30, 2026

Impacts financial statement presentation

i

Updated disclosure guidance for:

- MD&A consistency
- Clearer definition of unusual or infrequent items
- Presentation of proprietary fund statements
- Major component unit information
- Budgetary comparison information





Future GASB – Classification of Nonfinancial Assets



Likely effective date June 30, 2026

Will clarify how nonfinancial assets are presented in financials:

Î

- Capital assets
- Leased assets
- Subscription assets
- Intangible assets

CLA can help by assisting with or evaluating financial statement disclosure updates





Compliance Certification with Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A

Annual Delegation of Authority for Review of Purchases Less Than the Public Bidding Threshold

Other Business

Trustee Comments

Adjournment

Thank you!