

Bloomsburg Local Assembly

March 5 2025

3:00 pm

DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Location: Hartline Science Center G42 or <https://commonwealthu-edu.zoom.us/j/96189518457?pwd=EHqD6HuaSqVbgeNSt09xDTVzbHxVZs.1&from=addon>

Participants: Mark Decker, Ingrid Everett, Dan Knorr, Erik Evans, Cori Myers, Gracey-Mae Baker, Jeriah Wirth, Chaz Kaszuba, Chris Lapos, Maramonne Houseknecht, Bill Calhoun, Todd Hoover, Michael McFarland, Lynda Michaels, Doreen Jowi, Mark Bauman, Sherry Moore, Andrea Schwartz, Kathleen Heitzman, Jennifer Peteya, Meredith Grimsley, Heidi Warner, Eric Hawrelak, Suzanne Williamson, Jason Genovese, Julie Kontos, Bob Thorn, Tricia Mann, Cathy Zavacki, Jessy Defenderfer, Chris Whisner, Brad Lint, Justin Madaus, Amy Way, Doug Spatafore, Stephen Lee, Nikki Keller, Gretchen Osterman, Erin Covington, Stacy Wagner, Jerome Dvorak, Mark Turnbough, Melissa Buck, Scott Duncan, Christian Grandzol, Tess Fosse, Kevin Lally, Jennifer Turnbough, Ryan McNamara, Walter Zilz.

I. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 3:20pm by Mark Decker, (CU Senate President and Department Chair).

II. Announcements

Naming Policy: Erik Evans, (VP of University Advancement, CU) stated that this policy will be presented to the council of trustees on March 7th.

Policy Spreadsheet and Crosswalk: Mark Decker explained that these documents have been submitted to middle states and will not be available for circulation until after the middle states visit.

Student Use of Assigned Emails Policy Endorsed: Heidi Warner, (Executive Associate office of the President, CU) confirmed that this policy was endorsed by President Bashar Hanna and is on the CU Senate website.

Senate Elections: Mark Decker announced that nominations are being accepted now.

III. Approve the Minutes of the October 16th, 2024, meeting: Approved by Acclamation.
<https://www.commonwealthu.edu/documents/101624-bl-local-assembly-minutes-final>

IV. Committee Reports

A. Academic Policy Committee: N/A

i. Enrollment Management Subcommittee: N/A

- ii. IT Subcommittee: Scott Duncan, (Assistant Professor Criminal Justice, CU) announced that they have released a faculty technology survey, trying to understand faculty challenges and needs.

B. Advancement Committee: N/A

C. DEI Committee: N/A

D. Finance Committee: Eric Hawrelak, (Professor Chemistry, CU) recently elected chair of the finance committee, stated that they will be putting 4 policies forward for 1st reading in the fall. The committee has had presentations from Stacy Wagner and Bob Thorn to help the committee understand what they need to know about finances in other areas.

E. Student Affairs Committee: Justin Madaus, (Assistant Professor, CU) said that they are working on the policies that were kicked back due to student feedback and will be working to present them at Senate in April.

- i. First Year Experience Subcommittee: N/A

F. Elections Subcommittee: Mark Decker explained that there was an interim policy issued to help with run offs during elections.

G. Space and Facilities Committee: Mark Decker stated that the new committee bylaws can be found under the Senate Membership committee folders.

V. Alumni Report (Hakeem Thomas) Cathy Zavacki, (Bloomsburg Alumni Association representative) provided report. (APPENDIX A)

VI. Student Government Report: Chaz Kaszuba, Jeriah Wirth, Gracey-Mae Baker: Students spoke about upcoming events including the fundraising deadline on March 7th. The BIG Event. Upcoming elections for CGA offices.

VII. Bloomsburg Athletics: Michael McFarland, (Athletic Director, Bloomsburg, CU) provided athletic report and updates. (APPENDIX B)

VIII. Budget Report: Bob Thorn, (Interim CFO, CU) gave financial overview. (APPENDIX C)

Mark Decker asked if Bob could explain what the \$37 million transfer was? Bob Thorn explained that CU received a payoff for the phase 2 housing at Mansfield. That housing project totaled 37.9 million, CU received debt relief on that entire phase, that is reflected in the revenue side on the ENG side. It was an in and out transaction.

IX. CU Senate Business

First Reading Notices/Feedback: Mark Decker suggested looking at policies that impact you directly and give feedback on those, rather than trying to look at every single policy.

- A. [Financial Obligations](#)
- B. [Damages in Residence Halls](#): Justin Madaus stated that the student feedback that was received was more procedural in the vein of residence hall staff.
- C. [Hazing Policy](#)
- D. [Red Flag Identity Theft](#)
- E. [Midsemester Grades Policy](#): Mark Decker expressed that he would like to see the policy stated that a D or lower would get turned in for mid-semester grades. Julie Kontos, (Professor Psychology Assistant Chair, CU) asked if posting the grades in Brightspace counts as reporting. Also, what would happen if a faculty member decided not to report? Michelle Kiec, (CU Provost) responded that the terminology “should” vs. “Must” is a debate going through Senate now and that this is an interim policy to address some immediate needs in that space. Policies can be amended.
- F. [Fundraising Policy](#)
- G. [Posting and Chalking Policy](#)
- H. [Tailgating Policy](#)
- I. [Behavioral Intervention Policy](#)
- J. [Accelerated Programs and Pathways](#)
- K. [Graduate Faculty](#)
- L. [Honorary Degree](#)
- M. [Priority Registration](#)
- N. [Dismissal](#): Julie Kontos asked where this policy came from, as it looks substantially different, especially under GPAs that the students should earn. Jessy Defenderfer, (Associate Professor Political Science, CU) responded that the committee is trying to create a specific dismissal policy, and the renewal policy will be separate and there has been talk about the difference between 0.0 and 0.7 GPAs.
- O. [Course Load](#): Deals with how many course credits can be taken per semester.

Consent Agenda Items (*Click on Policy to link to document to review*)

- A. [In-Kind University Donations Policy](#)
- B. [Tuition Waiver Policy](#)
- C. [Third Party Provider Policy](#)
- D. [Third Party Provider Procedure](#)
- E. [IRS Requirement to Report Cash Transactions](#)

Withdrawn Policies (*Click on PRP to link to document to review*)

- A. [PRP 3612 General Education Policy](#): Mark Decker confirmed with Dennis Frolic that the concerns that were raised about legacy Gen Eds counting for legacy students are addressed in the student handbook, so he recommends we withdrawal.
- B. [PRP 6211 Compliment Control](#): Form no longer used.

X. Updates

A. Policy Feedback Form

- B. MSCHE Update:** Cori Myers, (Associate VP of Institutional Effectiveness, CU) stated that CU has submitted the self-study and evidence. The team visits start March 10th and 11th at Mansfield and Lock Haven. Bloomsburg visit will be March 23rd through the 26th. Schedules will be sent out and asked that everyone be flexible. Mark Decker added that the Middle States team is coming to help us as a form of peer review. Please help where you can and answer questions.

XI. Remarks for the Good of the Order: Mark Decker thanked the assembly for the support in this roll as Senate President.

XII. Adjournment: By acclamation at 5:12pm.

Upcoming Spring 2025 Meetings

- CU Senate Executive Committee Meeting @4 pm via Zoom: Thursday, 4/3/25
- CU Senate Meeting @4 pm via Zoom: Thursday, 4/10/25

APPENDIX A

Report to the CU-Bloomsburg Assembly Prepared by: Hakeem Thomas,
Bloomsburg Alumni Association Vice President



On behalf of the Bloomsburg Alumni Association, I am pleased to share the many ways alumni volunteers engage with faculty staff and students this semester:

Marcus Scales, '10/12M, Director of Multicultural Affairs at Bucknell University,
Keynote for MLK Celebration

41 alumni representing various class years and careers served as panelists, mock interviewers and resume reviewers for students attending the Career Intensive Boot Camp February 7-9.

12 Softball alumni attended the Bloomsburg Softball Virtual Networking Night and provided mentorship and career advice for softball athletes on February 18.

8 alumni were on campus recruiting for jobs and internships at the Government, Non-Profit, and Human Services Career Expo held on February 19.

Collaborating with the Faculty in Communication Studies, Media, and Journalism, 23 alumni provided mentorship, career advice, and internship and employment opportunities to students at the Communication, Media, and Journalism Professional Development Night last evening, March 4.

We hosted several alumni events in Florida, February 28- March 2. Huskies in Tampa, The Villages, and Orlando gathered together to share memories and receive a campus update from Dr. Bashar Hanna and Dr. Lynda Michaels. Two of the events were paid for and hosted by Bloomsburg Alumni, Steph Pettit, class of 1989 and Ed Piatkowski, class of 1986.

The Alumni Association will welcome the class of 2005 to its' ranks at the Senior Send Off event planned for May 2. The event features food, music, a cap decorating station, photo booth, sparkling wine toast to the class of 2025, and more, and will be held from 3-5 p.m. in Kehr Union. All graduating seniors are welcome.

All are cordially invited to save the date for the annual [alumni awards](#) dinner to be held, Friday, May 30, 5:30-8:00 p.m. in Kehr Union. All faculty and staff are welcome to attend, contact Nate Conroy to register. This year we will honor:

Distinguished Service Award:

Dr. Elizabeth Robison '88M - Superintendent of Pocono Mountain S.D.

Jennifer Inaba '06 - Reports and Research Senior Manager, Textile Exchange

Maroon and Gold Excellence Award:

Saroya Royster '10 - Teacher, Mastery Charter School

If you have ideas to engage alumni and/or alumni volunteer needs we are here to help. Don't hesitate to reach out to Hakeem Thomas, Dr. Lynda Michaels, or Nate Conroy at BloomsburgAlum@commonwealthu.edu Thank you.

APPENDIX B

Bloomsburg Athletics Fall 2024 Academic Snapshot

- Fall 2024 Team GPAs – Bloomsburg Athletics
Men's Overall Team GPAs: 3.125 / Men's top team (soccer): 3.437
Women's Overall Team GPAs: 3.368 / Women's top team (softball): 3.632
Bloomsburg Athletic Teams (23) combined GPAs: 3.25
- 56 student-athletes achieved a 4.00 in the Fall 2024; Which translates to +/- 10% of the Bloomsburg student-body
- April 23 Bloomsburg will honor its Scholar-Athletes and Influential Professors, virtually.

Spotlight of the Month:

We are thrilled to recognize ALL Division II schools this month as we spotlight the division's total fundraising dollars to date at \$42,820.20 – GREAT WORK! Special shoutouts to our top five fundraising schools to date which include the University of Arkansas - Monticello, Southern Arkansas University, Northern Michigan University, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, and Gannon University, and top five fundraising conferences to date which include the Great American Conference, Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference, Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference, and Peach Belt Conference.

Keep up all the great work Division II! 😊

- Rylee Wenzel qualified for a pair of individual events at the 2025 NCAA Swimming Championships while the 200-freestyle relay earned an invite after posting an NCAA 'B' cut and school record time of 1:33.21 at the PSAC Championships.
- Wenzel will compete in the 100-yard freestyle and the 50-yard freestyle after winning both events at the PSAC Championships. Wenzel set the school record in the 100-free at the PSAC Championships as well with a time of 50.10.

Bloomsburg Athletics Fall 2024 Bullet Points

- Bloomsburg celebrated Danny Hale's induction into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in December. He was one of three coaches in the 2024 Induction Class and one of two people from NCAA DII. Coach Hale is the second Bloomsburg Football Husky to be enshrined in the College Football Hall of Fame, joining current head coach Frank Sheptock, who was inducted as a linebacker in 2007.
- Two members of the Bloomsburg football program, KJ Riley and Brady Thompson, were honored by the College Sports Communicators as Academic All-District honorees. The pair garnered the honors for having at least a 3.5 GPA and played in 90% of Bloomsburg's contests.
- Aydan McFarland earned first team NFHCA All-America status following up on a second team All-America honor last year. Ten (10) field hockey players earned NFHCA Academic Squad with Bella Culp, Allison Bucher, Alyxandra Flick, Lillie Weaver, and Reagan Wiest earning NFHCA Scholars of Distinction honors with at least a cumulative 3.9 GPA. Culp and Weaver are four-time honorees and Flick and Wiest have earned the award for the second-straight year.
- The men's soccer coaching staff was honored by the United Soccer Coaches as the Atlantic Region Coaching Staff of the Year and Kody Besser (First Team), Brady Rimple (First Team), and Owen Hollobaugh (Third Team) earned All-America honors. The trio of All-Americans are the first in program history from the United Soccer Coaches. Patrick Walsh and Rimple were also named All-Americans by the D2CCA. Walsh earned Academic All-American status by the College Sports Communicators.
- The Bloomsburg men's and women's swimming teams earned College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) Fall Scholar All-America Team honors. To earn this prestigious recognition, teams were required to achieve a grade point average (GPA) above 3.0 during the Fall 2024 semester.

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COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

FY25 Financial Summary

- E&G
 - Revenue is trending slightly ahead of projections
 - Expenses are also trending slightly higher than projections
 - We are projecting to end the year as projected (+/- 1-2%)
- AUX
 - Revenue is trending slightly ahead of projections
 - Expenses are also trending as projected
 - We are projecting to end the year slightly better than projected

FY 2024-25 E&G Budget Update

EDUCATIONAL AND GENERAL BUDGET

	Year End Actuals FY 2023-24	Current Fall CPP FY 2024-25	Revised FY 2024-25	Jan Update
Revenues				
Tuition	\$95,988,518	94,590,379		\$95,170,611
Fees	\$26,372,158	26,948,211		27,073,211
State Appropriation	\$88,426,567	90,935,307		90,935,307
All Other Revenue	22,160,972	16,351,929		16,351,929
Total Revenues	\$232,948,215	\$228,825,826		\$229,531,058
Expenditures				
Compensation	182,396,460	170,059,585		174,151,077
Student Financial Aid	25,224,626	24,830,145		24,500,000
Other Services and Supplies	48,310,854	42,791,452		40,000,000
Interest and Debt Principal Payments	3,785,652	775,008		775,008
Capital	5,601,001	4,700,000		4,700,000
Transfers	283,115	-		-
Total Expenditures	\$265,601,708	\$243,156,190		\$244,126,085
Revenues Less Expenditures	(\$32,653,493)	(\$14,330,364)		(\$14,595,027)

FY 2024-25 Auxiliary Budget Update

AUXILIARY BUDGET

	Year End Actuals FY 2023-24	Current Fall CPP FY 2024-25	Revised FY 2024-25	Jan Update
Revenues				
Fees	\$4,614,678	\$5,046,179		\$4,742,627
Housing Fees (including Privatized Housing)	\$33,883,622	34,610,230		35,701,765
Food Service Sales	\$17,427,124	18,396,059		18,821,196
All Other Revenue	2,085,458	1,650,000		1,449,233
Total Revenues	\$58,010,882	\$59,702,468		\$60,714,821
Expenditures				
Compensation	15,440,520	\$16,396,555		\$16,396,555
Student Financial Aid	3,087,676	3,650,000		3,650,000
Other Services and Supplies	22,925,107	25,091,219		25,150,000
Interest and Debt Principal Payments	16,873,087	51,360,867		51,360,867
Capital Expenditures	200,096	357,500		\$357,500
Transfers	4,394,041	(37,516,077)		(\$37,516,077)
Total Expenditures	\$62,920,527	\$59,340,064		\$59,398,845
Revenues Less Expenditures	(\$4,909,645)	\$362,404		\$1,315,976

Includes Facility Transition Funds (\$37.9M)

FY 2024-25 Unrestricted Budget Update

UNRESTRICTED BUDGET

	Year End Actuals FY 2023-24	Current Fall CPP FY 2024-25	Revised Jan Update FY 2024-25
Revenues			
Tuition	\$95,988,518	\$94,590,379	\$95,170,611
Fees	\$30,986,836	\$31,994,390	\$31,815,838
Appropriation	\$88,426,567	\$90,935,307	\$90,935,307
Housing Fees and Food Service Sales	51,310,746	53,006,289	\$54,522,961
All Other Revenue	24,246,430	18,001,929	\$17,801,162
Total Revenues	\$290,959,097	\$288,528,294	\$290,245,879
Expenditures			
Compensation	197,836,980	186,456,140	190,547,632
Student Financial Aid	28,312,302	28,480,145	28,150,000
Other Services and Supplies	71,235,961	67,882,671	65,150,000
Interest and Debt Principal Payments	20,658,739	52,135,875	52,135,875
Capital Expenditures	5,801,097	5,057,500	5,057,500
Transfers	4,677,156	(37,516,077)	(37,516,077)
Total Expenditures	\$328,522,235	\$302,496,254	\$303,524,930
Revenues Less Expenditures	(\$37,563,138)	(\$13,967,960)	(\$13,279,051)