



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 8th, 2026

The Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees held their Quarterly meeting on May 8, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. The trustees met in 307 Alumni Hall on the Mansfield campus. The public participated via the Zoom Webinar link provided. Those in attendance:

Trustees Present – Voting Members:

Ms. Karen Russell – Vice Chair
Mr. Michael K. Hanna, Jr. – Secretary
Mr. Patrick Henderson
Ms. Angela C. Smith
Mr. Steve Crawford
Dr. Brian O'Donnell (zoom)
Mr. Raymond Zaborney (zoom)
Ms. Jessica Dodge
Ms. Susan Kefover
Mr. Daniel Elby (via zoom)
Mr. Nathan Brinker
Mr. Marvens Ravix

University Personnel

Dr. Jeffery Osgood, President
Dr. Michelle Kiec, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Dan Knorr, Chief of Staff
Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Ms. Lisa Sharpe, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs
Ms. Christa Lamoreaux, Executive Associate
Ms. Heidi Warner, Executive Associate

Call to Order

Vice Chair Russell called the meeting to order at 1:05pm and welcomed all those in attendance. She reported the Council of Trustees met earlier today in Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

Roll Call

Vice Chair Russell asked Christa Lamoreaux to conduct a roll call. Ms. Lamoreaux conducted a roll call of those in attendance and acknowledged a quorum was present.



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Pledge of Allegiance

In accordance with House Resolution Number 32 of 1989, Vice Chair Russell 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 Smith to approve the meeting minutes of the March 6, 2026 Council of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee Crawford; the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments

Vice Chair Russell opened the meeting for public comment. Dr. Jonathan Rothermel, Political Science Professor and chair of the Red & Black Committee, announced a Commonwealth University sponsored night at the Crosscutters baseball game in Williamsport, PA on July 21st, 2026, at 6:35pm. Tickets will be \$2.50 and President Jeff Osgood is to throw out the first pitch.

Marcus Quicker, Mansfield student, sophomore, sprint football and track & field student athlete, spoke to express concerns with how the hiring process for the new sprint football coach was handled and noted that he plans to leave Mansfield and transfer to Shippensburg in the fall.

APSCUF Remarks

Vice Chair Russell introduced Dr. Adrienne McEvoy, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Mansfield APSCUF chapter president, to provide remarks. Dr. McEvoy thanked all the Trustees and Vice Presidents for all they have done and congratulated President Osgood on his appointment as permanent president. She added that, since 2001, Mansfield has had 13 presidents and has never experienced so much transparency.

SCUPA Remarks

Vice Chair Russell introduced Ms. Nichole Book, Assistant Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging at Mansfield, to provide remarks on behalf of SCUPA. Ms. Book thanked President Osgood for his willingness to work with SCUPA and have open conversations. Ms. Book has been an employee at Mansfield for over 18 years, and the campus has always found a way to persevere through difficult periods times. She noted that SCUPA members provide a sense of belonging and work every day to make campus a place students call home.



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AFSCME Remarks

Vice Chair Russell introduced Mr. Steve Miller, Information Technology Generalist 1 at Mansfield, to provide remarks on behalf of AFSCME. Mr. Miller shared that the AFSCME members and the work they do form the bedrock of this institution. He noted that the communication from President Osgood is encouraging. AFSCME members are willing to help find affordable solutions, help fight work-fatigue, and support our students.

Student Government Updates

Mr. Dan Knorr introduced Mr. Justin Knarr, President of the Mansfield Student Government Association. Mr. Knarr talked about the goal to increase student membership this year and noted that their board has grown to 35 members. The SGA was able to fund conference trips and events on campus. The spring fling was a huge success with around 200 students in attendance. Mr. Knarr reviewed some student concerns including online classes, renovation of the stadium, and what buildings will be next to be taken down. Students are willing and ready to be part of the conversation. He ended by thanking CU leadership and trustees.

Mr. Knorr next introduced Mr. Chaz Kaszuba, President of the Community Government Association, Bloomsburg's student government. Mr. Kaszuba is also Sophomore at Bloomsburg, majoring in International Business and Business Administration. Mr. Kaszuba introduced CGA's executive board members and provided an overview of their recently held "Big Event", a day of community volunteerism that included over 1,000 students. He ended by noting that his goal is to spread the word that we are three campuses but one home.

Mr. Knorr noted that Mr. Hunter Hartford, SGA President for Lock Haven, was unable to attend but was instrumental in organizing a recent advocacy trip to Harrisburg.

President's Welcome (Dr. Jeffery Osgood)

President Osgood thanked all union leaders for their amazing partnership, the student government representatives for their continued advocacy on behalf of our students, and the Council of Trustees for their support of him. He addressed some of the concerns raised regarding Mansfield, including progress on the stadium field and work to increase face-to-face offerings. He noted that CU will be receiving financial assistance from PASSHE for a facilities master plan. President Osgood ended his welcome by expressing his gratitude to all faculty, staff, and students.



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NEW BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS:

Resolution on Consumer Price Index

Vice Chair Russell asked for approval of a rolling three-year Consumer Price Index average to be used when making calculations on university fees, room and board, and automatically linking future increases to the CPI. Trustee Crawford made a motion; Trustee Hanna seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Spring 2025 Emeritus List

Vice Chair Russell recognized the faculty and staff who have had emeritus status conferred upon them this spring semester. Ten individuals from a variety of academic disciplines and university departments received this honor after being nominated by their colleagues and approved by President Osgood.

Recognition of Graduating Student Trustee

A special recognition was granted to Jessica Dodge, Bloomsburg's outgoing Student Trustee, for her three years' of service on the Council. Jessica completed her BSN in Nursing from Bloomsburg and will be graduating at the end of the spring semester. Vice Chair Russell asked the Council to honor Jessica with the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jessica Dodge served as a student member of the Commonwealth University Council of Trustees since September 2023; and

WHEREAS, she has served responsibly and with integrity in representing the students of this institution; and

WHEREAS, most 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.

Vice Chair Russell made a motion; Trustee Crawford seconded it. The motion passed unanimously.

Following passage of the resolution, CU Provost Michelle Kiec led Jessica's pinning and Oath of Professional Nursing ceremony. Ms. Jessica Dodge then thanked everyone for helping to facilitate her academic journey. She announced she will be employed with Geisinger upon graduating, working in the emergency room.



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Council of Trustees 2026/27 Quarterly Meeting Schedule

As a last informational item, Vice Chair Russell reviewed the quarterly meeting schedule for the upcoming 2026/27 academic year.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 2:08 PM by acclamation.


Mr. Michael Hanna, Jr.
Secretary


Heidi Warner
Executive Associate