

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Friday, March 10, 2023

The Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees held their Quarterly meeting on March 10, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. The trustees met in DACC 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 (via zoom)
Dr. Brian O'Donnell (via zoom)
Ms. Susan Kefover
Mr. Krystjan K Callahan
Mr. Patrick Henderson
Ms. Angela C. Smith
Mr. Raymond Zaborney
Ms. Julia Burcin
Mr. Justin White
Ms. Amy Brayford (via Zoom)
Mr. Steve Crawford

Trustees Absent:

Ms. Jenna Nila

University Personnel

Dr. Bashar Hanna, President
Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs,
Bloomsburg Campus Administrator
Dr. Marty Wygmans, Vice President for Student Success and Campus Life
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President for Enrollment Management, LH Campus Administrator
Dr. John Ulrich, Special Assistant to the President
Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Chief of Staff and Vice President for University Affairs
Mr. Albert Jones, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer
Dr. Cori Myers, Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness
Dr. Ed Keller, Interim Associate Vice President for Technology
Mr. Eric Ness, Special Assistant to the President for Facilities and Capital Planning
Mr. Tim Shuey, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, Mansfield Campus Administrator
Ms. Amy Dicello Associate Vice President for Finance
Mr. Dan Knorr, Director of External & Government Relations
Ms. Mary Vezendy, Coordinator of Operations

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Student Guests

Ms. Billie Jo Bollinger, Lock Haven PA Student and Student Athlete.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Call to Order

Trustee Wetzel called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported that the Council of Trustees for Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania met in executive session earlier today to discuss litigation and personnel issues. Trustee Wetzel also stated that the agenda item, Proposed Fee Schedule and Dual Enrollment Tuition & Fees 2023-2024, will be tabled and a special Council of Trustees meeting will be scheduled to discuss this item in more detail.

Roll Call

Trustee 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.

Public Comments

Trustee Wetzel opened the meeting for public comment. There were no individuals wishing to make comments.

Minutes of the Council of Trustees

A motion was made by Trustee Crawford to approve the meeting minutes of the December 9, 2022 Council of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee Callahan; the motion was unanimously approved.

Introductions

President Hanna acknowledged the following individuals as being nominated and granted Faculty Emeritus status and retirement recognition:

Bloomsburg Campus

Dr. Swapan Mookerjee, Professor, Department of Health & Exercise Science

Dr. Blair Staley, Professor, Department of Accounting and Business Law

Lock Haven Campus

Dr. Laura Lee, Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Chemistry and Physics

Dr. Brent May, Associate Professor, Department of Biochemistry, Chemistry and Physics

Trustee Wetzel congratulated the individuals receiving emeritus status.

NEW BUSINESS

Informational Items:

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

President's Report (Dr. Bashar Hanna)

President Hanna reviewed his President's Report with the Trustees. He presented the following:

- University Highlights
 - Commonwealth U was selected as one of nine recipients nationwide for a catalyst grant by the National Association of System Heads (NASH). The "Earn What you have Earned" initiative undertook a transcript audit of all transfer students to ensure they were awarded credit they had earned through the application of the newly revised PASSHE Student Transfer Policy.
 - Lock Haven faculty led a short-term service-learning program to Jamaica, and for the first time, were joined by Bloomsburg students. This service trip takes place in the rural mountainous village of Harmons in south central Jamaica. Two faculty, Dr. Jennifer Bell (physician assistant studies) and Dr. Amy Way (health science) were accompanied by 22 undergraduate and graduate students from Bloomsburg and Lock Haven and Clearfield.
 - The College of Education and Human Studies at Bloomsburg, received national recognition from the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) when it was named a recipient of the Frank Murray Leadership Recognition for Continuous Improvement.
 - 53 students in the Mansfield Concert Choir, along with 55 Concert Choir alumni, performed at the renowned Carnegie Hall in New York City on Jan. 15 in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King. The Mansfield students and alumni performed alongside five high school choirs, four of which are directed by MU alumni.
 - The Social Work Club and the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society at Mansfield brightened the holiday season for two local families. Members of the club and honor society raised money through various fundraisers to purchase \$150 worth of gifts for families in the Mansfield area.
 - Mansfield's Autism Resource Center (ARC) opened in fall 2023 and hit the ground running. With the work of Dr. Alison Polly, Courtney Heatley, and students in the special education program – students from surrounding schools attend activities to further their social interaction and develop fine motor skills.
 - The Bloomsburg Police Department was awarded a \$295,000 State grant to improve community safety and support local law enforcement.
 - Three faculty members from Lock Haven, Drs. Jacqueline Dumm, Brent May, and Kevin Range, shared their chemical education expertise at the 2022 Biennial Conference on Chemical Education held earlier this year. "The Biennial Conference on Chemical Education provides opportunities to share pedagogical ideas with colleagues from around the world and to learn how to use their ideas to improve our curriculum," May said.

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- Pennsylvania State Senator Gene Yaw visited the Mansfield campus in early February, where he toured campus, learned about the Public Safety Training Institute, and met with university leadership.
- President Hanna and members of the senior leadership team visited Clearfield in January, where they met with faculty, staff, students, and community leaders. PA Program faculty provided a demonstration of the virtual anatomy dissection table.
- The Lock Haven Community Service Office held its annual Adopt A Family project in December in partnership with the Salvation Army in Lock Haven. The LHU community provided 100 local children with an abundance of gifts. Without the support from the campus, many of these children would have had a less fortunate holiday. More than 95 campus volunteers provided more than 350 hours of community service to this project. The average estimated dollar amount spent was \$100 per child.
- Student Success
 - During the fall 2022 semester, Lock Haven community and public health education majors spent a weekend learning how to engage policy makers in public health dialogue and experiences at the National Health Education Advocacy Summit in Washington, D.C. The students, along with their professor, Dr. Rick Schulze, joined 200 graduate and undergraduate public health and health education students from around the country.
 - Vishakha Hegde a first-year master's student in the Instructional Design and Technology graduate program won the Best Student Project award with her project, "Nana's Remedies" at the DevLearn conference. "Nana's Remedies," is an interactive, health-awareness learning experience that uses game-like elements to teach about natural remedies from her home in Pune, India.
 - 91 student scholars were recently inducted into the Frederick Douglass Institute for Academic Excellence at Bloomsburg. Under the inspiration of Frederick Douglass and other distinguished leaders of all racial and ethnic backgrounds, Bloomsburg's FDIAE promotes academic excellence among students and enhances their understanding and appreciation of human diversity.

Student Spotlight

Trustee Wetzel introduced Ms. Billie Jo Bollinger, Lock Haven PA Student and Student Athlete. Ms. Bollinger gave remarks and a brief presentation.

Winter Session Update

Trustee Wetzel introduced Dr. Stephen Lee for the Winter Session update. Dr. Lee presented data of headcount enrollment of 1848 and FTE enrollment at 486.58 for the 22-23 winter session. Student credit hours were reported at 7,175 for the 22-23 winter session. Winter session revenue for 22-23 was reported at \$1,607,774.

ACTION ITEMS:

General Administration

Proposed Fee Schedule and Dual Enrollment Tuition & Fees 2023-2024

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Trustee Wetzel stated the matter needed to be tabled and called for a request from four trustees to hold a special Council of Trustees meeting to discuss in detail. Trustees Brayford, Henderson, Crawford and Zaborney made requests.

Capital Project Request

Trustee Wetzel introduced Mr. Eric Ness. Mr. Ness presented the Recommended Prioritization for Funding/Authorization for FY2023 to FY2028 as follows:

<u>Priority</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Anticipated Funding</u>
1	Lock Haven - Robinson Learning Center Renovation.	FY2023-2024
2	Mansfield - Infrastructure Upgrades	FY2022-2023
3	Bloomsburg - Old Science and Waller Buildings – Demo	FY2022-2023
4	Lock Haven – Stevenson Library Renovation	FY2023-2024
5	Lock Haven – Zimmerli Gymnasium Renovation	FY2026-2027
6	Bloomsburg - Facilities Maintenance Building Relocation	FY2027-2028

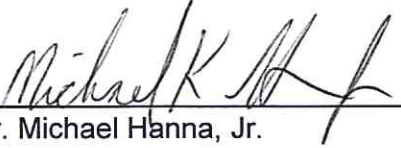
Trustee Wetzel asked for a motion to approve the Capital Project Request. A motion was made by Trustee Hanna and seconded by Trustee Zaborney; the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

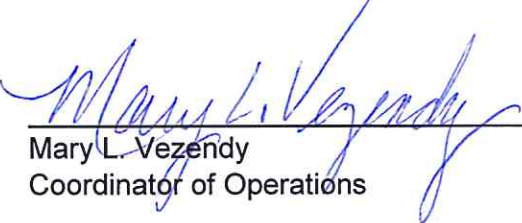
None

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Wetzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting 3:20 p.m.



Mr. Michael Hanna, Jr.
Secretary



Mary L. Vezendy
Coordinator of Operations