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November 2022

**Executive Committee:** President – **Joyce Overly**; Vice President – **Mark Kilwein**; Secretary – **Laurie Pierce**; Treasurer – **Xiaofeng Li**; Delegates – **Joyce Overly, Jennifer May, Lorie Taylor, Jacqueline Knaust**; Alternate Delegates – **Ellen Foster, Cristin Ketley, Nripendra Singh, Karl Sprenger, Barry Sweet**; Coaches President – **Heath Calhoun**; Coaches Vice President – **Doc Neiman**; Coaches Alternate – **Keith Ferraro**; Coaches' Grievance Chair – **Eric Laughlin**; Venango Campus Rep – **Renee Bloom**; CAP – **Joseph Croskey**; DRC – **Mary Buchanan**; Grievance – **Mark Kilwein**; Health & Welfare – **Amy Shannonhouse**; Legislative – **Jonathan Touster**; Membership – **Tonya Otto**; Negotiations – **Joyce Overly**; Nominations & Elections – **Rachel Newbury**; Social Justice – **Ron Radaker**; Public Affairs/Relations – **Lacey Futon**; Student Liaison – **Marc Sanko**; Rules & Bylaws – **Jamie Phillips**; Mobilization Co-Chairs – **Jackie Knaust & Andy Lingwall**; State Adjunct Faculty Committee – **Natasha Dias**

\*Faculty Meet & Discuss Team: **Joyce Overly, Barry Sweet, Adam Roberts, Mark Kilwein, Jennifer May, Mary Buchanan, Laurie Pierce (rec. sec.)**

\*Coaches Meet & Discuss Team: **Heath Calhoun, Doc Neiman, Keith Ferraro, Eric Laughlin, Joyce Overly & Mark Kilwein**

### The President's Message...

Dear Faculty and Coach Colleagues,

It is the time of year for giving thanks. In all the stress and frustration of creating PennWest, it can be difficult to feel gratitude. I am, however, grateful for all of you and your solidarity. If we stick together, we can accomplish much, even turning three separate universities into a brand-new institution.



In recent weeks, the Interim Curriculum Committee has done a herculean job of reviewing and approving new courses. Behind the scenes, we have been working on a plan to transition from the ICC to a permanent University Curriculum Committee, while still rapidly approving courses and, soon, degree programs. Details will be forthcoming, and elections for the members of the new UCC will be held before winter break.

As I'm sure you know, the Provost decided to strictly limit the number of general education course offerings, in the name of "efficiency," which leads to lost opportunities for our students to learn about disciplines and ideas that weren't available to them in high school. In addition, a number of programs across the University are under review. Deans are asking the faculty to find further "efficiencies" in their programs, with some concentrations or even entire degree programs possibly being eliminated from the program array. How does this serve the needs of our students?

The three PennWest APSCUF Chapter Presidents have met with President Pehrsson and Provost Miller numerous times over the past couple weeks, including a Meet & Discuss meeting on November 18. We have asked questions and pressed our points. The President and Provost have said repeatedly that this contraction is necessary because of the precipitous enrollment decline (20% lost over two years) and financial distress (a loss of \$21 million). Where does this contraction end?

In solidarity,



**Chapter President Joyce Overly with  
APSCUF endorsed candidate and  
future PA Governor, Josh Shapiro**



**FALL 2022 MEETINGS**  
(Please mark your calendars!)



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) @ 3:30 pm**

- Tuesday, November 29

**LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLIES (LA)**

- February 2-5, 2023 (Sheraton, Harrisburg)
- April 13-15, 2023 (Sheraton, Harrisburg)

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

- APSCUF's Holiday and End-of-Semester Gathering, Thursday, December 8 @ 4:00 pm at Clarion River Brewing Company

**PRE-MEET & DISCUSS & MEET & DISCUSS**

- \* Friday, November 18 @ 1:00 pm (Pre-Meet) & 2:00 pm (Meet & Discuss)
- \* Friday, December 9 @ 2:00 pm – “Core Group” Pre-Meet & Discuss
- \* Friday, December 15 @ 1:00 pm (Pre-Meet) & 2:00 pm (Meet & Discuss)



The Clarion APSCUF office will be closed on the following days: Wednesday through Friday, November 23--25 in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. **HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!!**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join us at the *Clarion APSCUF's Holiday and End-of-the-Semester Celebration* at the *Clarion River Brewing Company*, Thursday, December 8, from 4-6 pm. Please feel free to bring your spouse or a significant other! Please do make plans to join us and help celebrate the holiday spirit!



**WELCOME New Clarion APSCUF Members!!**

- ❖ Sheri Lake - Communication Sciences & Disorders
- ❖ Thomas Sarver - Performing Arts
- ❖ Coach Yndiah Bobo - Assistant Women's Basketball
- ❖ Coach Marissa Pullo - Women's Softball
- ❖ Coach Matthew Zeitler - Strength & Conditioning

APSCUF Membership is open to **ALL** active faculty and coaches - Tenured, Tenure-Track, Full-time Temporary, and Part-time Temporary. ***APSCUF is the sole voice for protecting the rights of faculty and coaches giving you the best working environment possible. Be an active and contributing member. Get involved today!***



**PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY  
UNIVERSITY-WIDE CONTRACTUAL COMMITTEES  
2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**PROMOTION COMMITTEE:**

Michelle Early Torregano (Chair)	California	Early Childhood & Elementary Education	2025
Robin Weaver	California	Nursing	2024
Grafton Eliason	California	Counseling	2024
Nikolas Roberts	California	Criminal Justice	2023
Renae Shawgo	Clarion	English	2025
Ambreena Siddiq (Co-Chair)	Clarion	Chemistry	2024
Paul Woodburne	Clarion	Finance, Accounting & Economics	2024
Helen Hampikian	Clarion	Biology	2023
Jeremy Galante	Edinboro	Art	2025
Christine Rine	Edinboro	Social Work	2024
Steve Sullivan	Edinboro	History, Philosophy & Modern Languages	2024
Peter Kuvshinikov (Co-Chair)	Edinboro	Applied Engineering, Technology & Physics	2023
Mary Buchanan (Non-teaching)	Clarion	Library Services	2025

**TENURE COMMITTEE:**

Louise Nicholson	California	Natural Science & Engineering Technology	2025
Scott Hargraves	California	Health Sciences	2024
Keat Murray	California	Arts & Humanities	2023
Amy Shannonhouse	Clarion	Education	2025
David Lott	Clarion	Natural Science & Engineering Technology	2024
Rachel Newbury	Clarion	Library Services	2023
Mary Jo Melvin	Edinboro	Education	2025
Dan Bennett	Edinboro	Business, Communication & Inform Sciences	2024
Wayne Hawley	Edinboro	Social Sciences & Human Sciences	2023

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**PENNSYLVANIA WESTERN UNIVERSITY - CLARION (only)**

**SABBATICAL LEAVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**2022-2023 AY**

Jennifer May	Sociology, Political Science & Law (Human Services)	2023
Tonya Otto – Chair	Libraries	2023
Marc Sanko	History	2023
Amanda Lockwood	Chemistry	2023
Nripendra Singh	Marketing & Management (Marketing)	2023
Natasha Dias	Biology	2023
Ronald Radaker	Student Services	2023

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**JOIN US**

**...for a holiday and  
end of the semester**

**CELEBRATION!!**



*Clarion APSCUF invites you to stop in to enjoy the  
company of your colleagues as we celebrate  
the holidays and end of the semester!*

**WHEN:** Thursday, December 8, 2022

**WHERE:** Clarion River Brewing Company in The Pub,  
600 Main Street, Clarion, PA

**TIME:** 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Clarion River**  
BREWING COMPANY

**MENU:** A variety of heavy appetizers, coffee, tea, soda  
pop; and a cash bar

**WHAT ELSE:** Come and enjoy good company and great  
conversations!!





**GREAT JOB and THANK YOU** to Ellen Foster for chairing *Student Voter Registration Day*. And thank you to those APSCUF Members who volunteered their time: Deb Sarbin, Doug Knepp, Rachel Newbury, Mary Buchanan, Tonya Otto, Natasha Dias, Kenn Staub and Jan Walters (APSCUF Office Manager).

## ***STUDENT VOTER REGISTRATION DAY!***

***October 21, 2022***



