

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
CLARION UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022
VIA ZOOM
PUBLIC MEETING
7:00 P.M.**

I. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

Chairwoman, JD Dunbar called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following Trustees present:

Ms. Milissa Steiner Bauer, Vice Chairwoman
Ms. JD Dunbar, Chairwoman
The Honorable R. Lee James
Mr. James Kifer, Secretary
The Honorable Donna Oberlander
Mr. Larry Pickett
Ms. Kathryn Robinson, Student Trustee

ABSENT:

Mrs. Susanne Burns
Mr. Brendan Shepherd
Mr. Howard Shreckengost
Mr. Neil Weaver

The following members of the University administration attended the meeting:

Dr. Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson, President
Mr. Len Cullo, Vice President, Finance and Administration
Dr. Laura Delbrugge, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Susanne Fenske, Vice President, Student Affairs
Dr. Phillip Frese, Dean, College of Business and Information Sciences
Mr. James Geiger, Vice President, University Advancement
Dr. Pam Gent, Provost and Academic Vice President
Dr. John Hynes, Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives & Administration,
PennWest
Mr. Rogers Laugand, Director, Diversity, Equity & Multicultural Affairs
Dr. Scott Miller, Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost, PennWest
Dr. Terrance Mitchell, Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, PennWest
Ms. Fawn Petrosky, Vice President for Finance, PennWest
Dr. Gwen Price, Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Services

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE.

III. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Chairwoman Dunbar presented the Consent Agenda and asked if any items needed removed for further discussion.

1. Approval of the November 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes
2. Approval of the January 3, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes
3. Approval of the Certification of CSA Compliance

A motion was made by Trustee James, seconded by Trustee Kifer, to approve the February 17, 2022 Consent Agenda.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Ms. Milissa Bauer	YES
Ms. JD Dunbar	YES
Mr. R. Lee James	YES
Mr. James Kifer	YES
Ms. Donna Oberlander	YES
Mr. Larry Pickett	YES
Ms. Kathryn Robinson	YES

The motion carried.

IV. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Jim Geiger shared the fundraising report with the trustees. The Foundation secured gifts for the naming of the Tippin wrestling room in honor of former wrestling coach Bob Bubb. The dedication ceremony took place on January 30.

V. REPORT OF FACULTY SENATE

Dr. David Hartley reported on behalf of Jackie Knaust, chair, who was not able to attend the meeting. Faculty Senate adopted as recommended the approval of the DEI statement for syllabi.

VI. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Susanne Fenske reported that they have updated the COVID protocols in dining and facilities. Campus Life is balancing student engagement across three campuses and is working on a joint code of student conduct with PASSHE Legal Counsel and sister institutions. UPMC is servicing many students. They are working with athletes to form a DEI council.

VII. REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE

Kathryn Robinson, Student Trustee, reported that the Student Advisory Board is discussing integration and covid concerns. She met with CalU and Edinboro's student trustees to brainstorm ideas for student involvement in organizations. She is on the diploma planning committee and they recommend emphasis on the location of the campus on the diploma. She is also serving on the faculty instrument evaluating committee.

VIII. REPORT OF STUDENT SENATE

Ryan Zavinski reported that Senate elected a new vice president of rules and regulations, four seats on Clarion's student senate will now include Venango campus students. They have implemented a PennWest Task Force for students, and spring commencement will be held in Tippin Gymnasium.

IX. REPORT OF MULTICULTURAL STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Kenneth Rose, president, reported that this is the second semester for this student organization. Their goal is to build black power and raise awareness of system racism. They are holding programming around diversity, co-sponsored the movie, *Harriet*, and ASIA event. Dr. Roberts is the guest speaker for February's Black History month.

X. REPORT OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Pam Gent spoke on course accreditations for the athletic training and DNP programs. Middle States visit is scheduled for March 20-23. The Integrative Studies outreach was able to graduate 30 new students in fall 2021. Faculty in the Education department are to present Elementary Ed Residency program at National Field Experience Conference. She announced her retirement in March and introduced Dr. Scott Miller, Edinboro, who will be the Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost for PennWest.

XI. REPORT OF THE CLARION UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION, INC.

Trustee Kifer reported the endowment performance was \$49.8 million. There has been changes in the Foundation and the bylaws. They have committed to funding \$1 million to the University to supplement E&G Scholarships in 2022.

XII. REPORT OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

John Hynes, Edinboro, the Senior Vice President for Strategic Initiatives & Administration for PennWest provided this report in David Dollin's absence. Financial Aid awards will be going out this week. the housing application and signups are available and they are trying new marketing tactics to increase yield. He reviewed the enrollment report to date for fall 2022.

XIII. REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY, SOCIAL EQUITY, & MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION

Rogers Laugand reported that in celebration of Black History month the showing of the movie, *Harriet* on February 20; February 23 a lecture featuring Hezreel Robertson; training will be offered to the ICAT teams at Clarion/Cal/EU; the Campus Climate Assessment Survey was emailed last week and encourages all students and employees to complete the survey. He introduced Dr. Terrance Mitchell, Vice President, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for PennWest.

XIV. REPORT OF FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND FACILITIES

Len Cullo reported that office consolidations, facility renovations and demolitions are getting close. DGS has received bids to do the projects and are working through the bids. The projects could possibly start this summer or fall. He reported that athletics has named a new football coach. Moving forward with PennWest, John Hynes will be reporting on facilities and Fawn Petrosky will provide the University's financial report.

XV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

The President reported some points of pride that included nearly 5,000 students cast their vote to choose the PennWest logo. Middle States accreditation process for PennWest is in progress. Each of our three campuses submitted a Complex Substantive Change request in September and responded to questions from the accrediting body. We anticipate a decision from Middle States in March. Following the decision from Middle States in March, we anticipate an announcement from the NCAA regarding our request to maintain our Vulcans, Golden Eagles and Fighting Scots athletics programs.

We consolidated the academic structure to create a single faculty and expand learning opportunities for students. We've named the chief academic officer (provost) and appointed a dean to head each of PennWest's six colleges. Within PennWest's 30 academic departments, faculty assignments have been made and department chairs elected.

XVI. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Trustee Dunbar announced that Trustee Weaver was named Acting Secretary of the Department of Community and Economic Development. He was not able to join the meeting this evening.

XVII. REPORT OF PACT

No Report.

XVIII. REPORT OF COUNCIL CHAIR

No Report.

XIX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Trustees' Executive Committee met on February 15 and those minutes have been distributed to the Council.

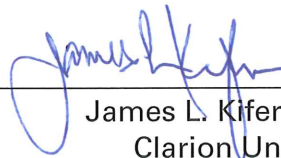
XX. OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS – NONE.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Robinson, and seconded by Trustee Kifer, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m. The next meeting of the Council of Trustees will be Thursday, April 21, 2022.

Respectfully submitted



James L. Kifer, Secretary
Clarion University
Council of Trustees