

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 3, 2024

The Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees held their Quarterly meeting on May 3, 2024, at 2:30 p.m. The trustees met in the Durrwachter Alumni Conference Center 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
Ms. Susan Kefover
Mr. Patrick Henderson
Mr. Steve Crawford (via zoom)
Mr. Krystjan K Callahan
Ms. Angela C. Smith
Ms. Jessica Dodge
Ms. Tynesha Holloway
Mr. Raymond Zaborney (via zoom)
Dr. Brian O'Donnell

Trustees Absent

Mr. Marvens Ravix
Ms. Amy Brayford

University Personnel

Dr. Bashar Hanna, President
Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Vice President for Administration and Chief of Staff
Ms. Mary Vezendy, Director of Operations
Ms. Christa Lamoreaux, Executive Associate
Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for University Advancement
Dr. Ed Keller, Chief Information Officer
Mr. Dan Knorr, Executive Director of Economic Development & External Affairs
Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President for Enrollment Management, Lock Haven Campus Administrator
Dr. Cori Myers, Associate Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness
Mr. Eric Ness, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs
Ms. Stacy Wagner, Chief Facilities & Safety Officer
Mr. William N. Walker, Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing

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Call to Order

Chair Wetzel called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. He reported the Council of Trustees met earlier today in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, legal matters, information related to the negotiation of collective bargaining agreements, and public safety issues. The Council of Trustees also met on Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 6 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 1 at 6 p.m. in Executive Session to discuss personnel issues, and legal matters.

Roll Call

Chair 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.

Pledge of Allegiance

In accordance with House Resolution Number 32 of 1989, Chair Wetzel 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 Callahan to approve the meeting minutes of the March 8, 2024 Council of Trustees meeting, seconded by Trustee O'Donnell; the motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comments

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

NEW BUSINESS

APSCUF Remarks

Chair Wetzel introduced Stanley P. Berard, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science and Chapter President, APSCUF-Lock Haven. Dr. Berard gave remarks regarding the reorganized colleges and departments in Academic Affairs.

It was also noted that in accord with faculty CBA Article 9.J, APSCUF is requesting a place on the agenda at all meetings of the Council of Trustees scheduled for the 2024-25 academic year.

Informational Items:

Student Spotlight

Chair Wetzel introduced Mr. Isaiah Reed, Commonwealth University – Lock Haven Senior and Health Science Major. Mr. Reed gave remarks and a brief presentation.

Emeritus Recipients

Chair Wetzel introduced President Hanna. In accordance with legacy CU policies and the

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recently implemented Interim CU Policy 02-100 on Emeritus Status, he announced the following faculty members were approved to receive faculty emeritus status:

Bloomsburg Campus

Dr. Deborah Stryker, Professor, Exceptionality Programs

Mansfield Campus

Ms. Vicki Kotchka, Assistant Professor, Undergraduate Nursing

Lock Haven Campus

Ms. Anna Mae Smith, Associate Professor, Department of Physician Assistant Studies

Dr. Sandra Barney, Professor, History, Philosophy, & Political Science

The following individuals were approved to receive non-instructional emeritus status:

Bloomsburg Campus

Ms. Rebecca Kovach, Staff Interpreter, University Disability Services

Ms. Gretchen Knittle, Registered Nurse, Student Health Center

Ms. Gisele Tobin, Fiscal Assistant, Department of Fiscal Affairs

Ms. Debra Yablonski, Fiscal Technician, Department of Fiscal Affairs

The following individual was approved to receive manager or administrator emeritus status:

Bloomsburg Campus

Mr. Tom McGuire, Senior Director of Strategic Communications, Department of Strategic Communications and Marketing

Action Items

Order of Succession Planning Resolution

Chair Wetzel read the Order of Succession Planning Resolution that approves and certifies the following Order of Succession Plan and directs the President of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania to deliver the Plan to the Chancellor.

1. Dr. Diana Rogers-Adkinson, Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs
2. Ms. Suzanne Williamson, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Administration
3. Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President for Enrollment Management
4. Mr. Eric Ness, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Chief Financial Officer

It was also noted that effective July 1, 2024, following the departure of Provost Rogers-Adkinson, the incumbent Provost will assume this role in the order.

A motion was made by Chair Wetzel to approve the Order of Succession as presented. Trustee O'Donnell seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

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Mansfield Foundation

Chair Wetzel introduced Mr. Erik Evans, Vice President for Advancement who presented on the newly formed Mansfield University Mountaineer Foundation. Trustee Russell made the motion and read the following resolution:

In accordance with Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A: University External Financial Support and the provisions of the Commonwealth Higher Education Modernization Act, I move to recognize the Mansfield University Mountaineer Foundation as an affiliated entity of Commonwealth University.

Trustee Kefover seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Academic Affairs Restructuring

Chair Wetzel introduced Dr. Rogers-Adkinson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. Dr. Rogers-Adkinson presented the reorganization crosswalk and outlined the new structure to reduce the number of academic colleges from five to three as follows:

<u>Current College and Department</u>	<u>New College and Department</u>
College of Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities	College of Arts, Humanities, Education and Social Sciences
Anthropology, Sociology, Criminal Justice	Anthropology, Sociology, Criminal Justice, and Social Work
Communication Studies	Communications, Media and Journalism
English	Early Childhood Education and Exceptionality Programs
History, Political Science, and Philosophy	English and Languages and Cultures
Languages & Cultures	History, Political Science, and Philosophy
Media and Journalism	K-12, Middle Level, Secondary Ed +HPED
Music, Theatre & Dance	Music, Theatre and Dance
Psychology	Psychology, Counseling, and Educational Leadership
Visual Arts	Visual Arts
College of Education and Human Studies	
Counseling and Ed Leadership	
Early Childhood Education	
Exceptionality Programs	
Middle Level, Secondary, K-12 Education	
Social Work	

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<u>Current College and Department</u>	<u>New College and Department</u>
College of Health Professions	College of Health, Science, and Technology
Communication Sciences and Disorders	Biological and Health Sciences
Health & Exercise Science	Mathematics, Computer Science, and Digital Forensics
Nursing - Graduate	Physical and Environmental Sciences, and Engineering
Nursing - Undergraduate	Physician Assistant
Physician Assistant	Rehabilitation Sciences
	Breiner School of Nursing
College of Science and Technology	Undergraduate Nursing
Biochemistry, Chemistry, Engineering & Physics	Graduate Nursing
Biology	
Environ., Geograph., & Geological Science	
Mathematics, Computer Science & Digital Forensics	
Zeigler College of Business	Zeigler College of Business
Management	Department of Management
Accounting & Business Law	
Economics and Finance	
Marketing and Professional Sales	Department of Business Interconnections, Analytics, and Workforce Learning
Technology, Analytics and Workforce Learning	

It was noted and amended that the name Communications, Media and Journalism was changed to Communication Studies, Media and Journalism.

Chair Wetzel made the motion and read the following resolution:

In accordance with the powers and duties granted to the Council of Trustees under the enabling legislation of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, Act 188 of 1982, as amended, that grants this Council the power and duty to approve schools and academic programs, I move to approve the recommended Academic Affairs Restructuring, as discussed.

Trustee O'Donnell seconded the motion; a roll call vote was taken with Trustee Kefover voting "no". The motion passed with a majority vote.

Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for Academic Year 2024-2025

Chair Wetzel refers to Exhibit E, Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2024-2025 and dates as follows:

Friday, October 11, 2024	Bloomsburg Campus
Friday, December 6, 2024	Mansfield Campus
Friday, March 7, 2025	Lock Haven Campus
Friday, May 2, 2025	Bloomsburg Campus

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A motion was made by Chair Wetzel to approve the Council of Trustees Meeting calendar for 2024-2025. Trustee Hanna seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Student Trustee Resolution

Chair Wetzel made a motion and read the following resolution for the CU Lock Haven Student Trustee:

WHEREAS, Ms. Tynesha Holloway served as a student member of the Commonwealth University, Lock Haven Council of Trustees for the 2023–2024 academic year, and

WHEREAS, she has served responsibly and with integrity on various committees representing Commonwealth University, and

WHEREAS, more 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.

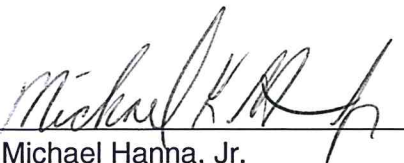
Seconded by Trustee Smith and unanimously approved. Members of Council offered remarks of appreciation to Ms. Holloway. Ms. Holloway thanked the Council for their support and mentorship. President Hanna concluded with remarks of gratitude and his congratulations to the student trustee.

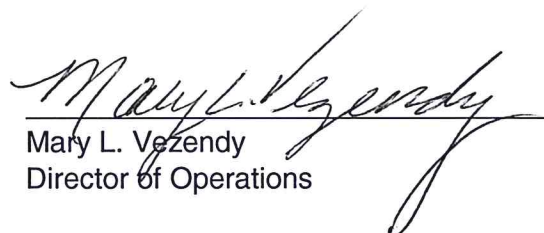
Trustee Comments

Trustee O'Donnell remarked that he would like the university to pursue the reimbursement of funds due to CU from PASSHE related to integration.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Chair Wetzel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m.


Mr. Michael Hanna, Jr.
Secretary


Mary L. Vezendy
Director of Operations