

Mansfield Local Assembly Agenda
January 30, 2025
4:00 pm
DRAFT FOR APPROVAL

Location: Memorial 107 or Zoom:

<https://commonwealthu-edu.zoom.us/j/95917290675?pwd=Otyj24OhTu7OgYa2GfaG3V63LRwv72.1&from=addon>

In Attendance (in person): B. Lint, K. Verno, A. Rose, S. Stout, X. Ji, J. Demchak, P. Carl, J. Kagle, L. Wiest, L. Pifer, S. Kasperek, X. Zhou, K. Cobb, G. Sechrist, D. Donlick, J. Rothermel, M. Kiec, R. MacNamara, J. Knarr, O. Gorman, T. Doerksen, N. Book, C. Jackson, T. Cummings, B. Hanna, D. Knorr, J. Crowley, N. Lefelhoc (online): E. Foster, S. Holler, J. Evans, H. Warner, B. Oakes, B. Sauers, A. Way, C. Myers, D. Rotella, S. Wagner, B. Thorne, D. Neill, M. Decker, R. Parks, S. Yamashita, T. Seibert, N. Mayo, M. Feeney, J. Scott, S. Williamson, L. Michaels, R. Goulet, A. Swain, M. Borzok, K. Hulslander, P. Kathcart, N. Keller, B. Rossi, T. Werstler, E. Kwak, A. Downes, J. Welch, T. Welch, A. Boroch, S. Lee, K. Lamar Shelton, G. Dziuba

I. Call to order 4:02 PM

II. Approval of Minutes ([October 24, 2024 Local Assembly Meeting](#)) Doerksen, Rotella 2nd

III. Announcements

- A. See [CU Senate website](#) for membership, policies, and schedule
- B. Press Enterprise editorial (see attached)
- C. Social media update (D. Knorr): concern at last LA about the Facebook pages being CU-Lock Haven, CU-Mansfield, but Bloomsburg U of PA. Strategic Communications team worked hard to get this changed. All other social media pages have been changed over to CU.
- D. CU Town Hall Feb 3 at 2:00 pm will include updates on finances and enrollment
- E. AY 2025-26 curriculum proposal deadline is End Of Day Feb 3
- F. Learning Center. Chris Cummings 1/22 email includes course coverages and support services. Also, new [website](#)
- G. Campus-wide printing via PaperCut. Enables students, faculty, staff to print at any campus
- H. Career Intensive Boot Camp (CIBC). At Mansfield – Fri, Feb 21 to Feb 22 in Alumni (see below)
- I. Musical: Hunchback of Notre Dame. March 6-9 in Straughn
- J. Showcase of Student Scholarship May 2, registration will open within the next month. Maegen Borzok will email more info. If anyone has questions, suggestions, or would like to be involved in the planning/implementation, please email Maegen
- K. Mansfield Traditions Task Force. Concluded work and made recommendations last semester. If you have additional suggestions or feedback, please contact Maegen.
- L. Presence. After transition to CU website, old Mansfield club and org listings, contact info, meeting info, officers, advisors, etc. went away for everyone. Did club and org fairs at Mountie Days and again in October. Presence is a web-based system for students to access club and org info, events, etc. Bloom has had for years, LH completed install in the fall. After working on most of last semester, Mansfield rolled out to club presidents and advisors on Monday: once a few more clubs and organizations are registered, plan to roll out to all students next week.
- M. Newsletter (D. Knorr):
 - i. Working together with Strategic Communications, we plan on having each of the three community e-newsletters come out on the 1st of each month (or the following Monday if the 1st falls on a weekend).
 - ii. The first issue is being slated for Monday, March 3rd, with a monthly cadence following that (probably with a break in June / July).

- iii. The webpage will be switching over within the next couple of weeks to allow for people to sign up to one of the three (or all three if preferred).
- iv. As far as submittals, we are going to ask the university community to continue following the exiting process of submitting all events and happenings to The Triad. We (on the back end) will segment out public, open-to-community events for the community e-newsletters. That way faculty, staff, and students do not have to do something separate.
- v. We are consolidating the platform to the one Lock Haven currently uses as it seems to be the best. The Bloomsburg list will be ported over to that platform.
- vi. Going to use Constant Contact.

IV. Committee Reports

A. Executive Committee

- i. Elections Subcommittee (N. Delaney): looking ahead to spring elections, possibly an interim policy for tie-breakers. Seats that will be up for election at MU this spring: At Large Faculty Senator, At Large Staff Senator, Local Assembly Secretary (Faculty of Staff), Academic Policy Committee – At Large Faculty, Diversity Equity & Inclusion (Faculty), Elections Subcommittee (Faculty), Enrollment Management Subcommittee (Faculty), Finance Committee (Faculty), First Year Experience Subcommittee (Faculty), IT Subcommittee (Faculty), Student Success and Campus Life (Faculty). If you have interest in the openings or would like to know more about what they entail, I encourage you to read the bylaws for each committee using the following link which will direct you to the University Senate site.
<https://www.commonwealthu.edu/about/university-senate-governance/senate-membership>
- ii. Space and Facilities Subcommittee (H. Jackson): meetings scheduled and currently gearing up to submit the inclement weather policy

B. Academic Policy Committee (D. Rotella): two policies: Academic Dismissal and Priority Registration both ready for the first reading

- i. Enrollment Management Subcommittee (S. Stout): CU Admissions policy was approved in the fall, started drafting transfer admissions policy
- ii. IT Subcommittee (S. Ji): No report, first meeting is set

C. Advancement Committee (J. Crowley): two policies are going to their first reading at the next committee meeting, a Gift-in-Kind Policy and a Fundraising Policy. A reminder: the 2025 Mounties ALL-IN Day Of Giving is Thursday, April 10 (10:00 AM) to Friday, April 11 (10:00 AM). This is our annual online, 'crowd-funding' event. If your campus program/area would like to have a fundraising section on the ALL-IN website, please reach out to Kate Billmeyer (or me) with a description of what campus organization or program you're raising money for and we will make sure it is created for you. You will then have a unique link to that page that you can share out with friends and family so they can give to your cause. In preparation for this, there will be a brief training session on how the ALL-IN 24hr fundraiser works on: Thursday, March 6th at 10am in Alumni Hall 317

D. DEI Committee (S. Ji): No report, first meeting is set

E. Finance Committee (X. Zhou): No report

F. Student Success and Campus Life (Holly Jackson NA): 3 more policies up for first readings this semester

- i. First Year Experience Subcommittee (L. Pifer): Three credit first year seminar has survived into Fall 2025, but it will have to be in larger class sizes. Working closely with admissions to track new students who need it, trying to help in larger classes with things like peer mentors. Need funding for more peer mentors. Two members are going to an FYE conference next month. Planning to hold a one-day summit over spring break to discuss FYE at different PASSHE campuses. Sechrist: we're going to be closer to 50 students per section. McEvoy: this goes against every single best practice for first year seminars. Borzok taught FYE for the first time last semester, loved it, taught it at BU hybrid, but the format did not allow enough time with the students. She does not endorse utilizing a multi-modal setup for FYE, strongly encouraging in-person teaching of this course. Sechrist: she has asked the committee to look into all possible ways to make FYE effective without as much faculty load for this course.

V. Constituency Reports

A. Student Government (Pres. O. Gorman and VP J. Knarr)

- i. Spring Fling May 3: planning vendors, artist to perform a concert
- ii. Working on a plan for campus parking
- iii. Working on a plan for dealing with protestors on campus
- iv. Student government thankful for the communication about federal aid
- v. Student complaints about having to take classes online, especially the lack of a Special Ed professor and other online courses. Complaint about Director of Bands and Director of Choirs not being granted full-time tenure-track faculty lines at this time, and concern about what this will do to the Music area.
- vi. McEvoy: reminder to Dan Knorr about talking to Student Government about the change in fee structure. The Board of Trustees discussed fees at the last meeting, decisions about 2026-2027 fees will be made at the March meeting
- vii. Lint: student voice is important in Senate- three policies were tabled last semester due to concerns from students at the Local Assembly

B. Alumni Association (D. Donlick)

- i. Nominations will be accepted until March 15 for the Alumni Society of Honors; the ceremony is June 21, during Alumni Weekend (see attached)
- ii. Mansfield Alumni Association Board Directors announced 2025 recipients of CU-Mansfield Alumni Legacy Scholarship: Paige Gumaer and Katelyn Sherwood
- iii. Mansfield Alumni in Florida Feb 28-March 2 Lakewood Ranch, Villages, Orlando

C. Athletics (J. Evans)

- i. all teams achieved their best QPA's ever in the fall
- ii. Next Wed. National Girls and Women in Sports day
- iii. Saturday recognition of fall athletes at the men's basketball game during halftime
- iv. Field hockey was very successful this year, many students named to all-region or all-conference teams and other honors (see attached)
- v. Cahsid Raymond, football player, just signed a pro contract
- vi. Roger Maisner's \$1m gift largest in MA Athletics history

D. Center for Teaching and Learning (J. Demchak):

- i. Thanks to administration for investment in faculty development
- ii. Faculty technology development grantees will be announced soon
- iii. Faculty development points are in progress- if you earn 10 points, you can get \$500 in faculty development funds. Points are set up through dropboxes in Brightspace. Ask Jen if you have questions

E. Professional U (N. Lefelhoc):

- i. Career Intensive Bootcamp- first time hosting it on campus. Last three semesters it has been at Bloomsburg. Feb. 21-22. Specifically tailored for juniors and seniors, it is a career transitions conference. Mock interview, resume information, job searching, how to understand a benefits package, etc. Next Friday, Feb. 7 is registration deadline.
- ii. Hosting three career expos on campus this semester, each tailored to different focus areas. All 11 AM-3 PM in Alumni 307. Feb. 18: government, non-profit, and human services areas- 22 employers currently registered for this. March 6: Marketing, management, entertainment, communication. Teaching and Education March 21 at BU-anticipate 90 or more employers there, required for student teachers. Designing inclusive careers expo for all areas on March 26, which starts with a presentation about inclusivity. Health Care expo at BU April 24
- iii. Professional experience grants: application will open Monday, students can apply to help offset costs for internships, study abroad, conferences, etc. Qualtrix form will be used for that. It will be open through March 1 for summer and fall opportunities.
- iv. Register for any of these events on Handshake

F. Interim CFO (B. Thorn):

- i. Fiscal year 2025: revenue is trending slightly ahead of projections, but expenses are also slightly higher. Projecting to end the year as projected, within 1-2 %
- ii. Auxiliaries: revenue trending ahead, expenses trending as projected, so hopefully we will end a bit ahead (see attached slides)
- iii. More information at the coming Town Hall

G. Campus Administrator (G. Sechrist)

- i. Stadium renovations set to start late spring/early summer of 2026, graduation May 17 will be the last one before the renovation – seats, press box, turf, track, looking to raise more funds for the stadium
- ii. Homecoming and 1890s: Sept. 27- that weekend we're bringing back 1890s festival
- iii. Cathy Martin sent office hours for the semester
- iv. She'd love to hear ideas, but also issues
- v. Shout out to SGA- this is a very passionate group of students who really care about this campus

H. Provost (Provost Kiec):

- i. She is planning to be on campus more often, so feel free to come see her, and don't be surprised if she comes by classes
- ii. They are working on different course modalities, and she appreciates everyone's work on that
- iii. Course modalities and early semester issues- the tech has not necessarily been working. Some classes which started multi-classroom are going to synchronous online, but they are trying to work on other solutions, they are trying to prioritize in-person for hands-on courses for fall
- iv. Fall scheduling updates: there may be some differences in how scheduling is being done, ask your Dean if you have questions- contact your Dept. Chair first
- v. Thank you to IT for getting us in a room that works for LA today
- vi. For those dealing with the multi-classroom issues, a plea to try to keep the in-person portions of that in-person as much as possible. We have promised students an in-person experience, so we need to honor that. Pifer- there were students locked out of a classroom where they were supposed to be doing multi- classroom. McEvoy- we need to do as much as we can to ensure that the modalities we agreed to are being fulfilled. IT is working really hard, but we need to do better. We need to keep in mind for the fall semester that we make sure everything works before the semester begins- it is not fair to the students. Borzok: it is up to us to make this the best experience for the students, regardless of modality, even if we need help from faculty on other campuses to get students into rooms, get them computers, etc. We should be reserving a room for students who are taking a course on another campus so they can all work together.
- vii. Verno: are these the scheduling directives for fall? In the fall, make sure you build your schedules with student success in mind. Make sure upper-level courses are scheduled to fill, not just make.

Pair courses with multiple sections at the same time. Multiple sections will be opened sequentially- there are issues with that: how do students schedule, how do faculty schedule, who makes these decisions, etc. Kiec: I will try to put something together that involves more explanation about the plans. Thank you for the feedback.

I. President (President Hanna)

- i. Thank you for all the ideas and patience, thank you for focus on students
- ii. Thank you for helping at Lock Haven with the aftermath of the flooding. Electricians from all three campuses went to Lock Haven and did the work, all students were able to move in on time. The few that have been displaced will be back in their assigned rooms this weekend.
- iii. Clearfield: announcement was not rushed. None of our colleagues, faculty and staff, will be impacted until May 2027. Everyone will have the opportunity to move to Lock Haven main campus after that period. Mansfield is not next. The university is committed to make sure all three main campuses of CU reach stability. Dispel this rumor so that enrollment at MU continues to grow. Deposits for MU fall 2025 are up from last year. We need to keep that going. His goal is to be at MU every Wed. Come see him so he can help.
- iv. Space and facilities: we have more space at MU and Lock Haven than we need. We cannot continue to pay utilities for buildings that are empty or half-empty. No decisions have been made, but they are working on figuring out what to do to shrink the footprint.
- v. McEvoy: she has had several discussions with the President recently and she supports working together moving forward

VI. Updates

A. Policy Review (M. Decker):

- i. Send policies to Mark Decker by Feb. 13 if you want it to go before Senate this semester
- ii. There are a lot of interim policies- any interim policy goes on the Exec Agenda- policies can be tabled and sent back to the committee, and then we have time to work on them

B. Middle States Update (A. Way):

- i. Self-Study was officially submitted Jan. 27
- ii. Thank you to Andrea Swain for her work on Middle States, as well as Cori Myers
- iii. Self-Study report is on the MSCHE Reaccreditation web site. All comments and edits were reviewed
- iv. See the attached slides: you can help the committee by identifying students, etc who might be good for the meetings with the team

C. Red & Black Committee Update (J. Rothermel):

- i. Spring programs have been planned
- ii. Souper Bowl party next Thursday lunch
- iii. March 4 Taco Tuesday
- iv. April 16 Charcuterie table
- v. Trying to promote intra-CU rivalry- MU vs. BU basketball game next Weds. all faculty and staff and families can go for free
- vi. Looking to take a group to Elmira Aviators hockey, maybe March 14
- vii. Staff/Faculty dining at a lower cost if you sign up for a 10 ticket plan

VII. Open Forum and Remarks for the Good of the Order

- A. Loomis Gallery: Feb. 3-26 Ibrahim Alazza, Glenn Zwegardt sculpture March 3-April 3, Master/Grasshopper exhibition April 7-May 2, Graduating Seniors May 7-15
- B. Year of the Snake, Happy New Year
- C. Thanks to everyone for being here, and thanks to all colleagues across CU- this is a way for us to work together for the common good

VIII. Adjournment Hanna, Rothermel 2nd, 5:43

25SP Local Assembly Meetings

- Lock Haven Local Assembly
- Bloomsburg Local Assembly
- Lock Haven Local Assembly
- Mansfield Local Assembly

Wednesday, February 5 at 4:00 pm

Wednesday, March 5 at 3:00 pm

Thursday, March 13 at 4:00 pm

Thursday, March 27 at 4:00 pm

25SP Senate Meetings

- CU Senate Executive
- CU Senate (first reading of policy)
- CU Senate Executive
- CU Senate (second reading of policy)

Thursday, February 13 at 4:00 pm via Zoom

Thursday, February 20 at 4:00 pm via Zoom

Thursday, April 3 at 4:00 pm via Zoom

Thursday, April 10 at 4:00 pm via Zoom

Mansfield may be a limb worth cutting

The number of high-school graduates in the United States hit an all-time high in 2023, according to a new study from the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education.

That may come as a surprise to people in this area, where we've been hearing about a declining number of high school graduates in Pennsylvania for more than a decade.

But 2023, warns the WICHE study, isn't the first in a series of growing numbers of graduates. Instead it's approaching a peak year in 2025. Across the nation, the number of high-school graduates is expected to shrink — by about 13% over the next 20 years.

Pennsylvania, specifically, will see one of the largest drops in the Northeast, with 17% fewer high-school graduates from 2024 to 2041, projections show. In 2014, the state had 145,200 high-school graduates. In 2024, it had 135,400. In 2041, it's expected to have 117,000. That's second only to neighboring New York's 27% drop.

Given all these enrollment trends, it seems reasonable to ask: What is Commonwealth University's plan to survive this coming graduate drain?

For years, graduating high school seniors have acted like life-saving blood transfusions keeping the school at the top of College Hill vital. While Bloomsburg University has shrunk in size as Pennsylvania's number of college graduates declined, it has not been doing so as quickly as many of the other State System of Higher Education schools.

But then SSHE decided to graft two limbs onto Bloomsburg that were dying on their own — Lock Haven and Mansfield.

From 2011 to 2021 (the year before the campuses merged), BU had shrunk about a quarter — from the equivalent of 9,200 full-time students to 6,950. Meanwhile, Lock Haven and Mansfield had lost nearly half their populations — Mansfield shrunk from 2,900 students to 1,500; Lock Haven from 5,100 to 2,700.

Since the merger, the three campuses have continued to shrink. For 2024, Bloomsburg had 6,474 undergraduate students on campus. Lock Haven had 2,214. Mansfield had 1,170.

And these were during years where — nationwide, at least — the number of high-school graduates was increasing.

If schools across the nation now will be competing for a shrinking pool of graduates, what can Commonwealth do to ensure the transfusion of new life it gets at the beginning of each fall continues?

In its report, WICHE suggests schools try to find new ways of attracting and retaining adult learners, including by giving them college credit through an assessment of their previous learning and work experience. Adult students are something Commonwealth has talked about attracting in the past.

And Commonwealth's new provost Michelle Kiec has said she wants to ensure the programs the school offers match up with the demands of the job market. That's a good first step to put the school on its most profitable path.

But we'd suggest another step would be to review whether those grafted limbs in Lock Haven and Mansfield are benefitting Commonwealth, or becoming gangrenous.

Mansfield especially bears watching. Located in Pennsylvania's rural northern tier, with a state shrinking even more quickly to its north, shouldering \$29 million of debt from a housing rebuild that failed to attract more students, it appears to be the weakest link in the Commonwealth family.

It may be time for the school to ask the state what steps it would need to take to shut down the campus. A closure would represent a backward step, a shrinking of educational opportunity in the state.

But with the data suggesting across the nation, there will be fewer and fewer students applying to attend college over the next two decades, it may be an amputation that allows for a healthier recovery in the future.

LETTERS

PE misdiagnosed Mansfield

The Press Enterprise rightly raises questions about Commonwealth University's plan to navigate the decline in high school graduates (17% decrease from 2024-2041). State and regional public higher education institutions across the country face the same challenge.

However, we at CU-Mansfield take issue with the Press Enterprise's characterization of Mansfield as a "grafted limb" that has become "gangrenous." The suggestion that an institution that has been the linchpin of northcentral PA since 1857 should be "amputated" is not only insensitive and short-sighted but also drives a wedge between working-class Pennsylvanians who seek a better future for their children.

The communities of Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield have far more similarities than differences. We share the same values, and our campuses are a vital source of economic development and social mobility. All three campuses serve as hubs for the arts, culture, science, sports and numerous other opportunities for community engagement. Moreover, our alumni all have strong ties and deep affection for their alma maters.

Three years ago, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven and Mansfield consolidated into a single entity, Commonwealth University. The name is appropriate. "Commonwealth" means "the people of a community, united by a common

factor, and dedicated to the public well-being." To suggest one campus "is a limb worth cutting" would pit communities against each other at a time we most need to support each other.

We appreciate our campuses' rich histories. Each went through several different iterations and at one point were all state teachers' colleges. Rather than pine about the past, however, we are focused on innovation and problem-solving. Integration has not been easy, and we still have a lot of work to do. As a single administration, faculty and student body, we are stronger together, harnessing the Power of Three to expand our regional footprint. CU's Professional U program has already had great success assisting students in job preparation, networking and career development.

The Press Enterprise correctly diagnosed some challenges facing Commonwealth University, but the prognosis for our success depends upon forging a sustainable path forward together.

BRAD LINT

*associate professor, English
Mansfield Local Assembly President*

JONATHAN C. ROTHERMEL

*associate professor, political science
Former Mansfield
Local Assembly President*

SOCIETY OF HONORS

JUNE 21, 2025

Alumni Citation

The Alumni Citation Award was established in 1969 and is a prestigious award who recognizes a member of the alumni community who has made exceptional contributions to society through professional, civic, philanthropic work, and leadership activities.

Distinguished Educator

The Distinguished Educator Award was first presented in 1986, and recognizes a member of the alumni community or university staff who is an exceptional leader and demonstrates service and commitment to education.

Elsie Burk Service

The Elsie Burk Service Award was Established in 1983, and recognizes a member of the alumni community who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, loyalty, and service to the university over a long period of time.

Health, Safety & Wellness

The Health, Safety & Wellness Award was established in 2022, and recognized a member of the alumni community or friend of CU-Mansfield who has made outstanding efforts to advance the health, safety, and wellness of the CU-Mansfield community.

Innovation & Inclusion

The Innovation & Inclusion Award was established in 2022, and recognizes a member of the alumni community or friend of CU-Mansfield who has made advancing efforts to society by establishing a collaborative environment that empowers individuals with knowledge that fosters innovation.

Outstanding Young Alumni

The Outstanding Young Alumni Award was established in 1986, and recognizes a member of the alumni community who has graduated from CU-Mansfield within the last twenty-five (25) years. This award recognizes a young alum's outstanding leadership, achievement, and professional performance.

**NOMINATIONS
DEADLINE IS
MARCH 15, 2025**

Nominations can be submitted by using the link below or scanning the QR Code.

<https://ssl.mansfield.edu/society-of-honors/>



MOUNTIE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

FIELD HOCKEY- BACK TO BACK PLAYOFF APPEARANCES

NATIONALLY RANKED EVERY WEEK THIS YEAR

PSAC FRESHMAN OF THE YEAR- JENNA DUKE

ALL PSAC 1ST TEAM, ALL AMERICAN 1ST TEAM KENADY STROUP

ALL PSAC 2ND TEAM AUGUST LEWIS, ALLAMERICAN 2ND TEAM

AUGUST LEWIS BROKE PROGRAM RECORD FOR MOST WINS / SHUTOUTS

WSOCCER- ALYSSA SHUMAN AND CAITLIN HOPPE- COLLEGE SPORTS COMMUNICATIONS

ACADEMIC ALL DISTRICT

WBASKETBALL- SARA HORTON- RECENTLY D PLAYER OF THE WEEK IN PSAC

LEADS LEAGUE IN BLOCKED SHOTS

KATIE SHEELER- CURRENTLY 6TH IN PSAC IN SCORING

BASEBALL- COLE SEARFOSS- 1ST TEAM PRESEASON ALL ATLANTIC REGION

JACOB HOUTZ- HON MEN PRESEASON ALL ATLANTIC REGION

FOOTBALL – 11 MADE THE ALL CONFERENCE TEAM

4 MADE ACADEMIC ALL CONFERENCE

CAHSID RAYMONDO LEAGUE O POY, LEAGUE MVP, BROKE MOST OFFENSIVE

SCHOOL RECORDS, JUST SIGNED PRO CONTRACT

ATHLETICS- ALL TEAMS ACHIEVED BEST OVERALL GPA

WOMENS ATHLETICS AND CU WOMENS CENTER WILL HOST NATIONAL

GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY NEXT WED

THIS SATURDAY- ALL FALL SPORTS TEAMS WILL BE RECOGNIZED FOR

ACHIEVEMENTS ON THE FIELD AND IN THE CLASSROOM, AT HALFTIME

OF THE MENS BASKETBALL GAME



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talking about your strengths

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- Get confident in your professional skillset. *Carry your new connections, insight, and confidence into the professional world!*

All Locations will include the following activities:

Team Building, resume reviews, mock interviews, alumni panels and presentations such as the job search, salary negotiation, the first week on the job, entrepreneurship, personal finance, and/or work-life balance. Each CIBC may vary slightly by location. Check handshake for more details.

Bloomsburg: February 7-9

Lock Haven: March 7-8

Mansfield: February 21-22

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- practice networking
- connect with employers
- get advice

Government, Non-Profit, & Human Services

Mansfield: Feb. 18 • Bloomsburg: Feb. 19 • Lock Haven: Feb. 20

Marketing/Management, Entertainment, & Communication

Bloomsburg: March 4 • Lock Haven: March 5 • Mansfield: March 6

Teacher and Education

Bloomsburg: March 21

Designing Inclusive Careers

Lock Haven: March 25 • Mansfield: March 26 • Bloomsburg: March 27

Health Professions

Bloomsburg: April 24

Register on Handshake:



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Professional U

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL MAJORS AND CLASS YEARS

the experience to

GET THE JOB

the skills to

GET TO WORK

the confidence to

GET IT DONE

Spring 2025

Explore and Connect: Expos and Conferences

Meet Alumni, Explore Careers, Find Jobs/Internships, and Practice Networking.
Open to ALL majors and class years.

Expo: Government, Non-Profit, & Human Services

Feb. 18 · Mansfield | Feb. 19 · Bloomsburg | Feb. 20 · Lock Haven

Sankofa Conference

February 12 · Bloomsburg

Expo: Marketing/Management, Entertainment, & Communications

Mar. 4 · Bloomsburg | Mar. 5 · Lock Haven | Mar. 6 · Mansfield

Expo: Teacher and Education

Mar. 21 · Bloomsburg

Expo: Designing Inclusive Careers

Mar. 25 · Lock Haven | Mar. 26 · Mansfield | Mar. 27 · Bloomsburg

Expo: Inter-Professional Education Day and Expo

Apr. 24 · Bloomsburg

Student Research Day

Apr. 30 · Lock Haven | May 2 · Mansfield | May 9 · Bloomsburg



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Spring 2025

Special Events and Other Opportunities

Tips and Tricks To Be Your Best Professional Self

Professional Experience Grants (PEGs)

Defray the cost of BIG career experiences like internships or study abroad.

<https://bit.ly/CUPEGs>

Virtual info Session: Feb. 11 | Deadline for applications: March 1

The Washington Center Internship Info Session

Intern in Washington, D.C. April

Early decision grants available for PA students and via PEGs

Schedule a Career Program for your student organization

Career Coaches are ready to help! bit.ly/CollaborationRequestCU



Build Your Confidence

Move from College Student to Confident Professional

Career Intensive Boot Camp:

**All Majors welcome! Recommended for 3rd and 4th year students*

Feb. 7-9 | Bloomsburg

Feb. 21-22 | Mansfield

Mar. 7-8 | Lock Haven



Professional Dress and Etiquette

Be Ready to Impress

Career Closet: Get a Professional Outfit for FREE!

Walk-in or by appointment · Check Handshake for your location



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Professional U

UNDECIDED?
YOU'RE *NOT*
UNSUPPORTED



How will **YOU**
DO
Professional U?

**A CAREER COACH
CAN HELP!**

- Major/Career Exploration
- 1:1 Career Coaching
- Interview Prep
- Resume/Cover Letter Review
- Career/Networking Events

Make an appointment today!
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EXPLORE

- Activate your Handshake profile for events, jobs, and internships.
- Take the FOCUS2 assessments to explore or confirm a major/career.
- Explore careers/meet employers at a Career Connections Expo.
- Meet alumni and get advice through college conferences.

DECIDE

- Join a student organization and start making connections!
- Speak with your faculty advisor about declaring/changing your major/minor.
- Practice networking with employers at Career Expos.
- Go on a Career Road Trip to a company or industry of interest.

EXPERIENCE

- Gain career experience through part time work, internships, research, or study abroad. Apply for a Professional Experience Grant (PEG) to defray costs.
- Find a summer experience at a Career Expo or via Handshake!
- Visit the Career Closet for FREE professional attire.

ACHIEVE

- Search Handshake and use your alumni/employer contacts to get that first professional position!
- Attend the Career Intensive Bootcamp (CIBC) for professional polish and confidence!
- Learn how to tailor your resume & LinkedIn profile in a weekly lab.
- Practice interviewing through Big Interview and mock interviews.



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Mansfield Local Assembly

Thursday January 30, 2025



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

FY25 Financial Summary

- E&G
 - Revenue is trending slightly ahead of projections
 - Expenses are also trending slightly higher than projections
 - We are projecting to end the year as projected (+/- 1-2%)
- AUX
 - Revenue is trending slightly ahead of projections
 - Expenses are also trending as projected
 - We are projecting to end the year slightly better than projected

MSCHE Update

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Where are we in the self-study process?

- Submitted the MSCHE self-study report and evidence
- Posted the documents on the [MSCHE Reaccreditation 2025](#) web page
- Included edits received from the CU community
- Provided a thoughtful analysis to:
 - demonstrate compliance with the standards and ROA
 - close gaps and continuously improve during the self-study process
 - highlight work completed and accomplishments
 - identify suggestions for improvement for now and moving forward

What's next?

- Mark your calendar for the four visits at:
 - Mansfield, March 10 (*visit dates for these three additional locations are still tentative*)
 - Lock Haven, March 11
 - SCI Muncy, March 11
 - Bloomsburg, March 23-26
- Prepare for visits
 - Provide any suggestions of areas to highlight on each campus and in your area
 - Nominate students who may be good representatives
 - Participate in prep sessions as scheduled for various groups
- Communicate with CU campus
- Participate in the visits
 - Attend scheduled meetings
 - Interact with reviewers as they visit the campuses
 - Serve as CU's advocate

What might MA's visit look like?

- Welcome by members of MA leadership
- Student engagement observations and facility tour (intersperse throughout the visit)
 - Visit admissions, student success center, library, dining (for lunch), recreation center, classroom or lab facilities
 - Visit a class session in a key program
- Interviews with faculty, staff, and students
 - Small group/individual meetings with key faculty members/leaders and a cross section of staff members (primarily student-facing)
 - Student focus group with a cross section of students (10-15 students)
- Closing Session

Questions?

Ibrahim Alazza (Assistant Professor of Graphic Design, Ithaca College): *Fragments of Heritage*. May 3-February 27. <https://www.ibrahimzooz.com/> **February 27: Artist Talk: 3-4 pm, Allen Hall 104. Reception: 4-6 pm.**

Online Workshop for Students to be Announced.

Glenn Zwegardt (Emeritus Professor of Sculpture, Alfred University), Sculpture Exhibition. March 3-April 3.

<https://www.glennzwegardt.com/> **April 3:** Artist Talk: 3-4 pm, Allen Hall 104. Reception: 4-6 pm.

Sculpture Workshop for Students (Tentative time): March 31, 1-3:30 pm.

The Master and Grasshopper Exhibition (High School Students and their Teachers, Juried Exhibition/open to NY and PA High Schools): April 7- May 2. Award Ceremony and Reception: Friday, May 2, 6-8 pm.

Senior Exhibition: May 7 – May 15. Reception: TBA 24