

COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania 17815

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES
Friday, May 5, 2023

The Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees held their Quarterly meeting on May 5, 2023, at 2:30 p.m. The trustees met in Monty's on the Bloomsburg campus. The public participated via the Zoom Webinar link provided. Attendance was as follows:

Trustees Present – Voting Members:

Ms. Karen Russell – Vice Chairperson
Mr. Michael K. Hanna, Jr. – Secretary
Mr. Daniel P. Elby – At Large Officer
Dr. Brian O'Donnell
Ms. Susan Keffer
Mr. Krystjan K Callahan
Mr. Patrick Henderson
Ms. Angela C. Smith
Mr. Raymond Zaborney
Ms. Julia Burcin
Mr. Justin White
Ms. Amy Brayford
Ms. Jenna Nila (via Zoom)

Trustees Absent:

Honorable John E. Wetzel - Chairperson
Mr. Steve Crawford

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, Lock Haven 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
Mr. Tim Shuey, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, Mansfield Campus Administrator
Ms. Amy Dicello Associate Vice President for Finance
Mr. Dan Knorr, Executive Director of Economic Development and External Affairs
Ms. Mary Vezendy, Coordinator of Operations

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Student Guests

Luna Alexander, Bloomsburg Senior, Major in Communication Studies.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Call to Order

Trustee Russell called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. She reported that the Council of Trustees for Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania met in executive session earlier today to discuss litigation and personnel issues.

Roll Call

Trustee Russell 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 Russell 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 O'Donnell to approve the meeting minutes of the Quarterly March 10, 2023 meeting and Special March 21, 2023 meeting of the Council of Trustees, seconded by Trustee Zaborney; the motion was unanimously approved.

Introductions

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

Bloomsburg

Dr. George Salvaterra, Head Athletic Trainer/Assistant Professor

Lock Haven

Dr. Janice Purk, Department of Anthropology, Sociology and Criminal Justice

Trustee Russell congratulated the individuals receiving emeritus status.

NEW BUSINESS

Informational Items:

Trustee Russell 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
 - Students from Bloomsburg and Lock Haven both participated in the Big Event in April. The students took part in cleanup and beautifying projects. More than

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1,000 Bloomsburg students worked at 170 sites; while nearly 75 Lock Haven students handled more than a dozen projects.

- Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania was named a 2023 Ellucian Impact Award winner in the Institutional Resilience category. Ellucian is the leading higher education technology solutions provider. The Ellucian Impact Award celebrates the higher education visionaries who are inspiring others to push the boundaries of technology and innovation. The annual award recognizes institutions using technology to solve challenges, operate more efficiently, and offer a better student experience. The Ellucian Impact Awards were announced in New Orleans on March 29 at Ellucian Live, the higher education industry's top global technology conference.
- The Lock Haven Clearfield campus and the Mature Resources Area Agency on Aging kicked off the spring Lifelong Learning Institute with three programming events. The events were "An Evening Serenade" with members of the Pennsylvania Chamber Orchestra; the second program gave participants the opportunity to create an 8- by 10-inch acrylic painting of a flower; and the third was an informative session on Aging and faculty member Physical Mobility presented by Dr. Jamie Foor, Psychology .
- The Mansfield Public Safety Training Institute hosted some high-profile guests from state government for a presentation on establishing a consistent and adaptable training model for law enforcement, designed to be proactive, addressing crises before they happen. Among those attending the sessions were Auditor General Tim DeFoor, Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Executive Director Michael Pennington, and the Pennsylvania State Treasurer Stacy Garrity, as well as members of the Pennsylvania Inspector General's Law Enforcement Commission, and members of the Pennsylvania State Police.
- Student mental health programs in central Pennsylvania are getting a boost from the collaborative efforts amongst the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) Geisinger, Susquehanna Valley United Way and the McDowell Institute at Commonwealth University-Bloomsburg. These partners have been awarded three grants totaling almost \$4 million to fund programs to support student mental health across schools and communities in Columbia, Montour, Northumberland, Snyder and Union counties. The McDowell Institute's mission is to support the facilitation of social, emotional, and behavioral wellness of children, youth, and young adults across school and community settings through training, technical assistance, and information dissemination.
- In April, we welcomed State Senator Art Haywood and Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission Executive Director Chad Dion Lassiter to the Lock Haven campus for discussions on diversity, equity, and inclusion progress with university leadership and students.
- Also in April, Commonwealth University co-hosted a college expo in partnership with Senator Art Haywood at Enon Tabernacle Church in Philadelphia. During the expo, high school students from Senator Haywood's district gathered to learn about the college application process and college life. Students in attendance had access to resource tables and college administrative staff from

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Commonwealth University to learn and ask questions. The expo covered topics such as the benefits of higher education, how to choose the right major, how to navigate scholarships and financial aid, and what life as a college student looks like.

- First Citizens Community Bank (FCCB), the Early College program (formerly known as the Early Start Program) at Mansfield has remained tuition-free for Pennsylvania public high school students this academic year. The donation is the third year that First Citizens has supported the Early College Program, contributing \$55,000 this year to the program.
- Christina Force was selected as the 2023 Teacher of the Year Award for Senior College/University Business Teachers by the National Business Education Association (NBEA). She received her award at the 2023 NBEA Annual Convention in Kansas City, Mo., on Thursday, April 6. The NBEA evaluations of a nominee are judged based on contributions to business education through teaching and participation in local, state, regional, and national professional associations, contributions through major articles, refereed publications, non-refereed publications, research activities, and grant proposals.
- The Marketing and Communications Department took home two gold and one bronze awards at the recent 2023 CUPPIE Awards competition sponsored by CUPRAP (College and University Public Relations and Associated Professionals). The MarComm team won for Long Form Story writing and for its community scholars and scholarship strategy marketing materials. It took a bronze in Executive Communications/Speech Writing category.
- Commonwealth University received the Pennsylvania Hunger-Free Campus designation from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. This designation also qualified Commonwealth University to apply for grant opportunities, resulting in a \$60K grant awarded to the university to address food insecurity, the highest amount – given to five of the 28 colleges and universities that received the grant in the 2022-23 academic year. Dr. Tiffany Welch, associate professor of social work at Mansfield, wrote the grant and Dr. Amy Downes, Associate Vice President for Student Success and Campus Life at Lock Haven and director of the Haven Cupboard food pantry, assisted her efforts.
- Commonwealth University College of Education and Human Studies, Department of Exceptionalities, through the efforts of Drs. Walsh, Drogan, Lylo, and Dean Feldhaus, has received a \$100,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Accelerated Program for PK-12 Special Education Teacher Certification. The award will run through December 31, 2024.
- Student Success
 - Lock Haven alumna Sierra Rider, a 2019 Lock Haven graduate and current graduate student at Bucknell University, was named the Cooper Award winner for her research related to water temperature in streams flowing through agricultural fields, forested land or planted riparian buffers. Katarina Frantz, a senior in the fisheries program at Mansfield, took third place for her poster presentation, "Significant Differences in Average pH and Alkalinity Found Among Streams with Differing Bedrock."

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- Students from our Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield campuses represented Commonwealth University at this year's Pennsylvania Undergraduate Research at the Capitol Day, a chance to share some of the original research work they and their faculty advisors have been doing in the classroom.

Student Spotlight

Trustee Russell introduced Ms. Luna Alexander for the Bloomsburg campus Student Spotlight, Ms. Alexander gave remarks and a brief presentation.

ACTION ITEMS:

Trustees

Order of Succession Planning Resolution

Trustee Russell 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 University Affairs
3. Dr. Martha Wygmans, Vice President for Student Success and Campus Life
4. Dr. Stephen Lee, Vice President for Enrollment Management

A motion was made by Trustee Russell to approve the Order of Succession. Trustee Callahan seconded the motion; the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for Academic Year 2023-2024

Trustee Russell refers to Exhibit E, Council of Trustees Meeting Calendar for 2023-2024 and dates as follows:

Friday, October 6, 2023	Bloomsburg Campus
Friday, December 8, 2023	Mansfield Campus
Friday, March 8, 2024	Lock Haven Campus
Friday, May 3, 2024	Bloomsburg Campus

A motion was made by Trustee O'Donnell to approve the Council of Trustees Meeting calendar. Trustee Elby asked to the Council to consider the Clearfield location for a future meeting. Trustee Smith seconded the motion for the dates; the motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Action item:

Trustees

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Student Trustee Resolutions

Trustee Russell made a motion and read the following resolutions for the Commonwealth University, Bloomsburg and Commonwealth University Lock Haven Student Trustees:

WHEREAS, Julia Burcin served as a student member of the Commonwealth University, Bloomsburg Council of Trustees for the 2021–2022 and 2022-2023 academic years, 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.

AND

WHEREAS, Justin White served as a student member of the Commonwealth University, Lock Haven Council of Trustees for the 2022-2023 academic year, and

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

WHEREAS, more importantly, he 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 his dedicated service to Commonwealth University.

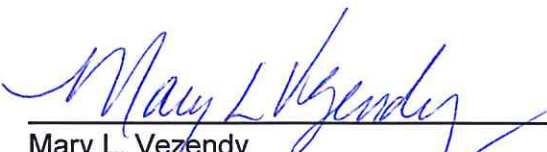
The motion was seconded by Trustee Elby and unanimously approved. Members of Council offered remarks of appreciate to the student trustees. Ms. Burcin and Mr. White thanked the Council for their support and mentorship. President Hanna concluded with remarks of gratitude and his congratulations to the student trustees.

Adjournment

With no other items to be presented to the Council, Trustee Russell made a motion to adjourn the meeting 3:10 p.m.



Mr. Michael Hanna, Jr.
Secretary



Mary L. Vezendy
Coordinator of Operations