

**MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY
COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Wednesday, March 23, 2022
2:00 p.m.

North Hall 6th Floor Community Room
Minutes

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Crawford called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

FOR THE RECORD: in accordance with the Sunshine Law, this meeting was advertised in the *Wellsboro Gazette* on March 10, 2022.

II. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

The following Trustees attended:

- Mr. Steven Crawford, Vice Chairman
- Mr. Ralph H. Meyer, Member
- Mr. Bruce L. Vickery, Member
- Ms. Karen J. Russell, Member
- Ms. Sarah Hart, Member
- Mr. Max Gannon, Member
- Ms. Susan Kefover, Member
- Mr. Patrick Henderson, Secretary
- Dr. Robert D. Strohecker, Member

The following Trustees were not in attendance:

- Ms. Bobbi Kilmer, Chairperson
- Mr. Aaron K. Singer, Member

Members of the University staff who attended are as follows:

- Dr. John Ulrich, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Joshua Battin, Associate Provost, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
- Dr. Gretchen Sechrist, Interim Dean, College of Natural and Social Sciences
- Dr. Stephen Lee, VP Enrollment Management
- Ms. Amy Dicello, Interim VP of Finance
- Ms. Jill L. Scott, Secretary to the Council of Trustees

Others in Attendance:

- Dr. Jonathan Rothermel, University Senate
- Dr. Brian Loher, APSCUF President
- Mr. Eric Ness, Chief Facilities and Safety Officer, Bloomsburg University
- Ms. Judi Brayer, SCUPA President

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Crawford asked for public comments and there were none.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Ralph H. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Patrick Henderson, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of December 1, 2021 as identified in Exhibit A.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs Report (Dr. Ulrich)

- Integration Update

Dr. Ulrich reported the following integration updates:

- MSCHE Complex Substantive Change (CSC) has an initial approval the integration of Mansfield, Lock Haven and Bloomsburg to proceed.
- Integrated Organizational Charts are proceeding and continue to be updated as roles are defined.
- Integrated Curricular Committee (ICC) has phased in the academic array for the process which will enable proposals of programs for review and recommendations. General Education design is proceeding with work ongoing.
- ESP (Early Start Program) is in discussions with Philadelphia area school districts as well as locally with updates as these come to fruition.

B. Finance Report (Ms. Dicello)

- Review of Purchases over \$21,300 (Exhibit B)
Ms. Dicello shared a review along with answering questions regarding Exhibit B containing \$893,256.00 in aggregated value for purchase orders over \$21,300 for the period of November 1, 2021 through January 31, 2022.
- Review of Current Fee Structure with request in order to maintain affordability for students to keep flat for the upcoming 2022-23 AY.
- Ms. Dicello also shared a financial update to the trustees including updated projections which were provided in the mid-year CPP report to Chancellor's office.

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Vice President for Finance and the Interim President, a motion was made by Mr. Ralph H. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Susan Kefover and unanimously carried to approve the 2022-23 University Fees as identified in Exhibit C.

C. Administration Report

- MUPSTI
Dr. Battin provided a report to the Trustees in which we received a grant in the amount of \$209,000 for the money to be used for the operations of the institute. There is a planned allocation of approximately \$750,000 for the upcoming year so it will continue to grow the institute moving forward.

Vice-Chair Crawford wished to convey sincere appreciation to all that involved from the governor's office as well as those in the administration.

- Integration Update Facilities, Police & Safety
Mr. Ness provided an update to the Trustees regarding integration organizational efforts in plans to identify needs for facilities, safety and police department.
- Capital Project Spending Plan (Exhibit D)
Mr. Lawton provided an overview of the capital spending plan.

Upon the recommendation of the Interim Vice President for Finance and the Interim President, a motion was made by Mr. Robert Strohecker, seconded by Ms. Karen Russell and unanimously carried to approve the Capital Spending Plan as identified in Exhibit D.

D. Student Affairs Report (Dr. Lee)

- Spring and Fall 2022 Enrollment Report
Dr. Lee shared the following report with the Trustees, reflecting new student enrollment down across Commonwealth Universities. Spring ended down 6.2% with a 5.5 FTE reduction. New non-degree and transfer students were up slightly, including the ESP students.
- Spring Recruiting Events
Dr. Lee provided an overview of initiatives for the spring recruiting events including an Accepted Student Day and other Visit Day's planned to strengthen applications.

E. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

- DEI Update
Dr. Hanna provided an update on the campus climate survey with participation at Mansfield was the highest among all of PASSHE schools at a rate of 27.6% with 21% of our students responding as compared to 11% PASSHE wide. Reports will be received for sharing to provide improvement as we move forward.

Interim President Hanna wished to express appreciation for all those that participated in this important survey.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Crawford asked for old business and there were none.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Emeritus Status

Based on the recommendations of the appropriate department, the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and in compliance with a poll of the senior faculty, the President recommends that emeritus status be granted to the following individuals:

Dr. Scott Davis, a faculty member in the Natural Sciences Department from August 13, 1988 through June 30, 2021.

Ms. Laurie Zaparynski, a faculty member in the Nursing and Allied Health Science Department from August 29, 2005 through June 4, 2021.

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Upon the recommendation of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, and in compliance with a poll of the senior faculty, the President recommends that emeritus status be granted, a motion was made by Ms. Susan Kefover, seconded by Mr. Ralph Meyer and unanimously carried to approve emeritus status.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

IX. EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Dr. Sherry Griggs, Middle States Accreditation Liaison Officer provided an overview of the standards for the MSCHE, overview of the process of obtaining accreditation and its requirements. The upcoming visit by MSCHE is planned for end of April with decision on accreditation being decided in June. Communications forthcoming with regards to dates and times for meetings with peer reviewers.

X. REPORTS

Interim President, Dr. Bashar Hanna

Dr. Hanna reported appreciation for both Provost and Senate for raising flag for Ukrainian support to reflect solidarity with the people and students impacted at this time.

Dr. Hanna wished to share appreciation to Dr. Griggs, Mr. Ness and Ms. Myers as well as those involved in all the hard work. MSCHE has given initial approval to move forward for our Integrated University.

Dr. Hanna shared the Board of Governor's has approved the naming of the new university as Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania for an integrated body. In keeping the traditions for each university separate for use of colors, logos and mascots as the name will be used for legal purposes only.

Dr. Hanna reported that Ms. Wood of Advancement has a planned first ever Day of Giving on April 7th with encouragement to do what you can to support students.

PACT, Trustee Karen Russell:

Ms. Russell reported PACT shared the Spring Conference begins this week with speakers and presentations planned.

SGA

Ms. Sarah Hart, SGA Treasurer reported on behalf of Ms. Geneva Murray, the SGA reports weekly meetings with 20-30 student involvement including the executive board. Implemented a leave of absence policy to the by-laws for students so the need for reapplying is not necessary in cases of students being away for a semester. The Spring Fling has a planned concert on the Van Norman Field on April 28th with other events over the weekend being planned. Planned senior cruise is planned for seniors.

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Senate:

APSCUF:

SCUPA:

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

Vice-Chair Crawford asked for other business and there were none.

XII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:58 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

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