

**MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY**

**COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
1:30 p.m.

North Hall 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Community Room

**Minutes**

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Kilmer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**FOR THE RECORD:** in accordance with the Sunshine Law, this meeting was advertised in the *Wellsboro Gazette* on January 31, 2019.

**II. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE**

The following Trustees attended in person:

Mr. Steven Crawford, Vice Chairman  
Mr. Max Gannon, Member  
Mr. Patrick Henderson, Secretary  
Ms. Susan Kefover, Member  
Ms. Bobbi Kilmer, Chairperson  
Mr. Ralph H. Meyer, Member  
Ms. Karen J. Russell, Member  
Mr. Aaron K. Singer, Member  
Dr. Robert D. Strohecker, Member  
Mr. Bruce L. Vickery, Member

The following Trustee was not in attendance:

Ms. Chelsea Thomas, Member

Members of the University staff who attended are as follows:

Mr. Peter Fackler, Interim President  
Mr. Nick Andre, Chief Information Officer  
Dr. Joshua Battin, Interim Associate Dean of the Faculty  
Ms. Pamela Boyce, Secretary to the Council of Trustees  
Ms. Judi Brayer, SCUPA Representative  
Mr. Frank Crofchick, Assistant Vice President & Dean of Students  
Ms. Kathryn Crossin, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration  
Dr. Brian Loher, President, APSCUF  
Dr. Karri Verno, Secretary, University Senate  
Mr. Michael Wilson, President, AFSCME  
Dr. Kathy Wright, Interim Associate Provost/Dean of the Faculty

### **III. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chair Kilmer reported that an Executive Session was held at 12:00 p.m. today, February 19, 2019 for the purpose of discussing the Presidential Search.

### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Kilmer asked for public comments. Mr. Steve McCloskey gave the following comments.

Mr. McCloskey shared that up to two years ago he was an employee at Mansfield University and that he and his wife are both alums, and that he is currently serving on the Mansfield Borough.

Mr. McCloskey addressed the relationship between the Borough and the University. At the Borough Council's last meeting (February 13), they celebrated their 162<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Just a few weeks prior, Mansfield University celebrated its 162<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Mr. McCloskey noted that many of the same founders of the Borough were founders of the University.

Mr. McCloskey relayed how proud those people are of what we have become. Mr. McCloskey shared that he wanted the University to know that we appreciate you. They made a resolution to support the University and took first steps by meeting with State Representative Clint Owlett. Mr. Owlett has agreed to serve as the catalyst to get all supporting organizations together.

As you determine your next president, the Borough has your back. Your success is our success. Everyone on the Borough Council has a vested interest in Mansfield University. As you make this journey, I want you to know that you don't walk alone. We will all do everything in our power to support this organization and wonderful place to the best of our ability.

Mr. McCloskey shared a personal story of his son who had to withdraw from the University. He mentioned that employees in the Student Services division sent his son a card, even though some of them may not know his son personally. It reminded him that MU cares. At a time of greatest need, support from the university and friends made him feel the need to reciprocate. No matter where we go – we have your back.

Chair Kilmer thanked Mr. McCloskey for his comments expressing that these mean so much to us. She wished his son and family all the best.

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Kilmer reported that the presidential search committee in accordance with the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education guidelines, had completed the search process.

Ms. Karen Russell, Chair of the presidential search committee gave the following report:

- The presidential search committee formed in September 2018. The committee was formed as outlined in the PASSHE Presidential Search Policy
- The search committee was guided by the consulting firm - RPA Inc.
- In late September, the position was advertised, RPA began networking over 10,000 professionals across the United States.

- 117 applications were received. The presidential search committee reviewed all applications.
- The candidate pool was narrowed to eight candidates who were invited to an off-site interview in Harrisburg, PA (January 19 & 20, 2019)
- Three candidates were invited to campus between the dates of February 4 – 14, 2019. Each candidate was on-campus for a day and a half.

The presidential search committee is pleased to advance two candidate names to move forward to Chancellor and Board of Governors:

- Dr. Charles E. Patterson
- Dr. Anne E. Huot

Upon the recommendation of the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee, **a motion was made by Mr. Crawford, seconded by Mr. Singer and unanimously carried to advance candidates Dr. Charles E. Patterson and Dr. Anne E. Huot to the Chancellor and the Pennsylvania State System Board of Governors for further review.**

Chair Kilmer thanked everyone who served on the search committee for their good work. She thanked Ms. Russell for leading the committee and Ms. Boyce for providing administrative support to the search committee.

Chair Kilmer thanked RPA for their assistance throughout the search.

Chair Kilmer reminded the Trustees that the PACT Conference is April 11 & 12. She shared that there will be important conversation regarding system design at the conference.

With no other items to discuss, Chair Kilmer adjourned the meeting at 1:42 pm.



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Bobbi J. Kilmer  
Chair, Council of Trustees



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Pam Boyce  
Secretary to the Council of Trustees