

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY

COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MEETING

Wednesday, September 21, 2016
2:00 p.m.

North Hall 6th Floor Community Room

Minutes

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Chairman Kilmer called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

FOR THE RECORD: in accordance with the Sunshine Law, this meeting was advertised in the *Wellsboro Gazette* on September 7, 2016.

II. RECORDING OF ATTENDANCE

The following Trustees attended:

Mr. Steven Crawford, Vice Chairman (attended morning session)
Ms. Mackenzie Hafer, Member
Ms. Bobbi Kilmer, Member
Mr. Ralph H. Meyer, Chairman
Ms. Karen J. Russell, Member
Mr. Aaron K. Singer, Member
Dr. Robert D. Strohecker, Member
Mr. Bruce L. Vickery, Member

The following Trustees were not in attendance:

Mr. Max Gannon, Member
Mr. Patrick Henderson, Secretary

Members of the University staff who attended are as follows:

General Francis L. Hendricks, President
Mr. Nick Andre, Chief Information Officer
Mr. Scott Barton, Assistant Vice President for Finance
Dr. Jeffrey Bosworth, Chairperson, History, Philosophy & Political Science Department
Ms. Pamela Boyce, Secretary to the Council of Trustees
Mr. Terry Day, Assistant Director, Public Relations
Ms. Rita Dibble, Vice President for Advancement

Mr. Scott DiMarco, Dean College of University Services & Director of Library Information Resources
Mr. John Golden, Student
Dr. John Mansfield, APSCUF President and Department Chairperson, Social Work & Sociology
Mr. John Maslar, Communications and Marketing Manager
Mr. Steve Plesac, SCUPA President
Dr. Jonathan Rothermel, University Senate President, Associate Professor, Political Science
Dr. Steven Siconolfi, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Nancy Sidell, Dean, College of Natural & Social Sciences
Dr. John Ulrich, Dean, College of Arts and Humanities
Ms. Casey Wood, Director of University Communications and Marketing

Others in attendance:

Dr. Larry Biddison, Retired Professor
Mr. Clark Engel, Retired Professor
Mr. Ralph Garvelli, Retired Professor
Dr. Gale Largey, Retired Professor

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Gale Largey thanked the Trustees for the opportunity to speak and shared his respect for them. Dr. Largey said that he came to Mansfield University in 1970 and served on faculty for 35 years. He noted that his colleagues, Dr. Biddison, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Garvelli served 30 plus years. Dr. Largey conveyed they are interested and committed to the institution. In 1984, Dr. Largey, with the help of others, completed a history of the University entitled “The Life of Mansfield”. This history underscores how Mansfield University has survived through dogged determination. Dr. Largey stated that things have not changed.

Dr. Largey voiced his concern regarding the decision to decertify the Foundation. He felt that this has led to unfortunate circumstances. Dr. Largey expressed donors are suspicious, the public sees conflict, and there has been difficulty in raising money. Dr. Largey said Foundation Board members: Mr. Maresco, Mr. Nesbit, and Mr. Shorb are all concerned that the Foundation would be decertified and that it would move off campus. He felt that there is a duplication of services when energy should be directed towards building new programs. Dr. Largey recommended that the Trustees revisit the decision to decertify the Foundation and to support a reconciliation between the Foundation and Administration.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Dr. Strohecker, seconded by Mr. Singer-, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of July 20, 2016 as identified in Exhibit A.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs, Enrollment, & Student Affairs Report (Dr. Siconolfi)

Dr. Siconolfi noted the topic discussed in the Academic Affairs Report:

- Dr. Kristen Sanner Memorial

Upon the recommendation of the Dean of the College of Arts and Humanities, the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, and the President, **a motion was made by Mr. Vickery, seconded by Ms. Hafer, and unanimously carried to approve the motion to approve the naming and location of the Dr. Kristin N. Sanner Memorial.**

B. Finance and Administration Report (Mr. Barton)

Mr. Barton noted the topics discussed in the Finance and Administration Report:

- Review of Purchases over \$5,000 (Exhibit B)
- Annual Inspection of Facilities
- Approval of Annual Operating Budget

Approval of Purchase Orders of \$5,000 or more

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Vice President for Finance and the President, **a motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Russell, and unanimously carried to approve purchase orders of \$5,000 or more for the period of April 16, 2016 through June 15, 2016 for a total of \$2, 109,235.61,** as identified in Exhibit B.

Approval of Annual Operating Budget

Upon the recommendation of the Assistant Vice President for Finance and the President, **a motion was made by Ms. Hafer, seconded by Mr. Singer, and unanimously carried to approve the Annual Operating Budget** as discussed in the Finance and Administration Committee meeting.

C. Human Resources Report (Ms. Hagan)

Ms. Hagan noted the topics discussed in the Human Resources Report:

- Update on Contingency Plan in the event of a Strike
- Title IX

D. University Advancement Report (Ms. Dibble)

Ms. Dibble noted the topics discussed in the University Advancement Report:

- Staff Changes: Establishing the Fund-Raising Office
- FY 17 Division Goals
- List of Upcoming Events

VI. OLD BUSINESS

No old business discussed

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS – NO ACTION REQUIRED

IX. EDUCATIONAL FEATURE

Summer Internship Experience; John Golden

Mr. Golden shared that this summer he worked with Mr. Jim Reese '89 at TigerSwan. Mr. Golden worked with international security. Mr. Golden stated his internship focused on areas of global stability and security, Guardian Angel, asset tracking, vulnerability management. Mr. Golden noted that he conducted research, composed reports for potential ventures, assisted with drafting private and governmental contracts, edited business contract proposals, conducted intelligence analysis and wrote corresponding security/threat assessments. Mr. Golden assisted the Guardian Angel staff with Intel, research, and programs. Mr. Golden said that he gained extensive knowledge in both international security industry and international business. He remains employed with TigerSwan as independent consultant. He shared that Mr. Reese '89 would like to continue this opportunity for Mansfield University students.

Mr. Golden expressed that his studies at Mansfield University in the International Security Concentration under Political Science helped to prepare him as a research analyst. He feels that his experience at TigerSwan was great and that he will be successful in any field in International Security.

X. REPORTS

President Francis Hendricks

General Hendricks provided the following report:

- The fall semester is underway.
- This past weekend was LUMA (Light up Mansfield Again). This was a huge success.
- This coming weekend visitors from across the globe will be in Mansfield to celebrate Sister Cities and the 1890s weekend.
- Mansfield University will host the 2017 Annual COPLAC Conference, June 22-24, 2017.
- Proposal to Freeze residence hall room rates at the established rates for current and future students to provide students with access and affordability. Students currently enrolled will have their room frozen at the fall 2016 rate and future students will have their room rate set upon entry to Mansfield University.

Upon the recommendation of the President, **a motion was made by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Mr. Vickery, and unanimously carried to approve the motion to Freeze residence hall room rates as presented.**

PACT

Chairperson Kilmer shared that the PACT conference is in early October. Trustee Karen Russell has been appointed as the new PACT representative.

Student Government Association

No report.

XI. OTHER BUSINESS

XII. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Mansfield University Council of Trustees is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16, 2016, 2:00 p.m. in the North Hall 6th Floor Community Room.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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