

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS**  
**CONFERENCE CALL**  
**May 19, 2022**  
**4:17 PM**

**AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Tomlinson called the meeting to order. Chairperson Tomlinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Members: Dozor, Fillippo, Franklin, Ireland, Kaliszak, Kinsey, Schick, Tomlinson, Ward.

Absent but accounted for were Members: Moskowitz, Silfa

Chairperson Tomlinson proceeds with the meeting after role call is complete. “Just a few personal comments. Walking into the building I forgot that this is the Asplundh Hall, probably many of you don't know that Dr. Oz is married to the Asplundh family so there's a connection there. I've been polling hard for McCormick because McCormick was born in Bloomberg, because his father was the President of Bloomberg University and was our first Chancellor of our system. So, it was a very interesting republican fight this year, and the amazing thing is, after probably over 800,000 votes, McCormick just picked up another 126 so they're down to about 1,200 votes between them. And Oz was up a little bit, but many of the votes coming in, are coming in from Allegheny County, and that's McCormick's area.

So, I don't think we'll know the next week, and of course it will obviously be audited anytime within 5/10's, you have to audit that election. And this is .2, that's amazing - all those votes and it's that close, but two great candidates so very, very, very good election. So, my comment is, I've been very busy working.

That's it for me, although I want to say it, I did get to Alumni Weekend. Great spring football game and well attended and not only was it attended well by the Alumni people, but it was packed, the stands were packed with people that came out for the game, for their kids, or just for the football game. Unfortunately, when Tom and I played we couldn't get that many people to games. We actually have great attendance but it was a great alumni weekend, very successful, a lot of people meeting on campus and it was an excellent spring game.

And with that now I'll ask for approval, the minutes.”

**AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**

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**MOTION (DOZOR/FILLIPPO)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 24, 2022 MEETING AS PRESENTED**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

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**AGENDA ITEM III – PUBLIC COMMENT: LIMIT OF TEN (10) MINUTES:**

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “do we have any public comment? Anybody else, yes? please.”

Margaret Ervin replies, Hi this feels really official. So, anyway, Margaret Ervin, I'm the President of APSCUF here at West Chester University and it's just really nice to see everyone in person, rather than being a disembodied voice on Zoom like I was before.

So, what's foremost for APSCUF at this moment it's just having had a really successful 2021-2022 year despite it being difficult. We were teaching masked, we were teaching unmasked, we were teaching students who weren't used to being in the classroom anymore and getting through that, and I think we did a great job. Our commencements were attended and we finished strong. Grades were submitted on Tuesday and we're also really proud of our coaches. Zeb was alluding to the season, in particular our baseball team and the fact that we're hosting the Atlantic Region Baseball Tournament as we speak.

I just want to also say that we're very grateful for the positive working relationship we have with WCU management here. Today, Provost Bernotsky posted a budget workshop for shared governance leadership, demonstrating her commitment to transparency around budgetary issues, and just thank you so much Laurie, that was a great workshop and you know, probably the first of several to come.

At the state level, speaking of budget, APSCUF is hopeful that the next month there will be bipartisan support for the increase of \$75 million to the PASSHE budget line, as well as several other budget items, for example, the remaining 150 million out of the 200 million in agreed upon American Rescue Plan dollars to PASSHE. This funding will benefit the students, it will benefit faculty, it will benefit staff, and primarily around diversity equity and inclusion initiatives such as lifeline funding for students who have not graduated due to owing fees.

We also continue, APSCUF continues, to be in support of the Nellie Bly Scholarship Fund, which would provide education funding for students whose families earn less than \$104,000 per year, and would cover additional fees not paid for through other state grant programs. And, in addition to that we'd be happy to see \$1 million for the Hunger Free Campus initiative. Whatever the state can do to support our students is what APSCUF wants to see in the budget and I'd expect the Council of Trustees is on the same page with us there, so we hope for the best as the budget process plays out.

And I thank you for your time tonight, and again it's so nice to see you in person on this really beautiful spring evening. Nice to meet all of you."

Chairperson Tomlinson inquires, "Margaret, the proposal was what, 578 million, or do you know what it is?"

Margaret Ervine, "For which?"

Chairperson Tomlinson, "The appropriations, state appropriation to the system.

Margaret replies, "75million is the increase."

Chairperson Tomlinson clarifies, "But the total is going to be?"

Dr. Bernotsky answers, “552.”

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “552, I’m sorry, I gave you 20 more. Actually, we're in pretty good shape with that. I don't see much argument with that at all.

Margaret Ervin, “Yeah, that's great.”

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “The appropriation it’s there, I mean we have the money. Besides that, we had great revenue. We're about a billion dollars over in our own revenues let alone what we've been given, so the money's there I don't see any arguments, although Senator Brown’s only is behind in his election by 30 votes so I'm hoping he makes it.

Margaret Ervin asks, “What do you think about the American Rescue Plan dollars? So that was 200 million was agreed upon out of the ARP dollars.”

Chairperson Tomlinson asks, “where would that go?”

Margaret Ervin, “So, that’s a number of different things, but primarily I think the biggest chunk is diversity, equity and inclusion.

Chairperson Tomlinson asks, "And just to our system?"

Margaret Ervin confirms, "Just to our system."

Chairperson Tomlinson, "I don't know, I haven't heard that yet, but the other is, amongst people I'm talking to, is pretty much settled and in good shape, yeah. So, keep calling.

Margaret Ervin, "Yeah, we're doing it.

Chairperson Tomlinson reiterates, "And keep plugging for it. We need it. It'll probably done in the middle of June so don't wait to the end of June right, we're working on it now. And we've been off, obviously, for the election but we're going back in next week so things will start really picking up."

Margaret Ervin, "Okay, thank you.

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Thank you, appreciate it. Is there anyone else that would like a public comment at this time?"

\*no one\*

Thank you.

## **AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

Chairperson Tomlinson, “Just some personal comments from me. It was a great Alumni Weekend, it was terrific, I enjoyed it. But I see a lot of old timers, I didn't get to see this guy, and you live the closest. But we got to honor one of our teammates, and an alumnus, Tom Park as Alumnus of the Year, so it was a very good weekend and well attended very well attended. All right, well, thank you.

All right, in our packet, we have one resolution.

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### **MOTION (DOZOR/IRELAND)**

#### **ORDER OF SUCCESSION PLAN RESOLUTION**

### **MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

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## **AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “I now call on President Fiorentino for his report, President Fiorentino.”

President Fiorentino proceeds with his report. “Thank you Tommy, and good afternoon everybody.

Well, we’ve wrapped up a very successful year, we've already had a couple of people comment on it today. It's been a pretty eventful year, we started off the fall obviously, in COVID wearing masks, and by the time we got to the last half of the spring semester things seemed almost normal around here. Margaret Ervin was talking about it.

We're seeing some burnout in students. I've talked to some faculty who are really feeling like the COVID experience has taken its toll on students and we're certainly anticipating, hopefully, that things are going to remain quiet over the summer and as we move into the fall, and we can come back in next year and things will be looking normal again. But you know, we'll continue to monitor the situation, and as we have continued to do, keeping track of the health conditions in the county, what's happening within hospitals. And so far, things are remaining pretty stable.

I do want to add to Margaret's comments that faculty really stepped up and delivered for us over these past two years. They always do outstanding work for us but things were just tougher these last two years and we were able to rely on the faculty to do an outstanding job. And I also want to recognize the staff, just the entire campus Community really, just rallied to make sure that we could continue to function here, to continue to do the work of the university.

And just a couple of comments on the graduation, the commencements.

Obviously, we had a lot of students who graduated this year who were right smack in the middle of this thing, it impacted them several years in a row and still, as they graduated, they were in good spirits. You didn't see a lot of sulking around about it. Life goes on and we adapt, and I think they all really understand that they had a pretty unique college experience being part of the COVID generation, and I think that's going to add a little extra dose of resilience to these students. And as John mentioned, they're moving out into a pretty robust job market for new college graduates. So, that certainly is going to be a break in their favor.

So, we're all pretty exhausted, everybody's pretty exhausted these days, but I can say that everybody on the campus is looking for a little downtime and as soon as we get through this meeting we're gonna all take a big sigh and a



feeling of relief as this is kind of our last official order of business to cap the year.

A couple of other comments, I want to make. The 150th anniversary celebration, it was just a wonderful year – well planned and well executed. John led the effort with a lot of help, a lot of volunteers and others contributed to it. It culminated in an Alumni Weekend as Senator Tomlinson has already alluded to. And it was a fabulous weekend, very well attended, lots of events that kept Sue and me running from event to event all weekend, and it was really great fun and a great event in the Quad. And again, the football game, it looked like a regular season game except for the play on the field didn't look like a regular season game, but it wasn't bad! But anyway, it was really terrific. And one of the people who came back and was a part of your group had not been on campus for 50 years and he told me that at the dinner, and that was pretty amazing.

The 150 Forward campaign continues, we did pass the 51 million mark on our way to \$65 million goal. As John alluded to, we picked up our largest gift in the history of the university, \$3.5 million from SSI, in support of student success, which we were thrilled to get. We continue to receive generous gifts from people - the good feeling on the campus and the reputation, all the media recognition that we're getting, all these things are working in our favor in terms of building momentum for the institution and certainly for the fundraising efforts for the institution.

The Commencement weekend, actually, John said 16 commencements, technically, we had to postpone two of them that were scheduled to be in Philadelphia on Monday night. The Philly Commencements are really among our favorites because they're just these incredible celebrations, and they were scheduled at the time that the horrendous storm was predicted to come through the area and we decided that would probably be good idea for us not to have hundreds of people on the road heading up 95 to the Hilton. Of course,

in retrospect the storm missed us and we all wished we had the commencement, but it's rescheduled for June 6 and we don't want anybody to worry, we will have our two commencements in Philadelphia on the evening of June 6<sup>th</sup> and we're all looking forward to it very much.

But, I was talking to Trustee Schick before the meeting about, she was walking around on campus during commencement weekend and the actual days of commencement and the weeks leading up to that. I have never seen so many students getting pictures taken all over campus, here in the archway outside, at Ram, at the new fountain there were long lines of people waiting at the fountain to get pictures. Over at the Old Main arches, there was 10 times as many students as I've ever seen any other year out there getting pictures, which just reflects very well on the institution and the pride people are feeling. As a matter of fact, my wife stopped taking walks with me in the evening because I was getting stopped so many times by people asking me to get in the photograph with them. She said, you go by yourself. But anyway, that was a lot of fun and by large it was just a very challenging year, but ending very strong with just a great feeling on the campus and much to look forward to.

Just a word on the system level. Senator, I'm pleased to hear your assessment of how things are going. We are working very hard with all the Presidents and Vice Presidents. Laurie Bernotsky's very involved with the other universities on the integrations, on trying to make the case for the increased funding that we're hoping to receive. Great work is being done now on a new allocation formula that we believe will have a favorable impact on West Chester University's funding going forward. We feel that what's being proposed is more fair than what we've seen in the past, that's a little bit of an editorial comment but, we're looking forward to having the board review that and approve it at a special meeting in June. And then with the board meeting, the normal board meeting in July, looking forward to starting to move towards next year. So that's very exciting.

I want to finish by making a couple comments. John Villella is retiring from West Chester University after 39 years and this will be his last COT meeting. And while he was not in favor of me speaking up because he tends to prefer to keep things quiet, I could not pass up the opportunity to say a few words to the Trustees about John. In his 39 years, he was a faculty member for many, many years, and he was involved, obviously with the marching band, the wind ensemble, symphonic band, concert band, taught music education, moved on to be Associate Dean of Music for about seven years, went on from there and I know you've spent six years with me as Chief of Staff and Vice President for University Affairs, and with Greg Weisenstein for at least a year and a half, I expect, so that's another seven and a half years of time there. Just incredible distinguished service at the institution. We're going to miss John a lot, although we're very excited as he and Colleen move into the next phase, retirement. And Colleen has been a very good sport, these jobs are all encompassing, all consuming, and John has given his heart to the job and just done it at an absolutely exemplary level. And I'm pleased to announce that during Trustee Schick's remarks, we will be requesting that the Trustees approve what I believe, is the first double Emeritus designation that has ever been proposed at this institution, both Emeritus of Ensembles and Conductor as a faculty member, and Emeritus Vice President and Chief of Staff. So, we're looking forward to that resolution shortly. And we also are in a position at this point to introduce John's successor, Andy Lehman, who is back there sitting next to John. Andy comes to us after a long stint as legal counsel in Harrisburg for PASSHE. I believe, nine years as Chief Counsel and nine years as Counsel, a total of 18. Andy and I have worked together extensively, both in terms of legal matters and also serving together on negotiating teams for the APSCUF contracts. I am absolutely ecstatic that Andy has joined us, he brings just an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience, and I can tell you that the role of Chief of Staff is a hugely critical role in supporting the President. And to have somebody of Andy's stature agree to take this position is just, we're going to move forward, we're gonna miss John, we're going to move

forward aggressively. And Andy, welcome aboard, and perhaps you'll just take a moment to just introduce yourself to the Council.

Andy Lehman continues, "Sure. Good afternoon. My name is Andy Lehman and I have, as the President said, have been in the system for about 18 years and in the last month or so I've been down here. And I've been very blessed to have had the jobs that I've had, more importantly, to have the opportunity to shadow John and learn the ropes from him. So often we come and arrive to an empty desk and so this has been a rare opportunity, so I do want to thank the President and the rest of the team for giving me this opportunity. So, I look forward to working with you. If you start getting calls from me, please don't block them! And the conversations won't be privileged like they used to be however; I am looking forward to helping West Chester, it's a great institution and it's the right institution to come to so thank you.

President Fiorentino, "Thank you, Andy. I now ask for the approval of Purchase Orders and Contracts for February 1 2022 through March 31st 2022."

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**MOTION (FILLIPPO/DOZOR):**

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONTRACTS FOR  
FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2022.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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President Fiorentino continues, “Great, this will conclude my remarks. And I ask Senator Tomlinson that when we have the opportunity to consider the resolution, assuming that it’s passed by the Trustees, that perhaps we can take a moment for your resolution and then a couple photographs.

Chairperson Tomlinson responds, “That would be my wishes too.”

President Fiorentino, “Great, thank you, and that concludes my report.

Chairperson Tomlinson thanks President Fiorentino for his report.

**AGENDA ITEM VI – REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:**

Chairperson Tomlinson continues the meeting, “Each member of the standing group, please report that the Committee has met, provide a summary of your committee meeting, and present resolutions of consideration.

For Finance and Administration, Chris Franklin, you have a resolution for us, sir?”

Member Franklin proceeds, "I have two, Mr. Chairman. Both of these by the way, were outlined by Todd and Ilene earlier."

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**MOTION (IRELAND/SCHICK):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES OF THE FOLLOWING TRANSFERS FOR FY2022.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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**MOTION (IRELAND/FILLIPPO):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING ANTICIPATED ADDITIONS TO THE EDUCATION & GENERAL (E&G) BUDGET FOR FY2023.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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Member Franklin concludes his report.

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Thank you very much, that makes Academic and Student affairs resolutions, Sue Schick."

Member Schick proceeds, "Yes, we have met, and I have four (4) resolutions. The first one is, each year the academic recognition committee makes a series of recommendations to recognize faculty in a variety of ways; from the awarding

of Emeritus Designation to the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award. Before the Council are six resolutions that require our approval in order for the President and Provost to confer upon the nominated faculty.

The respective recognition or award, the resolutions include the following: the Emeritus Designation resolution, Campus Diversity Award resolution, Distinguished Research Award resolution, E. Riley Holman Award resolution, and the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award resolution. With the consent of the Council of Trustees, I move that resolutions one through five listed in the Academic and Student Affairs Committee agenda be adopted.

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**MOTION (SCHICK/FILLIPPO):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY CONFERS THE DESIGNATION OF EMERITUS UPON THE FOLLOWING DISTINGUISHED RETIRED FACULTY MEMBERS:**

**Richard Blake, Mary Buckelew, James Fabrey, Anita Foeman, Frank Fry, Charles Hardy, III, V. Krishna Kumar, Timothy Lutz, Christina McCawley, Jeffrey McLaughlin, Gwenelle O'Neal, R. Viorel Nitica, Richard Parsons, John Townsend, Ray Zetts.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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**MOTION (SCHICK/FILLIPPO):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATES THE FOLLOWING FACULTY MEMBER AS AN AWARDEE OF THE CAMPUS DIVERSITY AWARD.**

**Justin Sprague**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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**MOTION (SCHICK/FILLIPPO):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA DESIGNATES THE FOLLOWING FACULTY MEMBER AS AN AWARDEE OF THE DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD.**

**Mark Rimple**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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**MOTION (SCHICK/FILLIPPO):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY DESIGNATES THE FOLLOWING FACULTY MEMBER AS AN AWARDEE OF THE E. RILEY HOLMAN MEMORIAL FACULTY AWARD.**

**Jade Burris**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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**MOTION (SCHICK/FILLIPPO):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY DESIGNATES THE FOLLOWING FACULTY MEMBER AS AN AWARDEE OF THE LINDBACK DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD**

**Laura Pyott**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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Member Schick continues, My second one is when the university wishes to make organizational changes to its academic structures, it brings forth a motion for approval by the Council of Trustees.

I move that the Council of Trustees adopt the resolution establishing the Department of Educational Leadership and Higher Education Administration in the College of Education and Social Work.

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**MOTION (SCHICK/DOZOR):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO THE ACADEMIC OFFERINGS OF THE COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND SOCIAL WORK. THE FOLLOWING IS THE APPROVED DEPARTMENT NAME: THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP AND HIGHER EDUCATION ADMINISTRATION.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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Member Schick continues, “And number three is that each year the university brings forth a resolution seeking approval of changes it has made to its academic offerings by the Council of Trustees.

The attached motion includes a series of title changes, new minors, certificates, concentrations, and majors. Each of these program actions align with the university’s strategic plan and serve the needs of the Commonwealth.

I move that the Council of Trustees adopt the 2021-22 Academic Program Actions resolution.

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**MOTION (SCHICK/IRELAND):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY APPROVE THE FOLLOWING 2021-2022 ACADEMIC PROGRAM ACTIONS: \*See Official Resolution for full description of title changes, new minors, certifications, certificates, and concentrations.\***

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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Member Schick continues her report, “Thank you. And finally, and most important, in recognition for the 39 years of excellence, the following motion is a special one that allows the university to confer upon Dr. John Vilella, Emeritus status, the first double Emeritus status, not only as Vice President for University Affairs and Chief of Staff, but also as Professor Emeritus of Ensembles and Conducting in the Wells School of Music, which comes with the support of the Faculty. As President Fiorentino already offered up his remarks, I move that the Council of Trustees adopt the resolution honoring the incomparable, Dr. John Vilella, with these honors.

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**MOTION (SCHICK/TOMLINSON):**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY CONFERS THE DESIGNATION OF EMERITUS UPON THE FOLLOWING DISTINGUISHED RETIRED ADMINISTRATOR AND FACULTY MEMBER:**

**Dr. John W. Vilella, Vice President for University Affairs and Chief of Staff Emeritus and Professor Emeritus of Ensembles and Conducting**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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Vice Chairperson Dozor comments, "With regards to the motion, we've been blessed to have John. John has a heart of grace and he's been a relied upon sage. West Chester University's good man, he's really a hero to us. He's tempered, he's wise, and he's been a mentor to many, many people here at West Chester for more than 30 years. He's been an advisor to all, always with grace and so much kindness.

John has provided a lifetime of contribution and achievement here at West Chester University. Coming to us from the music school and touching upon every facet at West Chester University, with no exception. Like West Chester University's award-winning marching band, we wish John a lifetime marching forward as his band had done, as he led his band with drums and trumpets, flags waving into the future. John, thank you for your service."

Chairperson Tomlinson proceeds, "John, would you step up for one moment please? Poor John had the very difficult task of dealing with me. He had to

inform me of things and deal with me and John, it's my honor to present, with the honor of Senator Committa and myself, signed by Mr. Jake Corman, President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate, and it's a resolution that goes through, much of what we just said here, but it honors me to present this citation to you, from the President pro tempore of the Pennsylvania Senate and it's amazing, the accomplishments. As we went through some of them, it was amazing! And the only disappointment is that you got your Doctorate from Widener [crowd laughter].

The accomplishments are great. And I was sitting in a bar Ocean City, I was sitting at the Crab Trap in Somers Point, having a nice seafood dinner and a couple of guys, we got to talking and they said, "is that John Villella guy still there?" And I said absolutely, actually you had these gentlemen in band, and they were very very good about what you did for them. They had very good things to say. So John, I'm not going to read all this, but it is really indeed my honor to present you with a citation from the Senate of Pennsylvania, signed by Jake Corman, and of course with Senator Committa and myself, presenting this to you."

Member Franklin, "Hey Tommy, if I could, I just want to add to what you said. John has accomplished a lot of big things and for that he deserves credit and accolades. But you know, sometimes it's the small things that go a long way too. And I gotta to say, John Villella would never let a couple hours go before he returned a call, he always came back with information quickly and accurately and treated me with terrific, great respect, and you know, some of those little things are as meaningful as some of the big things. Because you know, when we have a pressing, usually from political people, you know how it goes, they want answers and John was so quick on the turn every time. John, you were an absolute pleasure to work with, and I really appreciate it."

Chairperson Tomlinson responds, “And whether it was a Friday night or weekend, he still got the back to you and you still had your concerns heard. And I think John, by mentioning my happenstance of running into a couple of your students, think back about that career – how many lives you touched, how many kids that you put in a little bit extra discipline in, a little more structure, just a little more guidance. You know, it's, you can't even count the number of kids that you actually touched and for me to just run into a couple of your band participants I think was not any mistake. This Commonwealth, this country has a lot of people out there that have come under your hand, under your tutelage, and it's not just about the music, it's about the structure; it's about the discipline; it's about the sacrifice; it's about commitment. And when you teach any student that, you really help them move forward in their life, so thank you John, thanks again.

University Affairs. Jon, anything?”

Member Ireland gives University Affairs report, “Yes, Mr. Chairman. I’m pleased to follow up on the University Affairs Committee report, which was part of the Standing Committee meeting. The items discussed include: the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and activities which included a series of historical tours sponsored by the Alumni Association and a college showcase featuring Alumni Weekend; collaborative efforts across many offices and divisions to address sustainability initiatives and to provide networking and job opportunities for our students; a successful series of 16 commencement ceremonies to recognize our graduates. I attended the Sunday 3:00 Business and Public Management ceremony, it was wonderful and amazing. Excellent media coverage for the faculty, staff, and student accomplishments. And lastly, the excellent start to the 150Forward Campaign is moving forward. And that’s my report.”

**AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:**

Chairperson Tomlinson continues the meeting, “Now, the nomination committee, Sue?”

Member Shick responds, “Yes, the nomination committee has met and I’d like to announce the slate as proposed by the nomination committee. So this is for the COT Leadership Committee. Senator Tomlinson, the nominating committee submits the following nominations: Chairperson, Senator Tommy Tomlinson; Vice Chair Person, Honorable Barry Dozor; and Secretary, Commissioner Marian Moskowitz.”

Chairperson Tomlinson, “Thank you very much for your hard work. Thank you, thank you it’s been an honor. It’s really a great staff we’re working with here, it’s a great board. I think it’s one of the best boards that we have across the state, honestly. Meeting some of them, and as some of you have, I think we’re good here and we got a great staff.”

Chairperson Schick continues, “And I ask for a motion to approve the slate of officers as nominated.”

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**MOTION (SCHICK/IRELAND):**

**SPECIAL COMMITTEES: NOMINATING COMMITTEE SUBMISSION OF  
NOMINATIONS FOR COT LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE:**

**Chairperson, Senator Tommy Tomlinson; Vice Chair Person,  
Honorable Barry Dozor; and Secretary, Commissioner Marian  
Moskowitz.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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## **AGENDA ITEM X – REPORT OF LIASON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES:**

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “Alright, we’ll move on to the report of the Liaison Person to Constituency , are there any liaison reports?”

Member Ireland responds, “Mr. Chairman, yes I do. The Alumni Association Annual Meeting was held on Alumni Weekend, it was held at 9am Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> [of May] at the Building of Business and Public Management. I'm just going to give you the highlights of what happened at the Alumni Association meeting. The Association now, will reorganized to be part of the Foundation. John Villella and Chris Mominey, the CEO of the West Chester University Foundation, gave explanations to explain this merger.

Also, the results of the Alumni Association elections are as follows: the new President will be Matt Holliday and the new Treasurer will be Tony Fragale. And Ed Monroe was honored with the title of President Emeritus, he served as president from 2010 until 2012 and he has served on the Board for more than 12 years.

And, if I could Mr. Chair, I'd like to do just a quick report, I was at the PACT meeting. So the PACT meeting was held on March 24 and 25th at Hershey Lodge, it is the Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees (PACT).

It was great meeting and going, the first time I ever did it, everybody's welcome to go, every COT is invited. It was fabulous meeting a lot of Council of Trustees members from across the PASSHE system, they had a lot of concerns about the new organization of PASSHE. But we had great chats and great talks. The Council of Trustees from a lot of PASSHE schools thinks and believe West Chester is the shining star in the entire PASSHE system, which we are. But the one thing that I took away from some of the gatherings that we have and the speeches and discussions, I'll give you this quickly, and by

the way, if you want to hear more or read more, you can go on the PACT website and there's a full recap of the entire two days. But on the first day, Curt Sonney, State Representative from the fourth district located around Erie, PA who will be retiring at the end of this year, Curt is the Chairman of the House of Education Committee and he talked about the fact that we as a Council of Trustees, and people in Pennsylvania, he said in his tenure as being the chairman of this committee, he said, we need to do more by reaching out to our elected officials, especially those that are involved in education, on all levels. He said, the squeaky wheel gets oiled and he said, not enough people take the time to pick up the phone and call these people and say listen if you're working with a bunch of money, if you're working on this, or here's my problem, or here's my issue, he said we actually do listen to you and we actually do stuff. So he said to the Council of Trustee body that was there, take the time to pick up the phone call your local people, now this is the end of his run as Representative, he will not be running again, he is retiring but find out who the new person is, call that person, and ask for help for your university or your educational facility. He said, we do listen.

There was one other thing that I thought was very interesting when he left us with was, and I'll leave this question to you, but it's posed to us is, in his years of working with education in the House of Representative in Pennsylvania, he said, the question that was always going through his mind and through the legislators, was what do we do, do we fund the student or do we fund the institution? And where is the balance? - Is it more this way or that way, it doesn't stay the same, it changes, but he said that's something that they think about all the time.

So I wanted to leave you with that and that is my report.”



Chairperson Tomlinson, "Thank you, and he's actually right, we have more friends up there than we realize. It's, not just because they might have graduated from one of our schools, but that they have one of our schools in their district. And since we are spread all across Pennsylvania, and particularly our northern tier schools, we have to be very concerned about, from a demographic standpoint, they're great schools, we know they're good schools but problem is those high school kids just aren't there like they used to be, and when they are many of them want to go to Florida and Texas and somewhere else, anyway. So, we do have a problem and we're trying to work on it, but it's a demographic problem because those schools are very good schools and the fact that some of them are struggling with populations, it's because of our demographics.

Member Ireland, "And I have to tell you, the Trustees that I met with are some of the most amazing people. I had a wonderful time talking to them, really really great people.

Chairperson Tomlinson, "Oh yeah, great great people. Thank you Jon, good report.

**AGENDA ITEM XI – OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**AGENDA ITEM XII – NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**AGENDA ITEM XII – ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Tomlinson adjourns meeting, “Anything else to come before the Board here?”

One more time John, thank you again, we really appreciate your work.”

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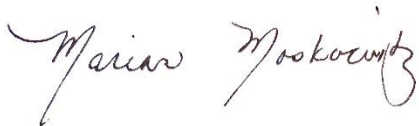
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Respectfully submitted,



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