

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CONFERENCE CALL
APRIL 17, 2024
5:10 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: Comitta, Dozor, Franklin, Ireland, Moskowitz, Schick, Silfa, Tomlinson, and Ward.

Members not present: Chupka, Fillippo.

Chairperson Tomlinson proceeded with the meeting after the roll call was complete and reported that the Council met in executive session on November 15, 2023. No deliberations occurred.

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

MOTION (_____/SCHICK)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 28, 2024, MEETING AS PRESENTED

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

Chairperson Tomlinson asked if there was any public comment. Being none, Dr. Margaret Ervin, President of the WCU Chapter of APSCUF was invited to present greetings. Dr. Ervin reported that the chapter is celebrating the bargaining agreement with much appreciation for the attention to the many details. She also expressed appreciation for Dr. Fiorentino's support for her colleagues. West Chester

has a “strong productive partnership” including working together on the Governor’s Blueprint for Higher Education in ways that will enable the university to continue to contribute to student success. The Blueprint calls for a 15% increase in funding for the proposed system, which would incorporate four-year institutions with community colleges under a single umbrella. Dr. Ervin expressed concern that Pennsylvania will follow the model of states like West Virginia which is overly focused on workforce development at the expense of a general education.

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

None

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

President Fiorentino reported that he was pleased with how the negotiations went on the APSCUF contract and that faculty’s needs were met, particularly in these inflationary times. He reported on the work WCU leadership has done on the Blueprint, working with the Shapiro Administration and the community colleges. President Fiorentino expressed that he was pleased that the governor is talking about significantly increasing funding for higher education. Much work is yet to be done but he is encouraged that people are listening and thinking about a path forward.

AGENDA ITEM VI – REVIEW OF PURCHASE ORDERS

None

AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT

None

AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Chairperson Tomlinson continued the meeting asking each member to report their committee has met, provide a summary of their committee meeting, and present resolutions for consideration. Chris Franklin reported that there were several resolutions from the Finance and Administration Committee in need of approval.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZER)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVE THE FOLLOWING HOUSING FEE RATES TO BE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE FALL 2024 SEMESTER.

THESE FEES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Member Franklin continued to introduce the health and wellness fee.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZER)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE RENAMING OF THE HEALTH FEE TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS FEE. THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS FEE SUPPORTS ALL HEALTH AND WELLNESS-RELATED ACTIVITIES SUCH AS THE HEALTH CENTER, COUNSELING CENTER, AND OTHER WELLNESS CENTERS AND/OR PROGRAMMING EDUCATION NEEDS FOR THE STUDENTS.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$3.29 PER SEMESTER TO THE HEALTH AND WELLNESS FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$222.01 PER SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE THE FALL 2024 SEMESTER. THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIREMENT SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin then proceeded with the committee's third resolution.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZOR)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE TO THE SYKES UNION FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$111.76 PER SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE THE FALL 2024 SEMESTER. AGAIN, THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF-SUFFICIENCY AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin presented the fourth Resolution.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZOR)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE RENAMING OF THE PARKING APPROVEMENT FEE TO THE PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION FEE. THE PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION FEE COVERS ALL EXPENSES RELATED TO MAINTAINING THE EXISTING PARKING FACILITIES INCLUDING GARAGES AND PARKING LOTS AND THE SHUTTLE BUS CONTRACT, ALL OF WHICH BENEFIT THE WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY STUDENT POPULATION.

SO, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVE AN INCREASE OF \$14.45 PER SEMESTER TO THE PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$110.52 PER SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS, EFFECTIVE THE FALL OF 2024 SEMESTER. AGAIN, THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM POLICY.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin concluded with:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVED THE 2024-25 AUXILIARY BUDGETS FOR WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY AS PROPOSED.

Member Franklin then turned to major projects.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZOR)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING MAJOR PROJECTS UTILIZING UNIVERSITY RESERVE FUNDS TO BEGIN IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND THEY ARE LISTED THERE FOR YOUR REVIEW TOTALING \$10,340,000.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST PREPARED BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON MAY 10, 2024.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZOR)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THAT THE CURRENT 3.5% RETURN ENDOWMENT SPENDING RATE OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE ENDOWMENT BE CONTINUED TO THE 2024-25 FISCAL YEAR, AND THIS IS CONTINUING WITH OUR LONGSTANDING POLICY HERE.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chairperson Tomlinson then called on Sue Schick to report on her meeting with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Member Schick reported that there was one motion for approval conferring the designation of Emerita upon Mary Page, former University Librarian and Dean of the Libraries.

MOTION (TOMLINSON/SCHICK)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY CONFERS THE DESIGNATION OF EMERITA UPON THE FOLLOWING DISTINGUISHED RETIRED ADMINISTRATOR:

MARY PAGE, UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN AND DEAN OF LIBRARIES

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chairperson Tomlinson turned to Member Ireland to submit his report on the University Affairs, University Advancement & External Affairs, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee. Member Ireland reported that his committee had two motions for resolution.

MOTION (TOMLINSON/COMITTA)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE RENAMING OF THE UNIVERSITY OFFICE 404A LOCATED IN ANDERSON HALL BE NAMED IN HONOR OF MITT JOYNER IN APPRECIATION FOR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND AFFIRMS THAT ALL NAMING POLICY REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION (TOMLINSON/COMITTA)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE NAMING OF THE BASKETBALL COURT IN HONOR OF DEIRDRE KANE AND DICK DELANEY ALL REQUIREMENTS HAVING BEEN MET.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION (TOMLINSON/SCHICK)

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESENT, HEREBY CERTIFIES, AS PER BOARD OF GOVERNORS' POLICY 1985-04-A, THAT THE FOLLOWING AFFILIATED ENTITIES MAKE A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNIVERSITY OR PROVIDE SIMILAR BENEFITS ON A REGULAR BASIS:

**WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

AGENDA ITEM XI - REPORTS OF LIAISON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES

Student liaison, Julie Ward, was invited to share her report to the Council of Trustees.

AGENDA ITEM XII – OLD BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM XIII – NEW BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM XIV – ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tomlinson adjourned the meeting and then went into a brief executive session.

Respectfully submitted,



Marian Moskowitz