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**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
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September 16, 2015
5:15 PM**

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania was held on September 16, 2015, in the Philips Memorial Building, West Chester, PA.

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fillippo called the meeting to order. Chair Fillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Members Fillippo, Dozor, Franklin, Ireland, Lewis, Matlawski, and Silberman. Absent but accounted for were Members Costello, Moskowitz, and Tomlinson.

Chair Fillippo appointed Vice Chair Matlawski to serve as the Secretary Pro Tem in the absence of secretary, Member Costello.

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

MOTION (LEWIS/MATLAWSKI):

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2015, MEETING AS PRESENTED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

Chair Fillippo asked if anyone would like to address the Council of Trustees. Professor Mark Rimple, President of the local APSCUF faculty union, was recognized by Chair Fillippo and he was asked to go to the microphone to address the Council of Trustees.

Professor Rimple gave the following remarks:

Thank you for the opportunity to address you this evening. My name is Mark Rimple, and I am President of Local APSCUF and Professor of Music Theory, History and Composition.

I am pleased to report that among our new hires this fall are a dozen faculty whose faces are actually quite familiar on campus. These faculty have been working full-time under part-time status, negatively impacting their salaries and benefits. Furthermore, since part-time faculty do not earn credits towards a conversion into the tenure track, they were at a disadvantage in comparison to their full-time, temporary peers. At the President's request, APSCUF and the President's team worked together tirelessly this summer to remedy this situation, appointing these faculty into tenure track or multiyear, full-time temporary lines. Best of all, the remedy was accomplished within the conditions of our Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Also at the President's request, APSCUF is holding elections and appointing an APSCUF faculty member to the newly formed University Budget Review Committee. Transparency in budgeting is important when one considers the high personal costs that our students shoulder – an average of

\$30,000 debt for a WCU undergraduate degree. While our student body continues to grow – nearly 16,500 this semester – we must keep up with the need for classes that will allow them to graduate in four years. This growth also puts demands on parking, classroom space, and offices for increased faculty.

Finally, I have been visiting state legislators to highlight the quality of our institution and to speak with them about the current budget impasse. Yesterday I visited Representative Dan Truitt and delivered postcards that APSCUF collected from students last week; each told a story of how much their education means to them and how important funding is to their access to the University. I must add that one legislator quipped that the impasse could last the entire fiscal year. I urge you all to put pressure on our elected leaders to help get the budget settled in a way that gets WCU and PASSHE back on the road to continued success.

Chair Fillippo thanked Professor Rimple for sharing his remarks.

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:

Chair Fillippo said it was good to be back on campus and he welcomed everyone to the new 2015-16 Academic Year.

For the minutes, Chair Fillippo reported that an Executive Session was held immediately after the Council of Trustees formal meeting on May 14, 2015 beginning at 6:58 p.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m. The purpose of that meeting was to receive legal advice from State System Legal Counsel, Mike Ferguson.

Chair Fillippo called on President Weisenstein for his report.

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

President Weisenstein gave the following report:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

I want to thank Professor Mark Rimple for his report and mention that management and labor, specifically APSCUF, this summer tackled some major issues working very well together and were able to resolve those issues to the benefit of our University and our students. We greatly appreciated the cooperation of the Union and the partnership which resulted.

The total enrollment goal for fall 2015 was 16,497. As of September 15th, the current paid enrollment totaled 16,611 with both undergraduate and graduate enrollments exceeding their targets.

We received recognition from Middle States accreditation for our new Ed.D. This is our second approval for a research doctorate (the DPA was the first) and we will no longer need to submit substantive change requests for research doctorates now that two have been approved (the DNP is a practice doctorate as opposed to a research doctorate).

In support of the campus's academic mission and to raise the University's regional profile, WCU and the WCU Foundation are sponsoring the third annual President's Speakers Series. This year's first speaker – Dan Rather – is an internationally recognized journalist who anchored the CBS Evening News for 24 years. He will speak on Friday, November 6, 2015.

The spring speakers will be noted political advisors and television analysts James Carville and Mary Matalin who will visit campus on March 11, 2016. Given the fast approaching primary season, I'm confident they will deliver a very interesting and entertaining evening.

The President's Circle Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 22 at the Alumni and Foundation Center at 202 Carter Drive. In addition to celebrating all of our generous leadership donors, we will be presenting the President's Award to alumni Berky Nelson and Deborah Chase, retired faculty member Robert Bielski and his wife Elaine, and long-time University friends and supporters John and Frances Rockwell and Russell Duane.

I am delighted to announce that we have finalized the arrangements to receive the vast collection of papers and artifacts of WCU alumnus and former Congressman Curt Weldon. The gift agreement will be signed later this month and the collection is one of the largest and most valuable the University has ever received. In addition to digitizing the collection for maximum availability to scholars, Congressman Weldon has agreed to participate in an oral history project that will complement the substantial holdings. The review and digitization is expected to take three to four years and Congressman Weldon is graciously assisting the University with fundraising to support the collection and oral history.

The Office of Residence Life and Housing Services, University Student Housing, the Department of Public Safety, and WCU Facilities all did a great job the weekend of August 21-23 as they worked in coordination to smoothly

handle the arrival of approximately 5,000 residence hall students. You will hear more about this a little later, but I want to let you know that a number of parents contacted me, particularly those parents who have a son or daughter who is attending another university as well as WCU. Those parents had a comparison and they stated that West Chester University was fantastic and we really did it right. I was told that there was an average wait time of seven to nine minutes for the parents at WCU. I was told that at other institutions, parents waited for three hours or more and then had to put everything away.

The Office of New Student Programs (NSP) hosted eight First-Year Orientation Days for the incoming class resulting in 2,350 first-year students attending the eight sessions offered in June. In August, NSP conducted three Transfer Orientation programs (over 900 new transfer students) as well as organized Orientation Part II the weekend before classes began.

Congratulations to Jared Brown, Ellen DiSanti and the Orientation Leaders on a job well done.

Final service and volunteer hours were calculated this summer. Students enrolled in service learning courses in 2014-2015 performed a record breaking 812,344 hours of public service in 612 course sections. An additional 93,114 hours of service were performed through Office of Service Learning and Volunteer Programs, student organizations and co-curricular service learning – grand total 905,458 hours. These combined efforts benefitted over 340 community agencies.

Intercollegiate Athletics – The past year was spectacular in Intercollegiate Athletics with all 24 teams reaching postseason play. Men’s Golf, Women’s Field Hockey, Men’s and Women’s Swimming captured PSAC Championships. WCU finished 1st among 18 schools in the Conference and captured the PSAC Dixon Cup Trophy. This is the second time in three years that we were awarded that trophy which is very hard to do because we are the largest Division II in the nation. This means that all of our 24 sports have to perform well because our 24 are compared to 14 or 16 sports at other universities. Most impressive, 380 student athletes earned 3.00 GPA for the Athletic Director Honor Roll in spring – highest number to date. The Fall season sports kicked-off their campaigns Labor Day weekend with Golden Rams Football featured on National TV vs. Lenoir-Rhyne, September 3rd and vs. Mercyhurst on September 12. Most of you know the outcome of those games. We came up a bit short in both cases, but we have a very, very young team. Knowing Coach Bill, we’ll have a spectacular second half of the season and should be in the running someplace. Our other teams like Women’s Field Hockey are ranked #1. We are proud of all of our teams.

Enabling faculty to excel with emerging technologies is a challenge. The Software Application Training Program (SAT) has been revamped and is now called Faculty and Staff Training (FAST). Along with a name change, a new website was implemented to highlight the numerous class offerings, the various venues such as traditional classrooms, online, and on-site, and the new “Bring Your Own Lunch” seminars. Half of the battle is acquiring the technology, and

the other half of the battle is learning how to use it effectively so we can enhance the teaching and learning process. Our folks in Information Services are working very hard across campus to make sure that we all have the opportunity to use the technology that we have.

WCU launched a new online and printed catalog in May 2015. There are copies of the catalogs at your seats. The new catalog provides easier navigation, is mobile-friendly, and is a great advising tool. Additionally, the new catalog software has resulted in a staff time savings of approximately 400 hours for the Office of Publications. The personnel costs associated with this change covers the annual maintenance for the online catalog.

Our Honors College, Dr. Kevin Dean, in particular, led the group of Honors students from all of the 14 PASSHE universities to Norway. They were able to participate in nominating (as well as selecting) a Nobel Peace Prize winner. This is the first time to our knowledge that a university anywhere around the world has worked in this process. From what I heard back from the Norwegians, we did it very well, and will likely be asked to come back. Kudos to Dr. Kevin Dean for a job well done.

The other doors that we helped to open this last week were in Cuba. You may have picked up some of the media coverage of that trip. I chaired the International Education Committee for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) for about two years now and that represents 420 across the nation. Some time ago, we were asked to help put together a Presidential Mission to Cuba. It was one of the first of its kind. We met with

the Minister of Education, Minister of Health and a number of the Rectors or Presidents from around the country. It was all preliminary, but it did result in signing a very significant agreement. We are embargoed about saying much more about that agreement because AASCU is preparing a press release. It does create some opportunities for universities, particularly within AASCU, for faculty and for students to begin considering ways in which we can work effectively with the Cuban universities and begin breaking down some of the trust barriers as well as the other kinds of barriers that have persisted for around 60 years between the two countries. It is a fantastic country, the people are very gracious, very kind, and friendly and very interested in normalizing relations between the United States and Cuba. But I would warn you, don't eat the lobster. Overall, it was very successful and gave West Chester University an opportunity to wave a flag in a very unique, and I think, a very important way.

I now ask for Approval of Purchase Orders and Contracts executed during April, May, June and July 2015.

MOTION (SILBERMAN/MATLAWSKI):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE LIST OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 EXECUTED DURING APRIL, MAY, JUNE AND JULY, 2015 FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND SUPPLIES.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Administration and Finance would like to introduce two new employees: Pat Brunner joined the University in March as the Executive Director of Facilities Design and Construction, and Jim Lewis joined the University in August as Associate Vice President for Facilities. I want to welcome both of them.

My last point, if you do not already know this, I would like to share that if you got the June issue of Consumer Digest, you'll want to note that universities were ranked by value. West Chester University was ranked 21st in best value among all public universities in the country. To put that in perspective, there were only two other Pennsylvania universities that were included in the top 50. They were the University of Pittsburgh at 37th and Penn State at 45th. As a reminder, West Chester University was 21st.

This concluded President Weisenstein's report.

Chair Fillippo thanked President Weisenstein for his excellent report.

AGENDA ITEM VI – REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT:

Chair Fillippo called on Mr. JT Singh, Executive Director of Information Services, to come to the microphone and share what he has for us today. Mr. Singh introduced and played a 4-minute video produced by the WCU Digital Media Department showing "MOVE IN DAY – Fall 2015."

AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORTS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Academic Affairs

Member Dozor gave the report starting with information that he was given some astounding statistics that he wanted to share. The new student class for 2015 plus our new transfer students coming to WCU for the first time, totaled 3,910 new students arriving on campus. Keep in mind that these 3,910 students were chosen from over 14,000 applicants who competed for these spots. Our enrolled students overall (including graduate students) total 16,611.

The increase in graduate students is 6.8%. That is a substantial increase in terms of improving the value of our curriculum and also generating revenue for West Chester University.

Of the 2,400 graduate students, more than 400 of them are distance education students which increases again the value and the revenue. So the growth of distance education that the President spoke about as his first initiative when we interviewed and hired him, is increasing and is making an impact for the University.

Member Dozor noted that he learned that our Nursing Program is doing very well. There are more than 400 undergraduate students enrolled. We have a BSN Program and now have a Doctorate Program in Nursing which increases the number of students. Because we are running out of space here on campus, a new temporary home has been found in Exton for the Nursing

Program. It is a good temporary home, but Member Dozor stated that WCU is hoping to bring it back to campus or closer to campus. Member Dozor suggested that since we are exploring more and more opportunities with Cheyney, he thought it might be a good opportunity to pursue a partnership with Cheyney with our Nursing Program. He suggested that students could be brought closer to the WCU campus, locate them on Cheyney's campus with WCU professors and our curriculum, and have a joint program. He believes that substantial Title 3 Federal funds are available for such a program. Member Dozor believes that having a joint partnership with Cheyney, improving diversity on both campuses, and improving that program and allowing more nursing students to enroll would benefit both universities. He would like the administration to investigate this possibility and report back as to whether his suggestion is a possibility.

Member Dozor reported that WCU was selected by the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AACSB) as one of 15 institutions that have the leadership, commitment, and expertise to contribute to improve upon undergraduate studies across our nation. WCU's contribution is that we would propose new ways of retaining undergraduate and graduate students. They would investigate ways to improve the curriculum, including innovative curriculum, have more mentoring, more counseling, and improving the first-year experience and also improving online education. WCU does well with retention, but hopefully with what we have learned, we can bring that to other universities.

Member Dozor reported that he would introduce one resolution recommended for consideration and action by the Council of Trustees. West Chester University has proposed a new Master of Science in Community Nutrition. It would be an outreach to the communities in an outpatient kind of setting. 100 percent of this program would be online. An online program would attract the non-traditional student; it would attract the working adult that cannot travel here; it can attract people across the entire country, not just in our immediate region and it also generates revenue.

Member Dozor introduced the following Resolution for the members' consideration and acceptance.

MOTION (DOZOR/FRANKLIN)

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY APPROVE THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNITY NUTRITION TO MOVE FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL, PENDING APPROVAL BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

This concluded Member Dozor's report.

Student Affairs Committee and SGA Update

Montana Leaks, representing the Student Government Association reported that the SGA is doing very well with the first three weeks of the semester. SGA is acclimating their new members. The SGA has a full Senate

and they are working to get out to the students to get their suggestions and to let them know they are interested in their ideas. The new SGA President, Gary Prince, is doing a fantastic job and SGA is in good hands this year.

Dr. Matt Bricketto, Vice President of Student Affairs, talked about the orientations that went on this summer prior to the start of classes. He talked about the Student Leadership Training (SOAR) project in which Montana also participated. He also spoke about the Involvement Fair with over 260 organizations with over 6,000 students attending. Family Weekend Events will take place on Saturday, September 19, and a large turnout is expected. Recently, there was a Mental Health Check-in Day and a Volunteer Fair that took place with more than 700 people participating and giving their time to the community.

This concluded Montana Leak's report.

Advancement

Member Silberman reported that the committee did meet. He gave brief highlights of what was covered. Fundraising is off to a good start with \$619,000 raised as of August 31, 2015. This represents 13 percent of our \$4.75 million total giving goal. In the meantime, the Annual Fund Campaign, which raises funds for operations, has achieved 25 percent of its \$1.9 million goal. Last year, the Annual Fund set a new record raising more than \$2 million for operations. Next, the \$50 million **Becoming More** campaign is making really solid progress with 64 percent of the campaign goal committed

as of August 31, 2015. By June 30, 2016, we hope to reach 80 percent of the goal.

By the end of last year, June 30, 2015, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs had submitted 65 proposals requesting over \$10 million and received 28 grants totaling \$2.25 million, a 22 percent increase in grant dollars committed over the previous year. Since July 1, 2015, we have already received more than \$1.3 million in new grant awards toward our \$3 million goal.

We also reached a Cultural Arts milestone this past June 30, 2015. For the first time, campus performing and visual arts programs drew more than 100,000 guests to the campus. This is really fantastic.

As part of West Chester University's comprehensive marketing initiative, Public Relations and Marketing continues to execute the **Learn More** image development campaign. Based on strategic plan goals and recent research, tactics will be developed and implemented to increase our visibility outside of greater Philadelphia and along the mid-Atlantic states.

This concluded Member Silberman's report.

Campus Development and Facilities

Member Matlawski reported that the committee met and he commended to the Council the summary that was included in the packet that they received. He highlighted a few projects that are ongoing.

The geo-thermal project wells that are being dug at Sykes are now completed and the parking lot is now back in full use. The next step is to put

210 wells out for bid that will be constructed behind the pump house, 805 and 807 Roslyn Avenue.

For the Business and Public Affairs Center, the footing is completed, steel erections are also up and the project completion is targeted for June of 2016.

A study will be undertaken this fall to confirm the scope, cost and timeline of the work required to move Psychology into Anderson Hall and to move Philosophy into Ruby Jones Hall. These moves would occur in the summer of 2017.

An exciting project which will come before the Council of Trustees in November is The Commons that includes a new dining hall, etc. The architectural design contract has been finalized by Harrisburg and the schematic design work is underway. Projection completion is targeted for summer 2019.

The new administration building at 30 West Rosedale was also discussed. Demolition of the existing residential house is anticipated in early 2016. Occupancy is anticipated in early 2017.

For the WCU Water Tower, WCU is requesting proposed legislation which, if enacted, will convey the water tower and a permanent utility easement to Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc.

A Comprehensive Campus Plan was approved by Cabinet and includes Sturzebecker Health Sciences Center. A feasibility study was completed and this would serve as a new athletic facility with three departments from the

College of Health Sciences relocating to North Campus in the newly completed Commons Building.

Member Matlawski referenced a report that they received regarding an update on Legionella Bacteria issue that was reported during the summer. He recommended that report to everyone. He reported that what is clear from the document is that WCU has been working closely with the Chester County Health Department and the PA Department of Environmental Protection. While there was confirmation that an employee had tested positive for Legionella, neither West Chester University nor any of the health departments have been able to affirmatively say that it was contracted here on campus. The consistent message that has come from those involved is that West Chester University has done everything necessary to make sure that this is not a problem and that all necessary precautions have been taken and no activities on campus need to be curtailed.

Member Dozor concurred that West Chester University took necessary precautions and the administration was transparent with findings and commended the work that was done to ensure the University community was safe.

This concluded Member Matlawski's report.

Information Technology

In Member Moskowitz' absence, Mr. JT Singh shared information for the Information Technology Committee. He shared some highlights including the upgrading of the Aruba Wireless Network in the summer months. The RamNet

wireless network is now ubiquitously deployed across all University campuses except for Philadelphia.

The team completed the installation of the fiber optic network cabling upgrades on North Campus and between North and South Campuses including activation of redundant network links to both the Allegheny and Bull Data Centers from all buildings around the academic oval including FHG Library, Main Hall, Philips Autograph Library, ruby Jones Hall, Anderson Hall and Recitation Hall.

Also, the RamCloud (which is a private cloud that Information Services has been building upon) is available from any device anywhere whether students are on campus or off campus. This is a big help for students who are taking distance education courses. They do not have to be on campus to access the resources that they need.

Information Services also implemented the Real-Time Sync between PeopleSoft and D2L which means less headaches for the faculty and students during the drop period. All information is live.

Administrative computing developed a Change of Grade Workflow to enable faculty to submit grade changes electronically, eliminating the paper form. The Registrar's office will no longer have to manually enter grade changes.

Content and Web Services upgraded WCU SharePoint intranet to the latest version and is working closely with the Academic Affairs division and the Space Management office. They also integrated the 25Live Campus Calendar

with the WCU Homepage, to allow a direct feed of featured events from the calendar system to the homepage. This provides a one-stop shop.

This concluded Mr. Singh's report.

Budget and Finance

Member Franklin gave the following report: The University finished another strong fiscal year in good shape. The University is ahead of budget by about \$1.4 million in revenue (about 1 percent better than budget). This is all good news. Generally, we put a plug in the end of the budget that is essentially a carry forward amount, but those funds may be needed in a budget year. That amount was \$2.5 million for the 2014-15 year. The University did not draw that down, so essentially the University ended in a very strong position.

Looking at the 2015-16 budget, there are some challenges left but everyone has had the chance to review that budget. We still do not have an appropriation from the State and no State budget yet, so the appropriation is still unclear. Having said that, Member Franklin added that the Board of Governors did approve a 3.5 percent increase in tuition which is about a \$6.3 million increase year over year for total tuition for the University.

Member Franklin recommended the adoption of the Resolution for the 2015-16 Proposed Budget.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZOR):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE 2015-16 BUDGET FOR WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY AS IT IS PROPOSED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin introduced the second Resolution which authorizes Members Christopher Franklin and Christopher A. Lewis on behalf of the Council of Trustees to buy, sell, assign and transfer assets.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/IRELAND):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CHRISTOPHER FRANKLIN AND CHRISTOPHER A. LEWIS ARE HEREBY INDIVIDUALLY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL OF THE TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, FORMERLY KNOWN AS WEST CHESTER STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE AND WEST CHESTER STATE COLLEGE, TO BUY, SELL, ASSIGN AND TRANSFER, AND TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE TRANSFER OR SALE OF STOCKS, BONDS, OR ANY OTHER REGISTERED SECURITY HELD BY SAID UNIVERSITY, AND ALSO TO EXECUTE SUCH POWERS OF ATTORNEY, PROXIES, AND OTHER PAPERS AS MAY BE REQUIRED IN REFERENCE TO SECURITIES SO HELD.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin asked to mention a clarifying item. When Member Matlawski gave his report, he mentioned a transfer of a water tank in the middle of campus to Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. and Member Franklin had a clarification for the Council of Trustees so it is understood about what happened there. Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. serves the water in this area and so the University is surrounded by Aqua infrastructure, but the tank has been owned and run by the University. Several years ago, when it became aware of the cost to paint the tank (which is about in the range of \$200,000), Aqua offered to take over the maintenance of that tank that Aqua began doing about 6 plus years ago. So, we have gone through the Rendell administration, the

Corbett administration and now the Wolf administration. Aqua is finally getting a land transfer bill to move that tank to save the University the painting cost and, obviously, Aqua will take care of the painting from this point forward. This was stated as a clarification as to why that transfer was taking place.

Chair Fillippo thanked Member Franklin for the clarification. He also congratulated Member Franklin's on his new position with Aqua Pennsylvania, Inc. He said it is remarkable and a great story, and Member Franklin bleeds purple and gold and is now one of the biggest CEO in the country. It would be interesting to learn more about the corporation because it is very large and incredible. The Chair again congratulated Member Franklin and thanked him for making WCU proud. At that time, Member Franklin received congratulatory applause.

Member Franklin thanked those in the room and remarked that his ability to succeed started out when he was a member of the WCU Student Government Association during his college years at West Chester University. It was a changing moment in his life.

This concluded Member Franklin's report.

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None.

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORTS OF LIAISON TO CONSTITUENCIES:

Member Eli Silberman reported that this year's fall PACT Conference will be held at the State System at Center City facility at 701 Market Street – downtown Philadelphia on Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00

p.m. As usual, PACT will cover overnight accommodations at a nearby hotel for the evening of November 7. The topic of the conference will focus on governance.

The PACT Conference will precede the November 8 and 9 regional Association of Governing Boards for Universities and Colleges Conference (AGB) at the Loews Hotel, 1200 Market Street. AGB is the premier organization centered on governance and the AGB meeting focuses on “Strengthening Board Committees.” The PACT Executive Board has agreed to cover the lodging and registration for one Council of Trustee representative from each university. However, we do encourage each Council and University to send additional representatives to this important conference. Please mark your calendars with “Two in Two” which signifies the PACT & AGB Conferences. The PACT Executive Board members believe the two conferences will flow together and support each other in our collective efforts to help Trustees be more effective in encouraging growth and health in our State’s System universities.

He mentioned that he and Chair Fillippo usually represent WCU at these conferences. Member Silberman encouraged all of the Trustees to attend these conferences. The other universities usually send more than two and, even though everyone has busy schedules, it would be great to take advantage of these opportunities that are offered to the Council of Trustees.

Thank you.

AGENDA ITEM XI – OLD BUSINESS:

Member Dozor mentioned that the Council had talked about modifying the Council of Trustees By-Laws to allow us to elect our Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary perhaps every 2 years instead of every year.

He referenced the existing By-Laws in Article IX, Section IV, where it states the following:

Section IV. By-laws Changed: These by-laws may be changed by a majority vote of the Council provided each member of the Council has received a copy of the proposed changes at least seven days prior to the next regular meeting at which time the vote on the changed by-laws shall be taken.

He suggested, that unless anyone has any objection, that he would like to ask the President's Office to draft the by-law change to be sent out to everyone well in advance of the next meeting to consider at the next formal Council of Trustees meeting.

AGENDA ITEM XII – NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM XIII – ADJOURNMENT:

Chair Fillippo asked that the Council of Trustees remain after the Formal Meeting is adjourned for a short Executive Session regarding a personnel matter.

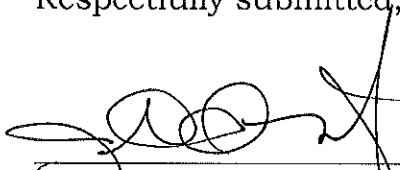
Chair Fillippo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION (MATLAWSKI/IRELAND):

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:05 P.M.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adam Matlawski', written over a horizontal line.

Adam Matlawski, Vice Chair serving as
Secretary Pro Tem