

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE CALL
APRIL 2, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER

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

Council members present were Chupka, Comitta, Dozor, Franklin, Ireland, Moskowitz, Needham, Schick, Silfa, and Tomlinson.

No members were absent.

Chairperson Tomlinson then proceeded with the meeting after the roll call was completed.

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

MOTION (DOZOR/MOSKOWITZ)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JANUARY 22, 2025 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. There was none.

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF UNION LEADERS

Margaret Ervin, President of APSCUF, WCU Chapter, and Amanda Martin, SCUPA President, addressed the Council of Trustees.

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Chair Tomlinson congratulated President Bernotsky on her inauguration, complemented her on her speech and highlighted the president’s letter in the program that reflected her vision for West Chester University.

AGENDA ITEM VI – REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

President Bernotsky provided an overview of the week of inauguration events, sharing that her goal was to highlight the excellence of West Chester University. The week began with a celebration of the “Women of West Chester,” which welcomed over 100 attendees, including students, faculty, staff, and alumni. This was followed by a day dedicated to the “Spirit of West Chester,” featuring events across campus and concluding with a Little Rams event.

The next day focused on the “Heart of West Chester,” emphasizing service and giving. As part of the day’s activities, the Resource Pantry and Career Closet hosted a friendly competition to collect the most donations.

On Thursday, the university celebrated “WCU’s Research Excellence,” showcasing 18 student research projects and recognizing 70 faculty and staff for their contributions in the areas of Student Success, Community Engagement, Sustainability, Access, and Inclusion.

The inauguration culminated on Friday with the formal ceremony and a record-breaking gala at Longwood Gardens, attended by over 450 guests.

President Bernotsky extended her thanks to the trustees who attended and expressed appreciation to the inauguration committee for organizing the week’s events.

That concluded the President’s report.

AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORTS OF LIAISONS TO CONSTITUENCIES

Chris Needham, Student Government Association liaison, gave his report.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Chairperson Tomlinson continued the meeting asking each member to report that their committee has met, provide a summary of their committee meeting, and present resolutions for consideration.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Chris Franklin reported on Finance and Administration Committee resolutions in need of approval.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/MOSKOWITZ)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY ADOPTS THE 2025-26 PROPOSED AUXILIARY BUDGETS, THE 2025-26 HOUSING RATES, THE 2025-26 FOOD SERVICE RATES, THE 2025-26 SYKES UNION FEE, THE 2025-26 PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION FEE, THE 2025-26 TECHNOLOGY FEE, AND THE 2025-26 EDUCATIONAL FEES.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE REMOVAL OF THE DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCESS FEE, THE SOUTH CAMPUS APARTMENTS RENOVATION AND EXPANSION BOND FINANCING, THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-25 MAJOR PROJECT (STARBUCKS RENOVATION), THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST, AND THE TOTAL RETURN ENDOWMENT SPENDING RATE.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Upon concluding the resolutions from the Finance and Administration Committee, Chairperson Tomlinson then called for the report from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Sue Schick reported there were two resolutions from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee in need of approval.

MOTION (SCHICK/IRELAND)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVES THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC PROGRAM ACTIONS:

New Major

1. **Master of Music in Conducting**

New Concentrations

1. **Master of Music in Conducting – Choral Conducting Concentration**
2. **Master of Music in Conducting – Instrumental Conducting Concentration**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION (SCHICK/DOZOR)

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

**Dr. Christopher M. Fiorentino,
Dean of the College of Business and Public Management Emeritus and
Professor of Economics Emeritus**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS; UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; AND ACCESS, COMPLIANCE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Jonathan Ireland reported that one resolution from the University Affairs; University Advancement and External Affairs; and Access, Compliance, and Engagement Committee needed approval.

MOTION (IRELAND/DOZOR)

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

**Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste, Trustee Emeritus
Thomas A. Fillippo, Trustee Emeritus**

Christopher A. Lewis, Trustee Emeritus

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM IX – OLD BUSINESS

None

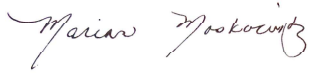
AGENDA ITEM X – NEW BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM XI – ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tomlinson adjourned the meeting. The trustees then went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,



Marian Moskowitz