

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CONFERENCE CALL
March 24, 2022
4:07 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, Ireland, Kaliszak, Moskowitz, Schick, Silfa, Tomlinson

Absent but accounted for were Members: Franklin, Kinsey

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

MOTION (DOZOR/SCHICK)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2022 MEETING AS
PRESENTED**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “We now move into our public comment.”

None via Zoom or in-person.

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

None

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

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

President Fiorentino proceeds with his report. “Thank you Senator, and good afternoon every body. You know we've had a tough couple of years and a lot of the discussions at these meetings have been difficult and problems and we're hearing more really positive stuff today and I really feel good about that. And I'm planning to add to the positivity with my brief remarks today.

First of all, Dr. Vilella alluded to this a moment ago, hopefully you saw the announcement that SSI has given a cash gift to the University of \$3.5 million towards our capital campaign. And that moves us from around \$47 million towards the \$65 million goal, to over \$50 million towards that goal. So, thanks to the SSI board and to Dr Bernie Carrozza, the Chair, and Donna Snyder, the Executive Director of SSI. They really came through with a huge gift in support of the university. The gift is focused on our students. At this point we've built the buildings that we need at the moment and we're not in need of bricks and mortar funding, so what we're focused on is student support. This is an endowment that has to be spent on students at the discretion president. So this is an incredible gift, the largest in the history of the University, and thank

you to SSI. And although they're not here maybe we can give them a round of applause.

And we have two years to go in the attainment of the total, the \$65 million. And one of the things I have found in my experience is, large gifts tend to encourage more large gifts and we are excited about the fact that this statement has been made about the worthiness of this institution to receive this kind of funding.

Speaking of television, it was featured on several of the TV stations and publications, so the word is out there about that and we're excited about what sorts of things might follow up in the two years remaining on the campaign. And it would be lovely if we could actually exceed our \$65 million goal, so we will keep working hard towards that.

To that end, I'm pleased to report that my wife, Sue, and I took a trip to Florida to do a fundraising tour again. Well, let me tell you, the average temperature is about 40 degrees and it rained most days, so it was probably nicer up here. But we'll keep that in mind for the future, Senator.

We attended 12 events over six days, traveled 700 miles and I drove, we had a rental car. We hit the Orlando area, Ocala, The Villages, Tampa, Sarasota, Venice, Punta Gorda, we really got around and had great interactions. we had some events that were groups, we had some that were small numbers of people, breakfast; lunch; dinner. Lots of great feeling out there about West Chester University and a number of the events were focused on thanking people for gifts that they have given us. And in one case, we were having such a luncheon, a stewardship luncheon, and we started talking about the Fund to Finish that you've all heard us talk about before, and my wife Sue was talking about students who get close to the finish line and then drop out because they don't have money. And the Fund to Finish is to make sure that they make it over the finish line, and this person who we were sitting there thanking for this

gift said, “well, I want to support that too,” so we walked away with an extra gift from this person. So again, just so many great things happening on this campus that a lot of the Vice Presidents have been talking about already, and there's really just incredible buzz out there about what we're doing, and it even stretches down to Florida and we really have a lot of proud alumni down there. At The Villages, I don't know if you're familiar with The Villages, but it's a huge retirement community, and we have something like 100 alumni living there. And we had an event with about 28 and they knew each other, but none of them knew that they were West Chester alums so they're coming in this meeting and saying, “oh my gosh, I play golf with you! I didn't know you're a...” so it's really starting to blossom into something, and they want to have regular events going forward. So these again, are all great things to support our future.

In the general, the activity of the comprehensive campaign, the fundraising goal of 65 million, we have lots of ongoing activities here at home – lunches, dinners, we just had an event, we have the day of giving and we raised \$100,000 on the day of giving this year, just incredible. And we had a little event happen thanks to some of the people, 48% of the donors to this event were West Chester University faculty & staff and that's an incredible tribute that our staff and faculty stepped up and supported us so incredibly. And all this great work in collaboration with the Foundation, we have an outstanding team of major gift officers working at the foundation supporting our work. And again, I remain optimistic about achieving the goal and even exceeding it.

But the \$3.5 million gift is just an incredible stretch gift SSI has provided us.

Other things that I've been busy doing. We've been talking about recruiting students, the admissions process; the admissions office asked me to do a little experiment and make some phone calls to high performing prospective students to see if maybe a conversation with the President would maybe, you know, move some of them along. So I had an opportunity for I guess four or

five nights, they gave me a list of five or six people, and I called and had a chat with a prospective student and usually a parent about West Chester and listen to their excitement and a lot of them are considering Villanova and they're considering Penn State and so forth, but West Chester's in the ballpark, they are also considering West Chester.

One quick anecdote that was interesting. I had one student and parent, the student had applied to be a nursing major, and we're all familiar with how hard it is to get into the nursing program around here. This prospect was accepted into four other major nursing programs in the region, I won't name them but you can all imagine who they probably were, and she was not accepted into the West Chester nursing program but she decided to come to West Chester anyway and become a public health major instead of majoring in nursing. So, that one baffled me a little bit but, at the end of the day, she wanted to be at West Chester. She's visiting campus, she loves it and you know what, I thought that was a really interesting anecdote; and if you asked me offline, I'll tell you the other schools.

A few other things have been going on, we just celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Frederick Douglass Institute, founded on this campus which has expanded to have an incredible impact, system wide. Dr. Tracy Robinson has been doing incredible work around the recruitment of the Frederick Douglass scholars, something that we have really doubled down on because it's a great opportunity for us to recruit diverse faculty to work on campus, and it was great to give remarks and talk about the history of the Frederick Douglass Institute and have an opportunity to see Dr. Jim Trotman, who was the founding faculty member, and spend a little time with him. So that was very nice.

I also wanted to touch on a couple things with the system. Laurie Bernotsky and I served on the PennWest peer review team, PennWest is the consolidation, the integration of schools, of Clarion, Edinburgh, and CAL. The

Chancellor put together teams to go in and assess their plans, and Laurie and I along with Matt Delaney who's the CFO from Kutztown went in and did hard work. And Laurie in particular really dug into the numbers, we really believe we helped them understand some of the challenges that they face and opportunities they have. And the Chancellor seemed to be very appreciative of the work that we did, and I will say that, as a result of a lot of this work, what the Chancellor said to me is that the other schools are relying more on data in their decision making than they ever have before. And that is to a great extent, a result of the work that Laurie has done in terms of turning data into information and providing really valuable support for these other schools. And I also do want to mention, she mentioned in her remarks but, her work on the allocation formula, it's just outstanding. We all know that the allocation formula has been structured in a way that is more supportive of smaller schools than larger schools, it has been our position, that allocation formula has really become a little bit tilted away from us in ways that are unfair to our students. And the Presidents and Chancellor and Board Chair agreed to a set of principles in terms of developing a new formula, which it's time to have a new formula. And Laurie has been doing outstanding work in laying the groundwork for what a fair formula, that takes into account the needs of all the schools and all the students, would look like. And Laurie, thank you for that work, we do believe that the students of West Chester University, and Millersville, and Kutztown, and Slippery Rock, and East Stroudsburg, Shippensburg, some of the schools that have been subsidizers over time, are going to benefit from the new formula that will result from this work. So, again Laurie, thank you, thank you for that. I know it's not quite finished, but we're getting close.

I'm also happy to report that East Stroudsburg has reconvened it's presidential search process, which means I'm now their presidential advisor in that process. And the difference now is that for the first phase of it, it was all done over Zoom, now, this means I'm going to have to take some trips to the

Poconos. So, I will happily support the work of East Stroudsburg in this selection of their next President.

Last weekend, we had the most recent President Speaker Series event. It was Christopher Jackson, who played George Washington in Hamilton. It was a very special evening, of course we have our portrait of George Washington over at Tanglewood and Chris joined us for dinner, a small group of supporters joined us for dinner with Chris, and I took a picture of him standing next to the George Washington portrait that I'd be glad to share with every body, it's pretty special. He walked in and saw the portrait and certainly was fascinated by it. We told him the story of it, I said, can I get a picture? And Erica, our photographer, who was here earlier had already left, and so I snapped a picture with my iPhone and it's up on social media, and again I haven't my pocket so I'm happy to show any one that would be interested to see it.

This was the best attended Presidential Lecture that has occurred on my watch, and the crowd was enthusiastic. I did notice that, when he was introduced, he received a bigger, louder applause than I did when I was introduced, but I was okay with that. But I'm also pleased to announce that we've already secured our Presidential Lecture Speaker for next year as Erin Brockovich, the noted environmentalist, who they made a movie about her, and she's now very focused on issues around climate change, and so we're excited to be bringing Erin to campus next year.

I want to mention we had a presentation on fees that Todd Murphy and Ilene Mates gave us a few minutes ago and one of the things they mentioned was the student activity fee. The student activity fee is unique in our overall fee structure because this is not a fee that is sent to the COT for approval, this is a fee that works through the Student Services Incorporated and the approval process is to the President. I did approve an increase in that fee of 12%. The fee is increased very infrequently and we looked at the distribution of the fee, it supports athletics, it supports student organizations, and we really felt that

with the increase in the number of student organizations, we really needed to increase the fee. The increase was \$20 a semester, as I said, 12%, but that was part of the overall increase and we're very proud that you kept the fee increase to 2%.

We're obviously in a state of high inflation right now, you're all aware of that, and that certainly is impacting the things that we spend money on here at the university and through the hard work of Ilene and Laurie and Todd and Zeb and others, we relied on a combination of use of reserves and then modest increases that enabled us to keep the overall fee increases to 2%. And West Chester continues to be the university in the state system of higher education with the lowest overall cost of attendance, and we continue to be extremely proud of that also, we work very hard to keep our fees in line to keep our costs as low as we can.

And just a comment, the 150th anniversary celebration has been outstanding. Dr. John Vilella led the effort, obviously with the support of many people, it has been a wonderful celebration of the history of this campus, the great legacy and a whole array of events. And John listed some of the things that we're going to be doing between now and the end, a real flurry of special events, to wrap up the year and to reflect on a history of 150 years and to turn our attention to the first year of the next 150 years and all the great things that are happening on this campus is very exciting. So thank you John for all of your work and the people who worked with you.

And Mr. Chairman, that concludes my presentation.

MOTION (DOZOR/SCHICK):

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONTRACTS FOR
DECEMBER 2021 AND JANUARY 2022.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chairperson Tomlinson, “If I could just go back for a brief moment on your presentation. We've had this debate in the past and I wasn't too encouraged about it, but are we giving any more thought to increasing our nursing school at all? I think what do we have 60? We accept 60 students into our nursing program? The reason why, this was a debate a long, long time ago and I was not hot on it, because there were so many other schools around here doing it, but there's such a demand for nurses and teachers actually, have we given any thought to, I don't think we'd be doing any harm to any other schools around us if we thought about expanding our nursing program.

President Fiorentino, “Well, Jeff why don't you comment on the clinical challenges.”

Dr. Osgood proceeds, “Absolutely, we're actually closer to about 90 admits but I want to give you a fuller context in a way for us to actually meet the nursing shortage. So, one of the one of the great limiters of the number of applicants we can admit, especially for first year first time students, is the number of clinical sites, we have. And so, one of the best things we can do is actually continue our strong partnership with Delaware County Community College where they earn their ASN, their two year RN degree there, because when they come here to finish the BSN, they don't have to do any clinicals. We just do them entirely

in the classroom so, because we're seeing the competition for clinicals, even in the physician assistant program, and so as each school is trying to ramp up to meet the needs of the nursing shortage we're all competing for a finite number of clinical sites, so that is, it's less about institutional decision whether we can increase that first year first semester admission of nurses and whether or not we've got the hospitals. As you know, we're having fewer psychiatry rotations because of the closure of some of the behavioral health hospitals, with all the potential looming closure of the VA as well, all that is actually only exacerbating the clinical side issue for our students, but what we can do is, is continue to partner with the community colleges, so they can focus on getting them the clinical hours, and then we take them and then we deliver them across the line to the BSN.”

Vice Chair Dozor comments, “Now last month or so ago, we had, COTs had the opportunity of touring the new facility on campus which will house some of the nursing programs right? And we saw a facility that’s absolutely exquisite. And if you build it, they will come. We have built it, so if we can take the initiative, there's no doubt that we will attract. And some of these reasons are very good reasons, I understand them, but frankly we've been hearing them for 20 years. For as long as I've been on here there's been one excuse after the other, all good ones and as a result what we chose to do is, we chose to attract a mix of master's degrees, nursing, which has been helpful and is attracting students and then we had a PhD, and that has been helpful.”

Dr. Osgood continues, “Well I'm glad that you saw the facility, because the State Board of Nursing has slowly allowed us to shift to some of the clinical hours to be simulated clinical hours and so now, with the addition of this building we'll be able to alleviate some of that burden and then increase enrollment a little.”

Vice Chair Dozor replies, “We really should talk about a call over the next few years of 200 students, that's reasonable.”

Dr. Osgood, “OK, we'll bring a plan forward.”

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “Thank you, thank you Barry for your comments on that. But I know I've heard so many good things about our students. Let's build that up, I mean I didn't even know it's up to 90 so I appreciate that. Let's continue to look into building that program, there is a tremendous demand and I don't think that demand is going to diminish for quite a while so thank you. Thank you President Fiorentino for your 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, “Would each member, please report that the committee has met, provide a summary of your committee meeting, and present resolutions for consideration. Finance and Administration. I don't think Chris is with us, Marian, are you going to take care of that for us?”

Member Moskowitz proceeds, “Hi I'm here. The committee met, and I do have four resolutions before you today, the first one, if I can read it is for food service fees.”

MOTION (MOSKOWITZ/DOZOR):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING FOOD SERVICE FEES BE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2022.

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 Moskowitz continues, “this next one is for the Health Center Fee.”

MOTION (MOSKOWITZ/DOZOR):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$27.06 PER SEMESTER TO THE HEALTH CENTER FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$198.84 PER SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2022.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Moskowitz proceeds with Finance & Administration's third resolution.

MOTION (MOSKOWITZ/SCHICK):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$3.85 PER SEMESTER TO THE CAMPUS RECREATION FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$157.69 PER SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2022.

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

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Moskowitz continues,

MOTION (MOSKOWITZ/DOZOR):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE 2022-23 AUXILIARY BUDGETS FOR WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY AS IT IS PROPOSED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Vice Chair Dozor continues with the next Finance & Administration resolution,

MOTION (DOZOR/SCHICK):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES \$100 PER SEMESTER HONORS ACTIVITY FEE FOR A MAXIMUM OF EIGHT (8) SEMESTERS. THE NEW FEE OF \$100 IS EFFECTIVE FALL SEMESTER 2022.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Continuing with the next Finance & Administration resolution,

MOTION (DOZOR/IRELAND):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THAT THE CURRENT 3.5% TOTAL RETURN ENDOWMENT SPENDING RATE OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE ENDOWMENT BE CONTINUED FOR THE 2022-23 FISCAL YEAR.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Vice Chair Dozor presents the final Finance & Administration resolution,

MOTION (DOZOR/SCHICK):

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 PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON MAY 1, 2022.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “We can move onto Academic and Student Affairs”

Member Schick gives her report, “Yes, I met with Zeb and Jeff and learned a lot of exciting things going on, particularly how these resolutions impact our students, so that was informative. Also about the Foundation augmenting the scholarships in the campaign that we spoke about with Fund to the Finish and how that will specifically impact students as well as build on our DE&I initiatives and efforts with our student body.”

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “Are there any reports of University Affairs?”

Member Ireland relays that there is no University Affairs report at this time.”

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

None

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORT OF LIASON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES:

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “Erin Kaliszak, would you please give us your report on Student Liaison?”

Member Erin Kaliszak gives her report, “Good evening everyone. With spring break now behind us, we are headed full force into the last seven weeks of the Semester. First, we have 42 junior and senior students who were selected to receive the 1871 Award, which is an award that recognizes students who excel in the academic and co-curriculum realms and it's based upon the criteria of academics, leadership, community engagement, and career readiness. An in person award ceremony will be held to recognize these students on Saturday April 2 at 5:30pm in the Sykes Student Union ballroom.

And then next we have nomination letters for the 2021-2022 Leadership Awards, which are now live and are due by Wednesday March 30 at 11:59pm. These awards are in place to recognize the high achieving student leaders, organizations, advisors, and events that West Chester University holds. Anyone can submit a nomination letter and they are highly encouraged to do so, and the official Leadership Award Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 5pm in the Sykes Student Union ballrooms.

And next, the Student Government Association Executive Board elections for the 2022-2023 academic school year have officially concluded and I'm excited to announce that the President will be Catherine Young, Vice President will be Karen Mercy, Secretary will be Sierra Irving, Treasurer will be Kid Spalding,

Parliamentarian will be Brendan Gallon, and the Public Relations Officer will be Jasmine Stewart.

And then, in addition to all of this, there's various events that are coming up in April, which some people have already touched on. But first, on Tuesday April 5 in the Sykes Ballrooms, the Student Government Association, along with the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement, will be hosting a Council Organization meeting that is designed to provide resources and information for the 2022-2023 Executive Board members of our 300 plus student organizations on campus. We'll use breakout sessions in that meeting to help student leaders learn about different areas of leading an organization on campus, which will include recruitment and retention, financial, organization operations, and then a transition of session that will be regarding how to leave a legacy at West Chester University.

And then next, somebody already touched on this, but we have Ramboree and I have a report from the Ramboree committee just to report out on. So, Ramboree will be held Friday April 22 and it's open to all students, staff, faculty, alumni, and their families and the purpose is to bring together the WCU community and celebrate the end of the academic year. The event kicks off Alumni Weekend and it is part of our closing weekend festivities for our celebration. The event will take place from noon to 6:30pm at Ram Park and there'll be live music throughout the event, which will include student performers as well as the cover band, Go Go Gadget, which will perform on the main stage at 4:30pm. There'll also be food trucks and a variety of activities, including a card reader, a caricature artists and pancake art. A free T shirt and food tickets will be given to all students, while supplies last and then at 6:30pm Rammy will lead on the community down to South Campus to watch the football scrimmage at the stadium. And then as it was mentioned, the day will be capped off with fireworks at 9pm. Ramboree was first held in 2019 but it had to be modified due to rain, it was not held in 2020 or 2021

because of the pandemic so we're really excited to bring it back for our 150th year.

And then finally, I wanted to quickly share some information about an initiative led by the awesome Wellness Promotion, called the Ram Box Program. And the Ram Box Program is a private subscription-like wellbeing education and supply resource, that's free for students. There are different types of Ram Boxes that students can receive, but one that is highlighted is a Ram Box that includes friendship bracelets, postcards to mail, jokes, articles on the importance of connection, popcorn, and cards with questions that will help students connect with those people in their lives. And then the purpose of these Ram Boxes is to provide resources to students to connect with family, friends or loved ones during both joyful times, as well as difficult times.

So, that's everything I have, so thank you and end of report.

Chairperson Tomlinson thanks Member Kaliszak for her report and asks Member Ireland to give his report.

Member Ireland gives report. “59So for the Alumni Association on February 22 via Zoom, I attended the West Chester University Alumni Association Board Meeting. At this Board Meeting we reviewed the Board of Directors slated for election, and the list of Distinguished Alumni Awards that will be given out this year, I'm not at liberty to divulge those individuals at this time. Other topics that we reviewed were chapter development, homecoming, outreach, strategic planning, and chapter reports. And the chapter reports are going very well, they're meeting all over the place, inside the Commonwealth as well as outside.

Then we heard from the West Chester University Foundation on the 150th anniversary and 150 Campaign, and the video that was designed and made for this event; it's an incredible video, I can't wait for you all to see it.

Last but not least, Alumni Weekend is scheduled, as we've heard many times, on April 22 to the 24th. On Saturday morning, 9am to 11am, there will be the annual Alumni Association breakfast and board meeting. All alumni are invited to attend this board meeting. The board meetings normally during the year are not for just anybody, only people on the board so it's a lot of fun, it's gonna be great, everybody be there.

Oh, and the website, if you need the details about this weekend is www.alumni.org/aw If there are any questions, I will be more than happy to answer them.”

Vice Chair Dozor inquires, “Jon, I think right now, you are attending our PACT Conference?”

Member Ireland responds. “Yes, I am. Betty [Silfa] is here as well.”

Vice Chair Dozor requests a report.

Member Ireland continues, “So, I was just about to. It's been very educational, but one of the main things I think should be noted is, I was in a discussion with Dr Dale Elizabeth Pehrsson, President of the consolidated PennWest University, and she sang the praises, extremely highly, of Chris and Laurie

and all the work that they have done and all the help that they have given in order to bring the consolidation together. So, I wanted to let Chris and Laurie know that she said you two were instrumental and extremely helpful. I'll have more report Barry when we're done, and when I come back for the April board meeting, and if there are no other questions that concludes my report.”

Chairperson Tomlinson and Vice Chair Dozor thank Members Ireland and Silfa for attending the PACT Conference on behalf of the other COT members.

AGENDA ITEM XI – OLD BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM XII – NEW BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM XII – ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Tomlinson, “And I believe that brings us to our adjournment.”

MOTION (DOZOR/SCHICK)

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:37 P.M.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Moskowitz

Marian Moskowitz