

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CONFERENCE CALL
May 17, 2023
4:04 PM**

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:

Council members present were Members: Chupka, Ireland, Schick, Silfa, Tomlinson, Ward

Absent but accounted for were Members: Dozor, Fillippo, Franklin, Kinsey, Moskowitz

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

Mr. Andy Lehman proposes that after the Pledge, we move to resolutions and come back to the President's remarks.

AGENDA ITEM II – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Dr. Jeffery Osgood, "Senator, as we spoke with you earlier, we're going to go ahead and read the finance resolutions. We're going to offer those up.

Chairperson Tomlinson moves to combine Finance & Administration resolutions one (1) through nine (9) into one resolution with consent of council.

MOTION (TOMLINSON/SCHICK)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY APPROVE THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION RESOLUTIONS ONE (1) THROUGH NINE (9).

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Chairperson Tomlinson moves onto Academic & Student Affairs.

Member Schick proceeds, “So I have two (2) motions. The first is the combination of the 5 resolutions that Jeff shared, the Emeritus Designation Resolution, the Special Emeritus designation, Campus Diversity Award Resolution, E. Riley Holman Award Resolution, and the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award Resolution. With the consent of the Council of Trustees, I move those resolutions, listed one (1) through five (5), of the Academic Student Affairs Committee agenda be adopted.

MOTION (SCHICK/CHUPKA)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY APPROVAL THE FOLLOWING FIVE (5) RESOLUTIONS: THE EMERITUS DESIGNATION RESOLUTION; THE SPECIAL EMERITUS DESIGNATION RESOLUTION; THE CAMPUS DIVERSITY AWARD RESOLUTION; THE E.RILEY HOLMAN AWARD RESOLUTION; AND THE LINDBACK DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD RESOLUTION.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Member Shick continues with her second resolution for consideration, “The second is the Resolution of the Approval of Changes to academic offerings that were reviewed. This is a series of title changes, new minors, certifications, certificates, concentrations, and majors.”

MOTION (SCHICK/CHUPKA)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY APPROVE THE FOLLOWING 2022-2023 ACADEMIC PROGRAM ACTIONS:

TITLE CHANGES (5); NEW MINORS, CERTIFICATIONS, AND CERTIFICATES (5); NEW MAJORS (2); PROGRAMS IN MORATORIUM (10).

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Dr. Jeffery Osgood closes, “Thank you, Senator. That’s all the resolutions at this time.

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

Chairperson Tomlinson calls for the approval of the March 22, 2023 minutes as distributed to the Council.

MOTION (SCHICK/CHUPKA)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 22, 2023 MEETING AS PRESENTED

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “Public Comment – no one online. And I see that our APSCUF President is not present, so no comments from them.

OK, we can move on from Public Comment

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

None

AGENDA ITEM VI – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Chairperson Tomlinson continues and calls on President Fiorentino for his report.

President Fiorentino proceeds with his report. “Yes. Thank you, Senator. Good afternoon everyone. Obviously, great time year, Jeff mentioned commencement. We had a very successful commencement; 16 ceremonies over 3 days. As you know, we run small ceremonies, very intimate, and breakdown by college, which has been very well received by our students and their families. And I have to say that if you happen to see any of the ceremonies, they all run very smoothly, but under the surface there is a team of people working furiously to figure out how to put on 16 commencements over 3 days. And Andy Lehman, who is present, but that effort I also have to give kudos to Mary Beth Kurimay and actually many, many people from the campus, like too many to name, but the volunteers and staff working overtime to make sure that everything just went very smoothly in the ceremonies and that was wonderful. And I can tell you, having the opportunity to look into the eyes of the graduates as I shook their hands, and I think Dr. Osgood could certainly say the same thing.

Anybody who thinks that getting a college degree is not important these days, is not really tuned into what's going on. They were excited to be graduating, thrilled, happy, and we're all very excited about where they're going to go from

here. So, definitely the time of year to get our batteries charged, we're all exhausted from the weekend, but it's very satisfying with what is happening in this institution. So, thank you all for participating.

I'll also mention that this was the first graduating class for the biomedical-engineering program, and the first graduating class for the physician's assistant program, both major milestones for us as an institution.

A couple of other interesting things to report. I'm pleased to report that the university was selected by the United States Department of Education as a green ribbon school for post-secondary sustainability. This prestigious award was a culmination of the hard work of our Office of Sustainability in conjunction with the support from the West Chester University Sustainability Council. I would like to recognize our Director of Sustainability, Dr. Bradley Flamm and Dr. Aliza Richman, who is the chair of the WCU Sustainability Council. We are nationally recognized as a school committed to sustainability, and that is a significant accomplishment. And we will be attending an award ceremony in Washington, D.C. in August and I understand that Andy Lehman and Brad Flamm will be attending to represent the University.

I wanted to extend kudos to Human Resources. Yesterday, and part of today, was our employee appreciation event. We had a great day yesterday. People gathered over in the SECC. We had a big luncheon and lots of activities, and a keynote speaker. It was very well attended, I think, very much appreciated by the staff and the HR folks did a really great job setting that up. And then today, there was a lunch over in the Rec Center, and lots of activities. Unfortunately, I had to put my suit on for the COT or I would've been there for the floor hockey game. But I do also want to mention, I happened to have a conversation while I was over there with Mike Reno, who is the Director of the Rec Center, and we started talking about right intermural activities, and I had no idea, and I asked him to send me some statistics, so I just want to read through this quickly. This is just intermural sports activities on the campus. I said, well you know,

how many teams participate? And he said that there were 49 flag football teams; 28 indoor soccer teams; 73 5-on-5 basketball teams; 28 outdoor soccer teams; 34 softball teams, with a total of 3,036 participants in all these various things; and then group fitness activities, there were 979 sessions with a total of 10,479 total participants. So, you know, when we talk about student health and wellness, this is very impressive that we have this level of activity in our intermural sports, and I had no idea. So, I thought that was something worth just bringing up here today, and to just note that we have such a thriving intermural sports program here at the University.

Just a couple of quick updates. We've had the Gala since our last meeting which we had mentioned to you. We raised \$120,000 for scholarships, and it was attended by 250 people at Longwood Gardens, which was fabulous. Also, the final outcome of our charter day of giving, we raised \$175,929 on our charter day of giving, which is just wonderful.

We also had an event attended by Senator Casey and Representative Houlihan to commemorate, and honor the fact that they were able to secure for us a \$700,000 Federal grant to support STEM education. And the Senator and Representative were on campus, we had a nice ceremony and they took a tour of the building. It was a very nice day.

We had a terrific alumni weekend. The weather was not cooperative, but people showed up anyway and celebrated in the tent. We had a very wet spring football game, a lot of enthusiasm, and Coach is very excited about the recruiting class coming in. So, we're expecting good things there.

And with that I want to introduce Chief Ray Stevenson, who, by the way, Chief got his own master's degree this weekend, right?

The Chief is going to make a special presentation for us here as part of my remarks.

Chief Stevenson steps forward with Captain Rob Herzog and proceeds, "Hello, everyone! With me is Captain Rob Herzog. I wanted to acknowledge, on November 23rd, while Captain Herzog was going to his canine service training, he came upon a vehicle stopped at a stop sign, not moving. So, Captain being the Captain, exited his vehicle and as he approached the vehicle, the vehicle start drifting forward and went down the embankment and came to a dead end. And the Captain responded and found the gentleman slumped over on the passenger side. So, Captain Herzog jumped into action, was able to get the gentleman, Mr. Chalfont, out of the vehicle and administer, AED and CPR. And for his heroic actions, Mr. Chalfont made it full recovery. He has been at our station several times to thank him with all kinds of food, gifts, and to stop and say hi. So, I just wanted to acknowledge Captain Herzog's actions, especially with what goes on now in law enforcement, you know there's a negative perception and I think it's high time that we celebrate the good things in law enforcement. So, thank you very much.

And if he seems a little uncomfortable, Rob is not the one to be at the forefront.

President Fiorentino remarks, "So we're not going to get a speech? Rob, we're very proud that you leapt into action, and I would expect nothing else. And it's amazing that our police officers are just prepared to encounter things like that and leap into action. So congratulations, and I'm sure from your perspective, it was just what you would expect to do in a situation like that. But for the rest of us, it's quite impressive. So, thank you!

Okay, and the purchase orders and contracts. March 1st, 2023, through April 30th, 2023 are listed in materials for your review. If there are there are any questions or concerns my cabinet and I are available to discuss them with you. And if there are no question, Mr. Chair, that concludes my report.

Chairperson Tomlinson thanks President Fiorentino for his report.

AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT:

None.

AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

None.

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF LIASON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES:

Chairperson Tomlinson calls for the report of Liaison Person to Constituencies.

Member Ward gives her report, “Good evening everyone! With the end of semester and the 2022-2023 academic school year coming to a close, I only have a few areas of student life to report on. First, the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement hosted the 2022-2023 West Chester University Student Leadership Awards in Sykes Ballroom on Tuesday, May 2nd. Over 200 people attended, and there were a total of 236 nominations received, and SLI recognized 186 different students and student organizations. Many individuals were recognized for their nominations, but a total of 34 awards were given out to student leaders, organizations, and advisors.

Next, the Student Government Association Executive Board Elections for the 2023-2024 academic school year have officially concluded and I am excited to announce who will be representing and transitioning into these roles for the coming school year: President – Alexandra Clancy, Vice President - Sierra Irving, Secretary - Aliza Greenfield, Treasurer - Jasmine Stewart, Parliamentarian - Keliyah Hanely, and Public Relations Officer - Annie Winketa. The Student Government Association Transition Ceremony was held in Phillips Conference Room on Thursday, April 27th to swear in the new SGA Executive Board. Additionally, the Student Government Association Senator Elections

were held on Tuesday, May 2nd in the SECC and a total of 22 senate seats, that represent different areas of campus, were filled. In an effort to engage more students, elections were also held via D2L instead of Zoom for the first time since the pre-pandemic.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for teaching me about university operations this past year. Providing me with countless opportunities, as well as working around my busy class schedules, we can all thank tax class for that! Tax class taught me a lot but thankfully after seeing my posted term grades I don't have to take any more tax classes next year, or file any more mock tax returns for free for Dr. Flynn anymore. Thank you again for a wonderful year and I look forward to working with you all again next year as we continue to work together to make WCU a great place for all students, faculty and staff. I am honored to serve again next year in my final year as Student Trustee.”

Chairperson Tomlinson thanks Member Ward for her report.

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

None

AGENDA ITEM XI – OLD BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM XII – NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM XII – ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Tomlinson comments, “It’s important, I didn’t know, that was the campus police, not the town police. I think it's important that we make sure that people know that there are policemen that did their job right for our

community. So I think that's important to know. But thank you very much. I think that concludes anything, unless anybody else says anything to offer. No.

Council of Trustees will be surveying meeting dates for the 23-24 academic year and will be established in the near future. Thank you for joining us. I want to extend everyone warm wishes, good health, and a prosperous summer.

I motion to adjourn.”

MOTION (SCHICK/CHUPKA)

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 4:52 PM

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,



Marian Moskowitz