

California University of Pennsylvania
Council of Trustees Regular Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, March 7, 2017 | 7:00 PM

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Council of Trustees at California University of Pennsylvania met in regular session on Wednesday, March 7, 2017, in the Old Main Conference Room, Office of the President. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Larry Maggi, Chair.

II. RECORDING ATTENDANCE

Roll call indicated the following Council members in attendance:

Present:

Mr. Larry Maggi, Ms. Annette Ganassi, Mr. James Davis, Mrs. Michele Mandell, and Ms. Claudia Pehowic. Via Telephone: Ms. Sarah Cassin, Mr. Robert Miner, and Mr. Walton.

Absent:

Mrs. Robin Betza, Mr. Sean Logue and Mr. Thomas Uram.

The following were also in attendance: Geraldine M. Jones, University President, Dr. Bruce Barnhart, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Mr. Robert Thorn, Vice President for Administration and Finance, Dr. Nancy Pinaridi, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Ms. Kelly Moran, Chief of Staff to the President.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Mandell, and seconded by Ms. Ganassi, to approve the minutes of the regular quarterly meeting of December 7, 2016 and the special meeting of January 9, 2017.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Senior mathematics major, Brendan Linton, gave remarks.

V. APSCUF COMMENTS

APSCUF President, Barbara Hess, addressed the Council regarding the APSCUF grievance thus resulting APSCUF to be placed on the COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES agenda.

NOTE: Mr. Thomas Uram entered the meeting at 7:10 pm.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Maggi updated the Council on the requirements of the annual University President Evaluation process. A motion was made by Ms. Ganassi, and seconded by Ms. Pehowic, to approve the nomination of Mr. Larry Maggi, Mr. James Davis, and Mr. Thomas Uram to serve on the Presidential Evaluation Committee.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

VII. PACT UPDATE

Trustee Mandell encouraged Trustees to attend the 2017 Spring PACT Conference to be held on April 19-20, 2017, at the Sheraton Harrisburg Hershey Hotel. Keynote speaker, Dr. Cliff Wharton, will address sustainability in higher education. Governor Tom Wolfe will be one of the featured speakers as well as Cal U's Dr. Stan Komacek.

VIII. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jones introduced and welcomed Ms. Kelly Moran, Chief of Staff to the President, to her first Council of Trustees meeting. President Jones then informed the Trustees that after a year of data collection and analysis, the implementation phase of Cal U's Strategic Enrollment Plan (SEP) was launched on February 9th. Administrators, faculty, staff and students were all involved in developing the seventy page SEP report, which lays out plans to better identify, attract and retain qualified students. The full report and supporting data are available to the campus community. President Jones' reported that Cal U's spring 2017 headcount declined about 1% compared to spring 2016, but enrollment figures for the fall semester look promising.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Nominating Committee

Chairman Maggi informed the Council that the election of officers will take place at the June 7, 2017, Reorganizational Meeting of the Council of Trustees, per the bylaws. The Nominating Committee recommends Annette Ganassi for Chair of the Council of Trustees and James Davis as Vice Chair of the Council of the Trustees.

B. Academic Affairs

Provost Barnhart provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Informational Items

Provost reported that freshman applications and acceptances have improved by 13% or more compared to the same time last year and the number of potential students making deposits has increased even more dramatically. The University is encouraged by these early numbers as the next implementation phase of the strategic enrollment plan rolls out.

C. Administration & Finance

Vice President Thorn provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Quarterly Contracts and Purchases

A motion was made by Ms. Ganassi, and seconded by Mrs. Mandell, to approve the quarterly contracts and purchases negotiated or awarded by the President or her designee, as well as all contracts for consultative services for the period of October 21, 2016 through January 20, 2017, totaling \$2,528,824.04.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

2. Capital Spending Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Miner, and seconded by Mr. Uram to approve the Capital Projects Spending Plan proposed for fiscal years 2017-2018 through 2021-2022, which calls for the construction of a new Science Building on the California University campus and an addition and renovation to Keystone Hall. Act 40 of 2004 authorized the new Science Building project for \$20 million and utilizing 2017 new construction costs, this project now estimates to be \$37,429,235. A full life cycle renovation for Keystone Hall using 2017 new construction and renovation costs estimates to \$23,687,088.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

3. New Herron Recreation and Fitness Center Operation Fee

A motion was made by Mr. Uram, and seconded by Mrs. Mandell to approve the new Herron Recreation Center Operation and Maintenance fee in the amount of \$27/semester for both Graduate and Undergraduate students. The purpose of this new fee is to sustain this auxiliary facility in a self-supporting manner.

Yeas: Ms. Cassin, Mr. Mr. Davis, Mr. Uram, Ms. Ganassi, Mr. Walton, Mrs. Mandell, Mr. Maggi, and Mr. Miner

Nays: Ms. Pehowic

Motion Passed

4. Increase to Student Center Operations & Maintenance Fee

A motion was made by Ms. Ganassi, and seconded by Mr. Uram to approve a \$42 increase to the Student Center Operation and Maintenance Fee from \$134/semester to \$176/semester. This increase is necessary to cover the costs of operating and maintaining the Natali Student Center.

Yeas: Mr. Davis, Mr. Miner, Ms. Ganassi, Mr. Uram, Mrs. Mandell, Mr. Walton, and Mr. Maggi.

Nays: Ms. Cassin and Ms. Pehowic

Motion Passed

5. Proposed Meal Plan Rates

A motion was made by Mrs. Mandell, and seconded by Mr. Davis to approve the 2% - 3.25% increase to the base price for all meal plans using the Bureau of Labor Statistics and Dining Services Consumer Pricing Index.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

6. Doctor of Criminal Justice Tuition Rate

A motion was made by Mr. Davis, and seconded by Mr. Walton to approve the differential tuition rate for the Doctor of Criminal Justice degree to 110% of the current base resident and non-resident Global Online rate.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

7. 2016-2017 University Budget Update

Vice President Thorn presented an update on the 2016-2017 budget.

D. Student Affairs

Vice President Pinaridi provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Informational Items

PA Governor Tom Wolf launched the "It's On UsPA" campaign for colleges/universities to be part of the solution to protect students from sexual violence. Cal U received \$29,994 of the allocation. Nancy Skobel, Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Director of the Women's Center and the END Violence Center, said the project encourages bystanders to step in to protect others and prevent sexual violence. The grant also covers training for police and others who interact with victims. A short video was shown of students, faculty, and administrators taking the pledge and encouraging others to do so.

E. Marketing

Dr. Barnhart provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Informational Items

Dr. Barnhart reported that as the University becomes more concerned about visibility, Cal U has revamped a television campaign strategy that will reach viewers throughout February, March and April. The advertisements will feature the World is Waiting Campaign with one 5-second tag to focus on Cal U's open houses with a second to focus on Making an Application.

Undergraduate Admissions and Marketing have partnered to develop a welcome packet for accepted students. This packet was shared with the Trustees and will be out to students a week after their acceptance letters to provide them with the basic information they need to move from accepted to enrolled.

F. University Development & Alumni Relations

Associate Vice President Tony Mauro provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Informational Items

For fiscal year 2016-2017 reporting (fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016) to date, University Development has raised \$2,189,843 in donations and pledges. This is an increase of \$150,108 over the average of the previous four year's totals, during the same reporting period).

The University received \$700,000 from a foundation to continue community environmental programs for the next two years.

The University received a \$60,000 donation from a charitable trust to continue their support of special education teaching programs for education majors.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

NONE

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Mr. Davis, and seconded by Mr. Walton, for the meeting to adjourn at 8:54 p.m.