

California University of Pennsylvania
Council of Trustees Regular Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Council of Trustees at California University of Pennsylvania met in regular session on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, in the Old Main Conference Room, Office of the President. The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m. by Annette Ganassi, Chair.

II. RECORDING ATTENDANCE

Roll call indicated the following Council members in attendance:

Present:

Annette Ganassi, James Davis, Robin Betza, Michele Mandell, Larry Maggi, Robert Miner, and Thomas Uram

Absent:

Sarah Cassin and Sean Logue

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by James Davis, and seconded by Larry Maggi, to approve the minutes of the regular quarterly meeting of March 1, 2017 and the special meeting of April 6, 2017.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

V. APSCUF COMMENTS

APSCUF President, Barbara Hess, addressed the Council concerning the letter of retrenchment the University issued on April 1st. Hess expressed concerns that APSCUF is uncertain how to answer faculty questions on the notice of possible retrenchment, because APSCUF has not been told what programs may be eliminated.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ganassi informed the Council that Ellen Mari Boyle is currently in the process of being interviewed by the Board of Governors for a seat on the Council as a Student Trustee. Chairman Ganassi announced available seats on the Council of Trustees committees and asked that Trustees interested in serving on a committee contact Kelly Moran. Chairman Ganassi will present proposed assignments at the September quarterly meeting. Chairman Ganassi presented Larry Maggi with a gift to recognize and thank him for his service as Chairman of the Council of Trustees.

VII. PACT UPDATE

Trustee Mandell reported that the 2017 Spring PASSHE PACT Conference held in very well attended and successful. Mandell thanked those who attended and noted that those who were unable to attend could review the conference material on the PACT website. The PACT Executive Board and Council Chairs will meet at Dixon University Center on July 11, 2017, for a one-day meeting. The dates and information for the Fall PACT conference will be forthcoming.

VIII. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jones recognized, thanked and congratulated former Trustee Aaron A. Walton, who recently stepped down from both the Board of Governors and the Council of Trustees in order to serve as Interim President of Cheyney University. President Jones reported that summer term enrollment was up by 2.6% compared to this time last year. Jones also reported that fall term enrollment outlook appears positive with acceptances and deposits received up 18% over last year. Jones noted that University will continue to focus on strategic enrollment initiatives and will continue to review existing programs and continue to create new programs in science, technology and other high-demand disciplines.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs

Provost Barnhart provided the quarterly updated to Council.

1. Informational Items

Provost reported that the University is offering 174 graduate and 136 undergraduate courses for the summer term. Provost announced that the Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant program received a 10-year reaccreditation by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Provost also reported that during the past quarter, five Cal U faculty members received notifications of new grant awards totaling nearly \$340,000.

B. Administration & Finance

Vice President Thorn provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Quarterly Contracts and Purchases

A motion was made by Maggi, and seconded by 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 January 21, 2017 through April 20, 2017.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

2. Facilities Inspection

A motion was made by Mandell, and seconded by Betza to approve the annual inspection of facilities report that outlined the state of all University educational and general and auxiliary buildings, as well as its infrastructure.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

3. University External Financial Support

A motion was made by Miner, and seconded by Davis to approve the resolution and statement certifying the University complies with Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

4. 2016-2017 University Budget Update

Vice President Thorn provided reported on the 2016-2017 budget. Thorn reviewed budget scenarios and noted the campus-wide effort that trimmed the University's operational expenses by more than \$5 million during the past fiscal year, with projections for \$2.2 million in additional savings in 2017-2018. Thorn noted the \$1.9 million in costs associated with recent collective bargaining agreements, the University had to dip into its reserves to balance the 2016-2017 budget.

D. Student Affairs

Vice President Pinardi provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Informational Items

Athletic Director, Dr. Karen Hjerpe and Sports Information Director, Matt Kifer, reported on Cal U's intercollegiate athletic programs. The Vulcans produced eight All-Americans and seven Academic All-Americans in 2016-2017. Cal U student-athletes posted a cumulative 3.17 grade-point average last semester, with 179 students earning a 3.00 GPA or higher and 24 of those achieving a perfect 4.00. Cal U student-athletes also

performed more than 2,000 hours of community service during the past academic year and raised more than \$10,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

E. Marketing

Dr. Barnhart provided the quarterly update to Council.

1. Informational Items

Dr. Barnhart reported on the University's new way-finding initiative. Vinyl signs have been installed on walkways at strategic locations across campus, part of Cal U's effort to enhance the campus visit experience for prospective students.

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 (July 1, 2016 to April 30, 2017), the University raised \$2,531,532 (V.S.E. totals) which is \$332,044 above Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education goal to Cal U.

The University received a \$3,900,000 estate commitment from an alumnus that will establish an endowed scholarship fund for students majoring in science programs.

During the May commencement ceremony, the Class of 2017 presented President Jones with a gift of \$14,477 to the University. This reflects gifts from the May graduating classes, as well as gifts from parents and families of the graduates. All Class Gift Scholarships from the Class of 2010-2016 are fully endowed and available for award.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thomas Uram, and seconded by Michelle Mandell for the meeting to adjourn.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.