

California University of Pennsylvania
Council of Trustees Regular Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Council of Trustees at California University of Pennsylvania met in regular session on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, in the Old Main Conference Room, Office of the President. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chair, Annette Ganassi.

II. RECORDING ATTENDANCE

Roll call indicated the following Council members were in attendance:

Present:

Alex Arnold, Robin Betza, Jim Davis, Annette Ganassi, Sean Logue, Larry Maggi and Tom Uram.

Absent: Sarah Cassin and Michele Mandell.

The following were also in attendance: Geraldine Jones, University President; Daniel Engstrom, Associate Provost/Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Bob Thorn, Vice President for Administration & Finance; Nancy Pinarci, Vice President for Student Affairs, Christine Kindl, Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Anthony Mauro, Vice President for University Development & Alumni Relations; and Kelly Moran, Chief of Staff to the President.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Jim Davis, and seconded by Larry Maggi, to approve the minutes from the June 6, 2018 regular quarterly meeting. A motion was made by Jim Davis, and seconded by Robin Betza, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held on June 27, 2018.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pennsylvania State Representative, Bud Cook, made brief comments.

V. APSCUF COMMENTS

APSCUF Vice President, Jason Kight, gave a few remarks on APSCUF's behalf.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Ganassi thanked the trustees who donated food for the campus food pantry. Chair Ganassi also welcomed the new student trustee, Alex Arnold, to the council.

VII. PACT UPDATE

In Michele Mandell's absence, Chair Ganassi gave the PACT update. She encouraged all trustees to attend the Fall PACT conference on October 7, 2018.

VIII. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jones reported on the following: first year students, the strategic enrollment plan, the 2017-2018 Budget, the Vulcan Garage, Vulcan Fest, and the Chancellor's Visit.

1. Proposed Bylaw Changes

President Jones reviewed the proposed bylaw changes provided in the board packet which will be voted on during the December 5, 2018, quarterly meeting.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs

In Provost Barnhart's absence, Daniel Engstrom, provided a quarterly update to the Council.

1. Quarterly Update

Dr. Engstrom reported summer enrollment reached 3,000 students. The University was awarded a total of \$5.9 million in grants and contracts in 2017-2018, an increase of 8 percent over the previous year. Cal U faculty grant-writers accounted for 70 percent of this total, with the remaining grants written by staff.

B. Administration and Finance

Vice President Thorn provided a quarterly update to the Council.

1. Quarterly Contracts and Purchases

A motion was made by Larry Maggi, and seconded by Alex Arnold, to approve the quarterly contracts and purchases over and under \$10,000 negotiated or awarded by the President or her designee, as well as all contracts for consultative services for the period of April 21, 2018, through July 20, 2018. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

2. 2017-2018 University Budget Review

Vice President Thorn reviewed the 2017-2018 budget.

3. 2018-2019 University Budget Approval

A motion was made by Tom Uram, and seconded by Alex Arnold, to approve the 2018-2019 University Budget. A roll call vote was taken.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

4. Capital Projects Update

Vice President Thorn reported the \$10.9 million renovation for Cover Hall is on schedule to be completed early next year; classes and labs will be held there beginning in Fall 2019. The Rutledge Institute classrooms in Morgan Hall are nearly complete, and a formal dedication for the preschool may be held later in the semester. A complete re-grading of Lilley Field will be finished this semester. A feasibility study is near completion for the science complex scheduled to replace Frick and New Science halls; construction is expected to begin in 2020.

C. Student Affairs

Vice President Pinaridi provided a quarterly update to the Council.

1. Quarterly Update

Vice President Pinaridi presented videos developed by students to promote visual journalism opportunities and introduce students to the Student Association, Inc. To highlight student leadership, Vice President Pinaridi introduced Jessica Crosson, president of the Student Activities Board, and Seth Shiley, president of the Student Government Association. Both students shared their experiences from the summer Institute for Leadership, Education and Development.

D. Communications and Marketing

Vice President Kindl provided a quarterly update to the Council.

1. Quarterly Update

Vice President Kindl highlighted the “Build You,” campaign developed as part of the University’s yearlong rebranding initiative. Focus groups of prospective students, current students and families have responded positively to the campaign. Billboards with the Build You message began to appear in August, and the first radio and television ads will begin airing in late September.

E. University Development and Alumni Relations

Vice President Mauro provided a quarterly update to the Council.

1. Quarterly Update

Vice President Mauro reported the University raised more than \$6.5 million in cash donations during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Vice President Mauro also highlighted several successful alumni events held during the past quarter.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Jim Davis, and seconded by Larry Maggi, for the meeting to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.