

California University of Pennsylvania
Council of Trustees Regular Quarterly Meeting
Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Meeting Minutes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Council of Trustees at California University of Pennsylvania met in regular session on Wednesday, September 20, 2017, in the Old Main Conference Room, Office of the President. The meeting was called to order at 7:13 p.m. by Annette Ganassi, Chair.

II. RECORDING ATTENDANCE

Roll call indicated the following Council members in attendance:

Present:

Annette Ganassi, James Davis, Mari Boyle, Robin Betza, Sarah Cassin, Sean Logue, Michele Mandell, Larry Maggi, Robert Miner, and Thomas Uram

Absent: None

The following were also in attendance: Geraldine M. Jones, University President; Daniel Engstrom, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Robert Thorn, Vice President for Administration and Finance; Nancy Pinaridi, 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 reorganization meeting of June 14, 2017.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

A motion was made by Robert Miner, and seconded by Larry Maggi, to approve the minutes of the regular quarterly meeting of June 14, 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 and thanked the President and administration for working with APSCUF over the summer to take the possibility of faculty layoffs off the table. The outcome has improved the atmosphere on campus and faculty morale is much higher than it had been.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Annette Ganassi reviewed the proposed committee assignments for 2017-2019 which go into effect with the planning and preparation for the December quarterly meeting.

VII. PACT UPDATE

Trustee Michelle Mandell reported on the upcoming PACT 2017 Fall Workshop scheduled for October 17, 2017, at Dixon University Center. There will be several key topics including free speech. Trustee Mandell encouraged board members to attend.

VIII. UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jones reported the headcount stands at 7,788, an increase of 3.1% compared to last fall. Headcounts for freshmen, transfers and graduate students are all higher than last year and have reversed a five-year trend. President also reported that Cal U ended the 2016-2017 fiscal year with a balanced budget. The university was able to add about \$500,000 to both its Education and General (E&G) and Physical Plant fund reserves. Over the past two years, Cal U has achieved nearly \$7 million in operational savings and anticipate a further \$2 million in savings during the current academic year.

Honorary Doctorate Recommendation

A motion was made by James Davis, and seconded by Larry Maggi, to approve an Honorary Doctoral Degree of Public Service for Thomas Joseph Ridge, in recognition of his significant personal and professional achievements and in gratitude for his contributions to, and ongoing efforts on behalf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and our country.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academic Affairs

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

1. Informational Items

Dr. Engstrom provided additional enrollment details and praised the turnaround as a campus-wide effort. The University has made changes beginning with the initial outreach to prospective students and continuing through every step of the admissions and financial aid awarding process. Academic Services keeps in contact with students

throughout their entire college experience and provides the support needed to earn a degree. Engstrom also noted five new faculty members were hired for fall.

B. Administration & 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 Michele 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 April 21, 2017 through July 20, 2017.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

2. 2017-2018 University Budget Approval Review

A motion was made by Michele Mandell, and seconded by Thomas Uram, to approve the 2017-2018 University Budget.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

3. Informational Items

A \$10.9 million renovation has begun in Coover Hall, which houses classrooms and science labs. The project is scheduled for completion in spring 2019. The roof of Old Main Hall is being replaced using Key 93 funds, and the job should be finished by December. A complete re-grading of Lilley Field, home of the Cal U softball, will begin this spring to assure the safety of student-athletics.

D. Student Affairs

Vice President Pinardi provided a quarterly update to the Council.

1. Student Code of Conduct

A motion was made by Larry Maggi, and seconded by Michele Mandell, to approve the revisions to the Student Code of Conduct, as presented to the Council of Trustees.

Yeas: All

Nays: None

Motion Passed

Note: Trustee Miner departed the meeting at 8:13p.m.

2. Informational Items

Dr. Pinardi informed the Council that the Student Activities Board, Student Government Association and Underground Café executive board students participated in a weeklong training prior to the fall 2017 semester. Training included a day at Outdoor Odyssey Leadership Training Academy, Cal U Night at PNC Park, and a scavenger hunt on the North Shore in Pittsburgh.

Two students, Taylor Kodrick and Keisha Miller, participated in the State System Women's Consortium Summer Leadership Institute in June. This opportunity creates an experience that empowers and challenges women to realize their full potential as leaders, and connects women with other women who are committed to social change.

E. Marketing

In Provost Barnhart absence, Dr. Daniel Engstrom provided a quarterly update to Council.

1. ALICE Training Video

(Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, and Evacuate) training film for University Police was shown. The production features students and faculty from Cal U's Department of Music and Theatre in real-life situations in specific locations around campus. Each scenario illustrates the fundamental steps to follow if encountered by an assailant with a weapon, specifically a gun.

F. University Development & Alumni Relations

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

1. Informational Items

Mauro reported for fiscal year 2016-2017, the department raised \$6,382,147 in cash, pledges and deferred gifts. This was 81% higher than the five-year fundraising averages. The cash fundraising totals were 5% higher than the five-year fundraising averages and the Annual Fund total was 15% higher. For fiscal years 2016/2017 State System (PASSHE) Performance Measure reporting, the University raised \$2,757,210 in cash donations, exceeding its assigned goal by \$557,722. The Office of University Development and Alumni Relations hosted the 36th Annual Cal U Golf Outing at the Uniontown Country Club. Proceeds from this event raised \$15,000 for athletic scholarship.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by James Davis, and seconded by Robin Betza for the meeting to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.