

**California University of Pennsylvania  
Council of Trustees Regular Quarterly Meeting  
Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

*Note: Meeting held via Zoom*

**Meeting Minutes**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Council of Council of Trustees at California University of Pennsylvania met in regular session on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, via Zoom. Chair Davis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**II. Recording Attendance**

Roll call indicated the following were in attendance:

Tony Amadio, Robin Betza, Jim Davis, Stephen DeFrank, James Harris, Larry Maggi, Michele Mandell, Barry Niccolai, Sean Logue and Tom Uram.

Geraldine Jones, University President; Len Colelli, Associate Provost and Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dave Garcia, Vice President for Enrollment Management; Bob Thorn, Vice President for Administration & Finance; Nancy Pinardi, Vice President for Student Affairs; Christine Kindl, Vice President for Communications and Marketing; Tony 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 Barry Niccolai, and seconded by Tony Amadio, to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2020, regular quarterly meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Passed**

**IV. Public Comments**

Nancy Skobel, Local SCUPA President, and Mike Jones, Local AFSCME President, provided remarks on behalf of each local union.

**V. APSCUF Comments**

Craig Smith, Local APSCUF President, provided remarks on behalf of ASPCUF.

**VI. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Davis thanked Michele Mandell and Tom Uram for their time and service as a trustee members. Chairman Davis also congratulated President Jones on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for all her years of service to the university.

**VII. PACT UPDATE**

Trustee DeFrank provided a PACT update.

**VIII. University President's Report**

President Jones gave a report which included updates on the following:

- Plans for the fall semester
- Financial Sustainability Planning
- Newly appointed members of the Council of Trustees

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **A. Academic Affairs**

#### **1. Quarterly Update**

Provost Barnhart reported on a proposed academic reorganization which is part of the University's financial sustainability plan. The plan will consolidate the existing undergraduate colleges into a new College of Education and Liberal Arts and the exiting Eberly College of Science and Technology. Each college will be led by a dean and an assistant dean. The University's existing 22 academic departments will be consolidated to 11. Provost Barnhart also reported that faculty and staff received more than \$16.5 million in grants, up from \$12.4 million a year ago. Among the most recent was a \$359,000 grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, awarded to Dr. Robert Whyte for the Boyer Run Stream and Wetland Mitigation project. This was the last Council of Trustees meeting for Provost Barnhart who is retiring on July 3.

### **B. Enrollment Management**

#### **1. Quarterly Update**

Vice President Garcia reported that first-year applications and number of admitted-student numbers are both higher than the previous year at this time. Garcia also noted an increase in applications for graduate school for the fall semester.

### **C. Administration and Finance**

#### **1. Quarterly Contract and Purchases**

A motion was made by Larry Maggi, and seconded by Tony Amadio, to approve the contracts and purchases for the period of January 21, 2020 through April 20, 2020. A total of \$1,593,511.93 was negotiated and/or awarded by the University. A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Passed**

#### **2. Memorandum of Understandings**

A motion was made by Larry Maggi, and seconded by Robin Betza, to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between California University of Pennsylvania and the Student Association, Inc. (SAI). A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**

**Nays: None**

**Motion Passed**

#### **3. Fiduciary Agreement**

A motion was made by Michele Mandell, and seconded by Larry Maggi, to approve the Fiduciary Agreement between the Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania and California University of Pennsylvania. A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion Passed**

**4. University External Financial Support**

A motion was made by Barry Niccolai, and seconded by Tony Amadio, to approve a resolution and statement certifying the University is in compliance with Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A. A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion Passed**

**5. Rescind Multiyear Tuition Proposal**

A motion was made by Tom Uram, and seconded by Robin Betza, to rescind the Multiyear Tuition Proposal for FY 2020/2021. A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion Passed**

**6. SAI Online Fee**

A motion was made by Barry Niccolai, and seconded by Stephen DeFrank, to approve the implementation of the proposed SAI Online Activity Fee for all Undergraduate Students effective fall 2020 semester. A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**  
**Nays: None**  
**Motion Passed**

**7. 2019-2020 Budget Review**

Vice President Thorn reviewed the 2019-2020 budget.

**8. Quarterly Projects Update**

Vice President Thorn updated the trustees on recent facilities improvements and the Campus Master Plan, which will reduce the campus footprint by about 174,000 square feet. Work on the laboratory in Eberly Hall for the new veterinary technology program began May 11, and the \$1.5 million project is expected to be completed by the end of the fall 2020 semester. The removal of four buildings, tentatively scheduled to begin with Azorsky Hall in spring 2021, has been pushed back six months due to the shutdown.

**9. Annual Inspection of Facilities**

A motion was made by Tony Amadio, and seconded by Tom Uram, to approve the Annual Inspection of Facilities report that outlines the state of all University Educational & General and Auxiliary buildings, as well as its Infrastructure. A roll call vote was taken.

**Yeas: All**  
**Nays: None**

## **Motion Passed**

### **D. Student Affairs**

#### **1. Quarterly Update**

Vice President Pinardi reported on the ways her staff has provided support, outreach and services during remote operations.

### **E. Communications and Marketing**

#### **1. Quarterly Update**

Vice President Kindl discussed how the tools and techniques of crisis communication guided communication strategies during the spring semester and will provide a playbook for keeping the campus informed as Cal U prepares to reopen.

### **F. University Development and Alumni Relations**

#### **1. Quarterly Update**

Vice President Mauro reported that his office has raised more than \$4.6 million in cash donations and pledges so far in fiscal year 2019-2020 which exceeds the division's eight-year average.

## **X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Michele Mandell, and seconded by Tom Uram, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.