June 3, 2019

Dear Trustees,

While May was a busy month on our campuses with the end of the semester and graduation, it was a fairly slow month at the PACT level.

The one key accomplishment was that the Trustee Selection Process committee and the Trustee Evaluation committee completed their revisions to their recommendations based on PACT Conference input. These recommendations will be shared with the Board of Governors this month in preparation for their meeting in July.

While the Governors and the Chancellor may suggest some additional revisions, I expect that the final documents that reach Governor Wolf’s office will be very similar to what the trustees recommended. Hopefully, his office will begin to share the trustee job description and commitment form with potential trustees immediately so that candidates will have a better understanding of what is expected of a trustee before they accept the position.

The PACT Executive Board and the Council Chairs will have their summer meeting on July 10th. At this meeting we will be discussing the agendas for the Regional meetings that will occur on September 10th (Slippery Rock), 11th (East Stroudsburg), and 17th (Kutztown). If you have any suggestions for discussion topics at those meetings, please let me know.

The group will also be discussing the formation of a PACT Governance committee to continue the efforts of our six original PACT subcommittees. While I think our committees made a great start in defining what it takes to be a trustee, there are many other areas that also need attention.
For example, student trustee recruitment is one of those areas. There is no question that we have had some outstanding student trustees who have been active participants on their respective Councils of Trustees as well as at PACT. However, when some universities only have one or two applicants, there is clearly room for improvement in how these positions are advertised and presented to the students.

Again, if you have suggestions on areas where we can improve the governance structure of trustees, please call or email me.

Until next month.

Jeff