



PRESIDENT

Mr. Jeffrey Smith, Trustee
Slippery Rock University of
Pennsylvania

December 4, 2019

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. John "Jack" Wabby, Trustee
Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Dear Trustees,

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Ms. Milissa S. Bauer, Trustee
Clarion University of Pennsylvania

I hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving.

SECRETARY

Ms. Mary Coploff, Trustee
Lock Haven University of
Pennsylvania

In November the PACT Executive Team met in Harrisburg for a planning session and had a very productive session. Some of the topics we discussed were:

TREASURER

Ms. Karen Russell, Trustee
Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

- **Winter Regional Meeting** – the group decided not to have one this year.

**EXECUTIVE BOARD
MEMBERS AT LARGE**

Mr. Ed Edwards, Trustee
Bloomsburg University of
Pennsylvania

- **Spring Conference** - The Spring PACT conference will be held on April 23rd and 24th in Harrisburg. Jack Wabby (Kutztown) and Milissa Bauer (Clarion) are leading the planning for that meeting. Feel free to contact either of them if you would like to help with that effort.

Mr. Stephen DeFrank, Trustee
California University of Pennsylvania

Mr. Marcus S. Lingenfelter, Trustee
East Stroudsburg University of
Pennsylvania

- **Attracting Student Trustees** – The group continued its discussion on how to best attract student trustees. One of the ideas is to create a short video featuring some of our current student trustees. A sample video of Slippery Rock's student trustee was shared with the group.

Ms. Kathy Pape, Trustee
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Mr. Nathan T. Spade, Trustee
Indiana University of Pennsylvania

Dr. Richard L. Frerichs, Trustee
Millersville University of
Pennsylvania

- **Faculty Seat at Council of Trustee Meetings** – If you watched the most recent Board of Governor's meeting you noticed that it now has a faculty representative participate in the board's discussions. The PACT board discussed whether or not it would make sense for our Councils of Trustees to follow a similar practice. The faculty member would not have a vote, but would participate in Council discussions. It

Mr. Andrew M. Paris, Trustee
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Honorable Stephen Kinsey, Trustee
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was recommended that the PACT representatives discuss the idea with their respective Councils of Trustees at their next meeting.

- **PACT Nominating Committee** – PACT officers serve for two- year terms starting in July of every even year. At this meeting I requested that any PACT Executive Board member that was interested in serving as an officer let me know of their interest by the end of November. Those names have been forwarded to the PACT Nominating Committee of Ed Edwards (Bloomsburg), Marcus S. Lingenfelter (E. Stroudsburg), and Kathy Pape (Edinboro) for consideration. The final slate will be presented to PACT membership at the April meeting and will assume their roles on July 1.

As you are all aware, the Senate did not address the appointment / reappointment issue during the Fall Session as had been expected. By month end, of the 140 non-student trustee positions, I believe that sixty-five trustees will be serving on expired terms with an additional six vacant positions. It is my understanding that the Governor’s Office is still vetting new appointments and hopefully, those trustee positions that expired prior to July 1, 2019 (approximately 46 of the 71) will be addressed in the January – February timeframe. Those positions that expired in the second half of 2019 will be addressed at a later date.

So, if your term has expired, please continue to remain engaged and do not become discouraged. You are in good company. As I hear more, I will share it with you.

That’s it for this month, let me know your thoughts on these issues or any other concerns you may have. I hope you all have a great holiday season and a happy new year.

JEFF