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Slippery Rock University of  
Pennsylvania

August 4, 2019

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Kutztown University of Pennsylvania

Dear Trustees,

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT**

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

It's the beginning of August and less than a month away from the start of the fall semester in the PASSHE System. Hard to believe that summer will soon be winding down.

**SECRETARY**

Ms. Mary Coploff, Trustee  
Lock Haven University of  
Pennsylvania

July was a busy month for PACT. The PACT Executive Board met on July 10<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting we received an update from the Chancellor, established two new standing committees, discussed the upcoming regional meetings, and reviewed some proposed PACT bylaw changes.

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As I previously announced, the Advocacy Committee will be responsible for the identification, articulation, and dissemination of issues and corresponding talking points and documentation to be promoted by the trustees locally and throughout the Commonwealth. Bobbi Kilmer (Mansfield) will be the chair. Bobbi will be joined by Milissa Buaer (Clarion), Mary Coploff (Lock Haven), and Ed Edwards (Bloomsburg) on the committee.

The other committee is the Governance Committee which will be responsible for identifying, developing and recommending procedural and policy changes at both Pennsylvania Council of Trustees (PACT) and Council of Trustees (COT) levels that improve operation(s) and governance for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, including the facilitation of trustee accountability (and recruitment) documents, identifying best practices for State System Student Trustees and an annual review of the trustee handbook. JD Dunbar (Clarion) will chair this committee and be joined by Marcus Lingenfelter (E. Stroudsburg), Karen Russell (Mansfield), and Rich Frerichs (Millersville).

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Milissa Bauer (Clarion), Kathy Papa (Edinboro), and Andrew Paris (Shippensburg) presented PACT bylaw recommendations that were updated the organization's bylaws to better reflect its current mission. A final vote on those changes will be made in late August or early September by the PACT Executive Board.

The Executive committee also discussed planning for the upcoming Regional meetings that will be held at Slippery Rock (9/10), E. Stroudsburg (9/11), and Kutztown (9/17). You will be receiving registration information concerning these regional meetings later this week.

PACT is utilizing this regional meeting concept in order to make it easier for all Trustees to participate and be more engaged with their fellow trustees. I especially want to thank Barry Dozor (West Chester) for his efforts to generate interest in attendance by coordinating a van carpool for West Chester and Cheyney trustees to travel together to Kutztown.

Following the PACT Executive meeting, I attended the Board of Governors meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting I shared with the BOG the final trustee selection and review documents. As always, the PACT efforts were well received and several of the Governors expressed their appreciation for PACT's efforts to increase trustee accountability.

Since that meeting I have had conversations with the Governor's Office about the documents and have offered to meet with and answer any questions that they may have. Hopefully, they will consider our recommendations and incorporate them in the trustee selection and retention process. As these discussions continue, I will keep you informed.

Thanks again for all of your support and your engagement. I look forward to seeing you at one of the Regional meetings next month.

JEFF