

# Board of Governors Meeting

April 2022



Pennsylvania's  
**STATE SYSTEM**  
of Higher Education



# Board of Governors Meeting

April 14, 2022

Thursday, April 14, 2022

**9:00 a.m. Board of Governors Meeting**

1. Roll call
2. Pledge of allegiance
3. Chairwoman's remarks
4. Public comment
5. Remarks by union leaders
6. Remarks by PACT president
7. Consent agenda
  - These items will be considered in one motion unless a member wishes to have an item removed for individual discussion*
  - a. Meeting minutes (page 5)
  - b. Ministerial changes in Board documents (page 13)
8. Student success spotlight: Ali-Zaidi Award (page 15)
9. Chancellor's remarks
10. Governance and Leadership Committee
  - a. Student trustee appointments (page 24)
11. University Success Committee
  - a. Loan and loan transfer - Mansfield University (page 38)
  - b. Property sale - Edinboro University (page 42)
  - c. Base tuition and technology tuition fee (page 45)
12. Board consideration
  - a. Consideration of committee action(s)
13. Other business
14. Adjournment

**Executive Session may be called as needed;  
sequence of agenda items may change as needed**

# CONSENT AGENDA



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**Board of Governors  
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Draft for Approval**

288<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Wednesday, February 3, 2022

9:00 a.m.  
Dixon University Center, Harrisburg

**ATTENDING**

**Board of Governors:**

Robert W. Bogle	Alexander C. Roberts
Representative Tim Briggs	Senator Judith L. Schwank
William A. Gindlesperger	Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)
Secretary Allison Jones	Larry C. Skinner (Vice Chair)
Senator Scott Martin	Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)
David M. Maser (Vice Chair)	Skylar Walder
Marian Moskowitz	Neil R. Weaver
Deputy Secretary Tanya I Garcia (Designee)	Janet L. Yeomans
Representative Brad Roae	

In attendance was (non-voting) Board Faculty Liaison, Dr. Jamie L. Phillips

Chair Shapira called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Attendance taken at the direction of Chair Shapira established that a quorum of the Board was present.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS** (Full Remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira welcomed everyone and extended a special welcome to new Student Board of Governors Member, Skylar Walder of Shippensburg University. Skylar was recently appointed to replace former student member, Stephen Washington, who graduated in December.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS** (Full remarks in video archive)

APSCUF President – Dr. Jamie Martin

**REMARKS BY PACT** (Full remarks in video archive)

PACT 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Milissa Bauer provided remarks on behalf of the PACT.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Shapira moved that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented:

- Meeting Minutes October 13, 2021
- Meeting Minutes December 1, 2021
- Standing Committee Assignments
- Revised Meeting Calendar for 2022
- Authorization to issue refunding bonds in FY 2022-23

Voice Vote. No opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

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## GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

(Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair Samuel Smith reviewed Committee items as presented in the meeting materials, to consider the appointment of student trustees and a proposed resolution to promulgate a procedure and standard to operationalize the role of councils of trustees at integrating universities. Roll call was conducted, and the following committee members were present: Maser, Martin, Roberts, Schwank, and Shapira (ex-officio).

President Dale Elizabeth Pehrsson offered remarks in support of the appointment of Jahneek Fant to California University's councils of trustees.

President Aaron Walton offered remarks in support of the appointment of Kishore Owusu to Cheyney University's council of trustees.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HEREBY APPOINTS JAHNEEK FANT TO THE CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES AND KISHORE OWUSU TO THE CHEYNEY UNIVERSITY COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES.**

Voice Vote of Committee members. No opposition. The motion passed.

Committee Chair Smith and Deputy Chancellor Randy Goin reviewed the draft resolution as presented in the meeting materials Item 8b., which is to promulgate a procedure and standard to operationalize the role of councils of trustees at integrating universities.

PACT Vice President Milissa Bauer and Senator Scott Martin offered additional comments in support of the proposed resolution.

**COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS ADOPT THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED IN THE MEETING MATERIALS:**

**“THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED: THE BOARD DESIRES THAT ENTITIES BE CREATED AT CLARION, EDINBORO, LOCK HAVEN, AND MANSFIELD FOR THE SOLE BENEFIT OF THE NEW INTEGRATED INSTITUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING CONTINUED INPUT AND SUPPORT AND TO FULFILL A QUASI-COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES ROLE AT CLARION, EDINBORO, LOCK HAVEN, AND MANSFIELD. THE CHANCELLOR AND**

**PRESIDENT SHALL BE REQUIRED TO SEEK INPUT FROM THESE ENTITIES REGARDING MATTERS THAT FALL UNDER THE PURVIEW OF THE STATUTORY ROLES OF THE COUNCILS OF TRUSTEES. FURTHER, THE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE SHALL PROMULGATE A PROCEDURE & STANDARD TO OPERATIONALIZE THIS RESOLUTION, WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE LEGISLATURE AMENDS 24 P.S.§20-2008-A OR OTHERWISE CHANGES THE COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCILS OF TRUSTEES FOR THE INTEGRATED INSTITUTIONS, AND/OR THIS IS OTHERWISE SUPERSEDED BY BOARD ACTION.**

Voice Vote of Committee members. No opposition. The motion passed.

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### **STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair David Maser introduced a special student success spotlight with a unique collaboration with the Hershey Entertainment Resort and Shippensburg University. The program provides leadership, career development and internship opportunities for Shippensburg University students.

Shippensburg Interim President, Dr. Charles Patterson, and Shippensburg's Chief Strategy Officer and Senior Vice President for Student Success, Dr. Sue Mukherjee, each provided a brief overview of the internship program and introduction of Hershey leadership who offered remarks about the program. Also, in attendance was Board of Governors Member Emerita Marie Conley.

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### **DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Dr. Denise Pearson, Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, provided a progress report on the State System's DEI Strategic priorities, the success of the recent DEI Summit that took place November 3-5, 2021, and the System-wide climate survey that is currently under way. The survey is being conducted by a third-party vendor to maintain confidentiality, and results will be reported later in April when the survey concludes.

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### **BOARD CONSIDERATION**

(Full remarks in video archive)

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE, ITEMS 8a. and 8b:**

1. Item 8a. - Student trustee appointments at California University and Cheyney University.
2. Item 8b. - Proposed Resolution – Roles of Councils of Trustees at integrating universities.

Voice vote. No opposition. Motion passed.

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### **CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Dan Greenstein provided remarks on the tremendous work that lies ahead of the July 1 integrations, and thanked the leadership, faculty, and students for all their hard work to get to this point in the integration process. He also recognized the courage of the Board of Governors for their work in the integration planning, which has been nationally recognized by the Association of Governing Boards, and thus awarded the John W. Nason Award. This award recognizes higher education governing boards who have demonstrated innovation and exemplary leadership.

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### **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Numerous comments were made regarding the data that was presented in support of the continued work focusing on identifying more opportunities for student success, fund and academic alignment, and gap closure.

- Board-approved metrics updates provided by Dr. Kate Akers, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Advanced Data Analytics
- One-time funding investment update by Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer
- Allocation formula workgroup update by Indiana University President, Michael Driscoll and Molly Mercer
- University integrations progress report by President Pehrsson and President Hanna.

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### **RESOLUTION**

(Full remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira recognized the success and accomplishments of former Student Board Member, Stephen Washington, who graduated December 2021.

Resolution accepted by acclamation.

Shippensburg University Interim President, Dr. Charles Patterson, remarked on Governor Washington's accomplishments not only as a Board member, but as a student leader on the university campus.

Governor Washington was present virtually and thanked the Board members for their support during his tenure as a student member of the Board.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

## **ATTEST:**

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Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.  
Deputy Chancellor

Meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting 2-3-2022 - YouTube](#)



**Board of Governors  
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Draft for Approval**

289<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Wednesday, March 2, 2022

4:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

**ATTENDING**

**Board of Governors:**

Robert W. Bogle	Representative Brad Roae
Representative Tim Briggs	Thomas Gombar (Designee)
William A. Gindlesperger	Cynthia D. Shapira (Chair)
Secretary Allison Jones	Larry C. Skinner (Vice Chair)
Senator Scott Martin	Samuel H. Smith (Vice Chair)
David M. Maser (Vice Chair)	Skylar Walder
Deputy Secretary Tanya I Garcia (Designee)	Neil R. Weaver

In attendance was (non-voting) Board Faculty Liaison, Dr. Jamie L. Phillips

Chair Shapira called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Attendance taken at the direction of Chair Shapira and established that a quorum of the Board was present.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS** (Full Remarks in video archive)

Chair Shapira welcomed everyone to the meeting thanked everyone in advance for the extra time to meet outside of the regularly scheduled quarterly meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** (Full remarks in video archive)

Nick Marcil, current graduate student, West Chester University.

**REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS** (Full remarks in video archive)

APSCUF President – Dr. Jamie Martin

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**BOARD CONSIDERATION**  
(Full remarks in video archive)

The following items were presented for consideration:

- Item 4a. - Northeast integration proposed name for the integrated universities of Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield Universities.
- Item 4b. - Update to Policy 1989-01-A: University Diplomas
- Item 4c. - Return to Standard In-State Tuition Rates at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania, effective 2022-2023.

**Item 4a.** President Bashar Hanna provided an overview of the process the university had undertaken to present a name for the Board's consideration. Chancellor Greenstein thanked all who were involved for all their work and leadership in this process.

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES THE NAME, COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE INSTITUTION RESULTING FROM THE NORTHEAST INTEGRATION TO BE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022, THE PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE INTEGRATION, PENDING APPROVAL BY THE MIDDLE STATES COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.**

Voice vote. No opposition. Motion passed.

**Item 4b.** Deputy Chancellor Randy Goin provided an overview of the proposed update to Policy 1989-01-A: University Diplomas, which would allow for the flexibility to reflect the name and identity of the integrated universities on diplomas for graduating students from the respective integrating schools, while continuing to require the diploma design to be approved by the Chancellor.

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE POLICY 1989-01-A: UNIVERSITY DIPLOMAS AS AMENDED IN THE BOARD MATERIALS.**

Voice vote. No opposition. Motion passed.

**Item 4c.** Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided an overview of the request to return to standard in-state tuition rates at Indiana University and East Stroudsburg University, effective with the fiscal year 2022-2023.

**MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE THE TERMINATION OF THE TUITION PILOT PROGRAMS AND RESUMPTION OF STANDARD, IN-STATE TUITION RATES AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA AND EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, BEGINNING IN 2022-2023.**

Voice vote. No opposition. Motion passed.

The Board met in executive session from 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

## **ATTEST:**

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Randy A. Goin, Ph.D.  
Deputy Chancellor

Meeting webcast is available here: [BOG Meeting 3.2.22 - YouTube](#)

## Board of Governors Meeting

April 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Ministerial changes to Board documents

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** All

**BACKGROUND:** There exists numerous references to mailing addresses, institutional identifiers, and such within Board policies, procedures/standards, and other documents that must be updated following the recent sale of the Dixon University Center and the forthcoming university integrations in the west and northeast. For example, Policy 1985-03-A lists the DUC as the mailing address for the Office of the Chancellor, which must be updated due to the recent relocation of the office.

This motion delegates to the Chancellor (or designee) the authority to make such ministerial changes without additional Board approval so long as the changes do not modify the intent of the approved action within the document.

**DRAFT MOTION:** That the Board of Governors authorizes the Chancellor (or designee) to make ministerial changes to Board policies, procedures/standards, and other documents as needed without further Board approval.

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**Supporting Documents Included:** N/A

**Other Supporting Documents Available:** N/A

**Reviewed by:** Legal

**Prepared by:** Randy A. Goin Jr.

**Email:** [rgoin@passhe.edu](mailto:rgoin@passhe.edu)

# STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE



Pennsylvania's  
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**Board of Governors Meeting**  
April 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Annual Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence (PRESENTATION)

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** All

**BACKGROUND:** Created in 2000 by the State System Foundation, the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence is conferred upon a graduating senior from one of the State System universities. This award was founded by Dr. Syed R. Ali-Zaidi, a charter member of the Board of Governors. Funding for this academic excellence award was made possible through gifts from Dr. Ali-Zaidi, Highmark Inc., and the State System Foundation, Inc. Dr. Ali-Zaidi wishes to inspire and honor State System students who exhibit excellence in their pursuit of knowledge. The State System Foundation's vision is to be a meaningful partner to the State System by providing resources to impact student success, cultivating lifelong learning opportunities, strengthening our communities, and better equipping the future workforce of the Commonwealth.

The Foundation is committed to excellence in fundraising and relationship building efforts that align with System priorities and needs. Its primary focus is on enhancing student persistence and completion rates, which describe student success.

Candidates for the 2022 award were recommended by their university president at the conclusion of a campus application and selection process that was open to all graduating seniors. Multiple selection criteria included outstanding academic scholarship, including prizes, honors, and honorary societies; participation in extra/co-curricular activities; and a two-page essay by the nominee addressing how the university has prepared him or her for the next career step.

This year, a review panel appointed by the chancellor considered 14 nominees in accordance with the criteria outlined above. Elizabeth Bennett, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, was selected as the recipient of the 2022 Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence and will receive a check for \$1,000.

These students are truly representative of the talent and motivation of our students, and as such the 13 finalists will each receive a 2022 Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence Finalist Certificate signed by the chancellor and chair of the Student Success Committee of the Board, as well as a \$50.00 check from the Foundation.

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**Supporting Documents Included:** Edinboro President Nomination Letter and Resume

**Other Supporting Documents Available:** N/A

**Reviewed by:** David Maser, Chair of Student Success Committee

**Prepared by:** Donna Wilson

**Email:** DWilson@passhe.edu



January 11, 2022

Dr. Daniel Greenstein, Chancellor  
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education  
Dixon University Center  
2986 North Second Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110-1201

Dear Chancellor Greenstein:

It is my privilege to present Elizabeth Bennett as Edinboro University's nominee for the 2022 Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence.

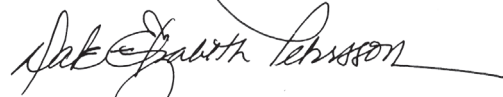
Ms. Bennett's success demonstrates what makes Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education such a significant asset to the Commonwealth. Elizabeth was nominated by not one, but two separate departments at Edinboro University - the Psychology department and the Mathematics and Computer Science department - for this very prestigious award. Elizabeth will earn dual baccalaureate degrees in Psychology and Data Analytics in May 2022, with minors in Mathematics and Music. She will also be one of our first nominees to earn the certificate in Cannabis Science and Industry. Elizabeth currently posts a 4.0 GPA, and has been named to the Dean's List every semester of her enrollment at the University.

Elizabeth is actively engaged in scholarly activities, working closely with Psychology professor, Dr. Peter McLaughlin, where she coauthored an article in the peer-reviewed journal *Pharmacology, Biochemistry, and Behavior*, published in early 2021; she also has a second article in preparation. Elizabeth presented research work at Edinboro University's Celebration of Scholarship, and at the Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference in Spring 2021. Elizabeth will also conduct research in the Data Analytics program during her final semester at the University. She is a member of Edinboro University's Honors College and Psi Chi, an international honor society for the psychology discipline. She has also received several scholarship awards and recognitions.

In addition to her outstanding scholarly work, Elizabeth has been incredibly active in leadership roles on campus. She has served as Drum Major and President for the Edinboro University Marching Band for the past three years, is Vice President and Student Government representative for Psi Chi, and a congress member for the Student Government Association. She has volunteered at the Psychology Department's Brain Awareness Day community event raising awareness for neuroscience, and at Pi Day welcoming high school students to campus for presentations in the area of mathematics. Beyond her campus service, she has worked with students in Honduras to help develop their English language skills, and participated in Red Bird missions to assist in home improvement for impoverished residents of rural Kentucky.

In taking full advantage of the opportunities provided by a PASSHE education, Elizabeth models the best values of our Commonwealth: the thirst for learning, self-growth, and practical experience; an ethic of hard work and perseverance; and a commitment to service. She also exemplifies the spirit of the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence and is most deserving of this distinguished award. I am proud to submit her credentials as Edinboro's nominee.

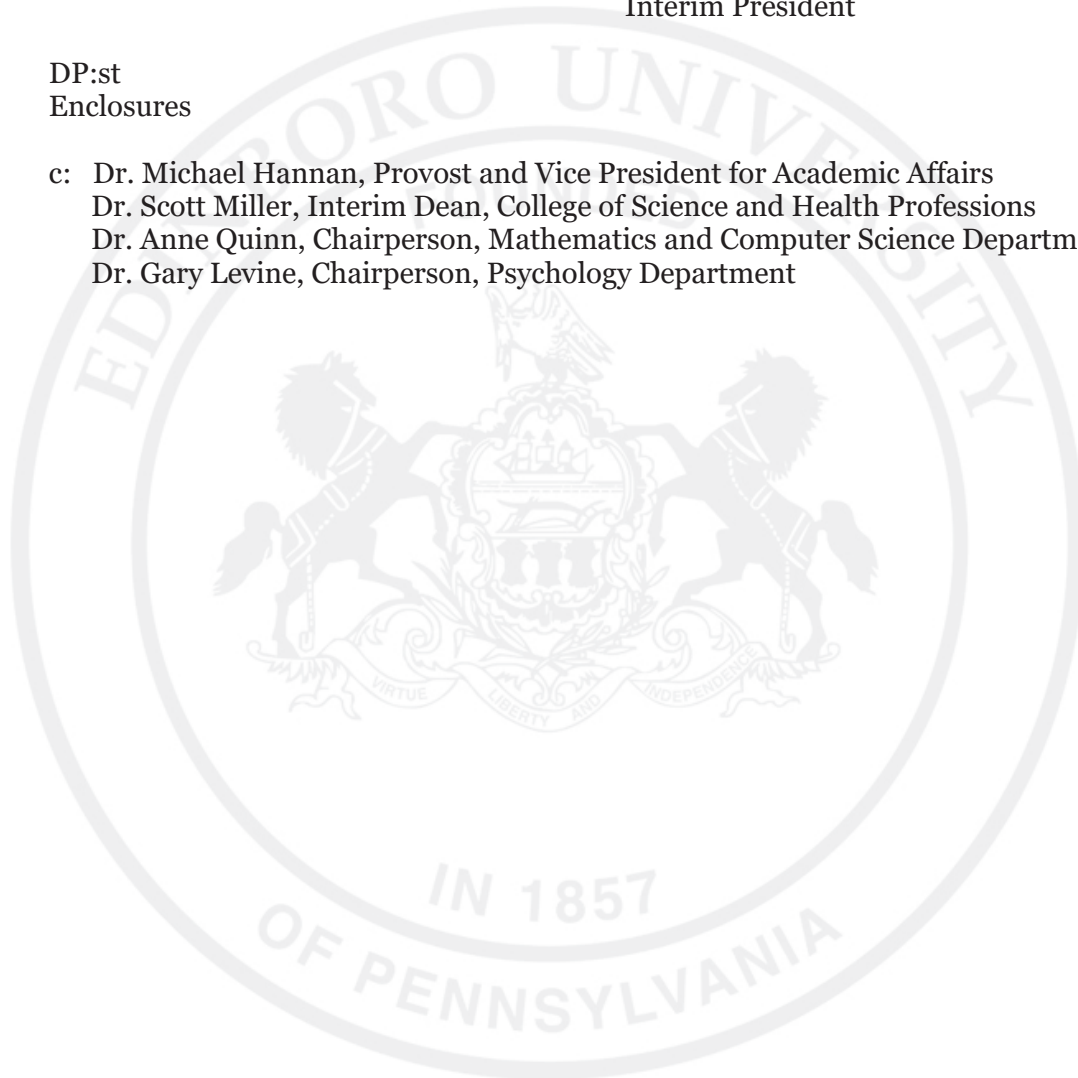
Respectfully,



Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson  
Interim President

DP:st  
Enclosures

- c: Dr. Michael Hannan, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Dr. Scott Miller, Interim Dean, College of Science and Health Professions
- Dr. Anne Quinn, Chairperson, Mathematics and Computer Science Department
- Dr. Gary Levine, Chairperson, Psychology Department





# Elizabeth Bennett

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## Education

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania (expected graduation: 2022)

- Bachelor of Science in Psychology
- Bachelor of Science in Data Analytics
- Minor in Music
- Minor in Applied Mathematics
- Certificate in Cannabis Science and Industry

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## Research Experience

January 2019-Current

Behavioral Neuroscience Research Lab - *Student Researcher* (One publication, two poster presentations)

- Design human and animal behavioral experiments
- Run operant boxes
- Recruit participants
- Calculate and dilute drug solutions
- Enter/analyze data
- Conduct a meta-analysis

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## Presentations

**Bennett E.,** Bechtold J., & McLaughlin P. *SANE Effect? More Like Lame Effect: Extraneous Neuroscience Information Has Little Persuasive Power.*

- Presented at Celebration of Scholarship (2021, Edinboro, PA) and Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference (2021, Edinboro, PA).

**Bennett E. & McLaughlin P.** *Neuroscientific Explanations Really Do Satisfy: Meta-analysis Confirms Outsized Influence of Irrelevant Information About the Brain*

- Accepted at Society for Neuroscience (2021, Chicago, IL), withdrawn due to COVID.

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## Publications

Nicklas P. R., Kiefer M. L., Whalen M. A., Stewart M. T., Mosura D. E., **Bennett E. M.**,

Hawley W. R., McLaughlin P. J. (2021). Muscarinic M1, but not M4, Receptor

Antagonism Impairs Divided Attention in Male Rats. *Pharmacology Biochemistry*

*and Behavior*, 205, 173184. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pbb.2021.173184>

**Bennett E. B. & McLaughlin P. J.** (In preparation) Neuroscience Explanations Really Do Satisfy: The NERDS

Meta-analysis Finds a Weak but Significant Allure of Neuroscience Information

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## Honors and Awards

- APSCUF State Scholarship (\$3,000)
- Edward & Elaine Bercik Honors Scholarship (\$1,400)
- Frank G & Dorothy D Pogue Scholarship (\$1,500)
- Jack Culbertson Award (outstanding Sophomore in Psychology) (\$271)
- R & E Ackerman Scholarship (outstanding Junior in Psychology) (\$1,690)
- Board of Governors Honors Scholarship (\$1,500)
- President's Excellence Award (\$3,000)
- Dean's List all semesters

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## Employment

January 2020-Current

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania - *Alexander Music Department Undergraduate Assistant*

- Rent/return instruments
- Maintain a calendar of current events
- Inventory the instruments in the department
- Attend recruitment events
- Represent the department at student government meetings

December 2019, January 2020

ACMoore Arts & Crafts - *Temporary Associate*

- Stocked products on shelves
- Provided customer assistance
- Counted and managed money

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## Extra-Curricular Experience

- History Department Salem trip
  - I was invited to go with a number of history majors to Salem, Massachusetts and learn about the witch trials.
- Study abroad trip to Ireland
  - As a freshman, I was able to spend about two weeks in Ireland and take an Advanced Composition course. My assignments included a creative piece about Ireland and a research paper about the Giant's Causeway.
- Marching Band (Three years as Drum Major and President)
  - I played flute my freshman year, then was drum major for the three following years. I worked with another drum major my second year, then helped to manage an online marching band (due to COVID) my third year, then lead the seventy-person band as the only drum major in my fourth year.
- Kappa Kappa rePsital (Two solos)
  - This recital was hosted by one of the music honors fraternities. I was invited to perform two pieces as solos, and I played "Little Beggarman" and "Wild Mountain Thyme" on tin whistle.

- Psi Chi (One year as Vice President)
  - I am the Vice President and Student Government representative for Psi Chi, which is the honors fraternity in psychology.
- Honors Program (One presentation)
  - I have taken honors classes, attended honors presentations, traveled to Buffalo, NY with the honors program, and even hosted an honors enrichment meeting. At the enrichment meeting, I presented to a group of honors students about my experience donating blood and discussed how blood donations are used and who they benefit.
- Student Government Congress member (One committee)
  - I am a congress member for the Student Government Association at Edinboro University. I have been involved in important financial decisions that have a broad impact on student experiences, and I actively participate in discussions and make suggestions about how to best serve the university community.

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## Volunteer Experience

- Red Bird mission (Two trips)
  - I participated in Red Bird Mission to help fix and maintain houses for impoverished people living in rural Kentucky. I have helped to build a handicap ramp, replace floors, tar a roof, and clear black mold from a child's bedroom.
- Brain Awareness Day
  - The Psychology Department ran an event at the Millcreek Mall to raise awareness for neuroscience and help educate the public about brains. I was in charge of the electroencephalogram, which we offered to attach to people's arms to let them see the electrical signals generated by the neurons in their muscles when they made a fist.
- Pi day
  - This is an event hosted by the Math and Computer Science Department where local high schoolers are able to attend presentations, participate in competitions, and learn about math and computer science. I presented a research project at this event twice.
- APSCUF unit of the Labor Day parade
  - On multiple occasions, I have joined the members of APSCUF to march in Erie's Labor Day parade. One year, I was put in charge of organizing and directing the group before the parade.
- Academia De Idiomas y Culturas Extranjeras Naason Prez
  - I worked one-on one with students in Honduras to help them practice English with a native speaker. This included participation in online class discussions, phone calls with individual students, and presentations about my culture.

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## Skills

- Programming in R/Python
- Proficiency in Office products
- Some experience with SPSS, Git
- Strong mathematical ability
- Proficiency in Spanish

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## Grants

- Women's Philanthropy Council Research Grant (pending) (\$1,600)
  - Grant written and submitted for funding that will be used to recruit participants for research
- Student Government Gift Fund (\$67,081.13)
  - Successfully presented a request to student government for funding to buy new marching band uniforms

# GOVERNANCE & LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE



Pennsylvania's  
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**Governance and Leadership Committee Meeting**  
April 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Student Trustee Appointments (ACTION)

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** Mansfield University, Shippensburg University, Slippery Rock University, West Chester University

**BACKGROUND:** Act 50 of 2020 empowers the Board of Governors to make the appointment of students to serve on the Councils of Trustees for the 14 universities with the State System. Prior to this law being enacted, the appointment was made by the Governor, whose office is responsible for thousands of other public appointments.

For years, the universities have utilized a thorough and inclusive recruiting process to identify and vet potential candidates to make a recommendation for appointment. The robust nature of the local process has been retained and has been updated to reflect that the final appointment action will be taken by the Board of Governors rather than the Governor.

Based on input from the University Presidents of Mansfield, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester University and the Office of the Chancellor, the Committee recommends the appointment of the following students to their respective University Council of Trustees:

- Jenna Nila, Mansfield University of Pennsylvania
- Rangeline DeJesus, Shippensburg University of Pennsylvania
- Brooklyn Graham, Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania
- Julie Ward, West Chester University of Pennsylvania

**DRAFT MOTION:** That the Board of Governors hereby appoints Jenna Nila to the Mansfield University Council of Trustees, Rangeline DeJesus to the Shippensburg University Council of Trustees, Brooklyn Graham to the Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees, and Julie Ward to the West Chester University Council of Trustees.

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**Supporting Documents Included:** Resumes of candidates

**Other Supporting Documents Available:** [Statutes](#) providing Board authority

**Reviewed by:** University Presidents; Office of the Chancellor

**Prepared by:** Randy A. Goin Jr.

**Telephone:** (717) 720-4100

March 10, 2022

Dr. Daniel Greenstein, Chancellor  
State System of Higher Education  
2300 Vartan Way  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Chancellor Greenstein, *Dan*


At the request of the Mansfield University Student Trustee Search Committee, I am pleased to forward the application of Ms. Jenna Nila for your consideration and further review.

Jenna is an Academic Exploration Program Elementary Education major with a minor in Music. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Psi Executive Board as a corresponding Alumni Secretary, member of the Concert Choir, Symphonic Band and the Marching Band. She is a student employee in North Hall Library with responsibilities in library stacks.

The Search Committee, consisting of representatives from the Council of Trustees, students, faculty, and staff, have made a sound recommendation. Current Student Trustee, Ms. Sarah Hart, did an outstanding job chairing the search process and communicating with the student community regarding the Pennsylvania Association of Council of Trustees and Mansfield University Council of Trustees' policies. Sarah has done an excellent job representing Mansfield University students on the Council of Trustees, and I feel that Ms. Nila will serve the student body in the same manner.

I look forward to hearing the results of your interview with Ms. Nila and your evaluation of her candidacy. I understand that should Ms. Nila successfully complete the interview process; her nomination would then be forwarded to the Chair of the Board of Governors and ultimately to the Governor for appointment.

Sincerely,



Bashar W. Hanna, Ph.D.  
Interim President, Mansfield University

Enclosures: Application Form



# Jenna Nila

Auburn, NY 13021



Authorized to work in the US for any employer

## Work Experience

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### **Substitute Teacher**

Auburn Enlarged City School District - Auburn, NY  
March 2022 to Present

### **Substitute Teacher's Aide**

Auburn Enlarged City School District - Auburn, NY  
December 2021 to Present

### **Work Study Library Assistant**

Mansfield University - Mansfield, PA  
September 2021 to Present

### **Resident and Day Camp Counselor**

Auburn YMCA-WEIU - Auburn, NY  
June 2021 to August 2021

### **Dino Safari Event Team Member**

Imagine Exhibitions - Syracuse, NY  
May 2021 to June 2021

### **COVID-19 Contact Tracer**

PCG Consulting - Remote  
January 2021 to June 2021

### **Music Resource Center Assistant-Work Study**

Onondaga Community College - Syracuse, NY  
September 2020 to May 2021

### **Marching Band Instructor**

Auburn Enlarged City School District - Auburn, NY  
August 2020 to March 2021

### **Cashier/Customer Service**

Lowe's - Auburn, NY  
June 2020 to September 2020

### **Campus Life Office Assistant-Work Study**

Le Moyne College - Syracuse, NY  
September 2019 to October 2019

**Housekeeper**

Mirbeau Inn & Spa - Skaneateles, NY  
June 2019 to August 2019

**Cashier/Customer Service**

Savvy Mom's Consignment Store - Auburn, NY  
March 2019 to August 2019

**Casher/Customer Service**

Hoopla! Frozen Yogurt - Auburn, NY  
May 2017 to November 2018

**Teaching Assistant**

Skaneateles School District Spotlight Kids Theatre Camp - Skaneateles, NY  
July 2018 to July 2018

**Cashier/Sales Associate**

DeCapio Concessions New York State Fair - Syracuse, NY  
August 2016 to September 2016

**Education**

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**Bachelor's of Science in Education in Early Childhood Education and Special Education**

Mansfield University of Pennsylvania - Mansfield, PA  
August 2021 to Present

**Some college courses in Music**

Onondaga Community College - Syracuse, NY  
August 2020 to May 2021

**Some college courses in Theatre**

Le Moyne College - Syracuse, NY  
August 2019 to December 2019

**High School**

Auburn High School - Auburn, NY  
September 2015 to June 2019

**Languages**

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- Spanish - Intermediate

**Certifications and Licenses**

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**Basic First Aid/CPR and AED for Adult/Child**

June 2021 to June 2023

## **Youth Mental Health First Aid**

June 2021 to June 2024

### Additional Information

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- Leadership Cayuga Class of 2018 Alumni
- HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) New York Central 2017 Alumni, 2018 & 2019 Volunteer
- HOBY World Leadership Congress 2018 Alumni
- Received the New York State Seal of Biliteracy for Spanish
- New York State Senate Youth Leadership Award Recipient 2018
- Brother of the Epsilon Iota chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi

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March 31, 2022

Dr. Daniel Greenstein, Chancellor  
PA State System of Higher Education

Dear Dan:

As you know, our current student trustee, Seth Edwards, will transition out of the role on May 7, 2022. Seth has successfully chaired the search committee. The committee has identified and recommended Rangeline DeJesus as the final applicant to fill the student trustee vacancy. Her resume and all other pertinent information are enclosed.

After my own interview with the candidate, it is my pleasure to endorse Rangeline DeJesus's candidacy without reservation, and further recommend Rangeline as the next student trustee appointee for Shippensburg University beginning May 8, 2022.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Regards,



Dr. Charles E. Patterson  
Interim President

Enclosures

# Rangeline DeJesus

Reading, PA | ( [REDACTED] )  
US Citizenship

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## **EDUCATION:**

**Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Spanish** May 2024

Minor/Concentration: Political Science, Global Political Relations, Latin & Caribbean Studies  
Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA  
[REDACTED]

**High School Diploma**, Reading Senior High School, Reading PA. June 2020

### *Honors:*

- PA Media and Design Competition High School Digital Movie – 2nd Place 2019
- Thomas Jefferson Award for Leadership from Key Club 2019
- Robert F. Lucas Award for Distinguished Lieutenant Governor 2020

## **SKILLS:**

Bilingual in Spanish & English      Beginner French      Video Editing Content Creation      Canva

## **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**Resident Assistant**, Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA. March 2021 - Present

- Directly supported 30 to 40 students in transitioning to college life
- Effectively handled crisis situations and crowd control
- Designed program content for student success in a Living Learning Community
- Ensured student needs are met by either myself or appropriate staff

**Catering Worker**, Aramark, Shippensburg, PA. September 2021 – Present

- Greeted guests, answered questions about the menu, and accommodated them as needed
- Organized the needed supplies for an event in advance and set up buffet lines and tables in a detail-oriented fashion
- Maintained sanitary conditions by bussing tables and washing the used tableware

**Asset Protection**, Walmart, Shippensburg, PA. March 2021 – September 2021

- Employed company loss prevention techniques to improve consistency with inventory
- Greeted customers and answered questions as they arose

**Cashier**, Rite Aid Pharmacy, Reading, PA. January 2018 - January 2019

- Operated the cash register, processed returns/exchanges, and money services
- Worked in a team of 4 people in a fast-paced work environment
- Delivered exceptional customer service in Spanish and English when assisting patrons
- Maintained sanitary work conditions by performing general cleaning of store

## **LEADERSHIP:**

- Lieutenant Governor of Division 13, Key Club, Reading, PA.** Fall 2017 - Summer 2020
- Created monthly newsletters to inform clubs
  - Supported and helped organized local community service events
  - Secretary (2018-2019); Vice President (2019-2020); Lt Governor of Division 13 (2019-2020)

- Secretary, National Honors Society, Reading, PA.** Spring 2018 - Summer 2020
- Embodied the pillars of National Honors Society: Scholarships, Leadership, Service, Character -  
Kept track of meeting attendance and individual members' hours.

- Secretary, Aevidum, Reading, PA.** Fall 2018 - Summer 2020
- Raised awareness on mental health, suicide prevention, depression, and anxiety

March 22, 2022

Ms. Brooklyn Graham  
1 Vineyard Circle  
Slippery Rock, PA 16057

Dear Brooklyn,

I have received the recommendation of the Student Trustee Selection Committee. I am pleased to inform you that your nomination was forwarded to the Chancellor's Office of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education for approval. Congratulations!

Before your appointment is finalized, there are a few steps to be completed. Chancellor Daniel Greenstein will review your application materials. Please also be aware the Chancellor's Office will complete a social media check. Once the review at the System is completed and everything is in order, the Chancellor's Office will submit your materials to the Governor's Office for appointment. As a student trustee, you do not have to receive Senate confirmation, so the process tends to move quickly.

The next Council of Trustees meeting is scheduled June 2 & 3, 2022 and it is anticipated your appointment will be finalized for this meeting. I would encourage you to attend the sessions you are able and observe the meetings in advance of your appointment. Tina Moser can provide you the schedule of meeting activities.

Brooklyn, this is an exciting leadership opportunity and I know you will represent Slippery Rock University well. In the meantime, should you have questions about this appointment, please contact me.

Sincerely,



William J. Behre, Ph.D.  
President

WJB: tlm

cc: Mr. Matt Lautman, chair, Slippery Rock University Council of Trustees

# BROOKLYN GRAHAM

## EDUCATION

**Slippery Rock University** – Slippery Rock, PA  
*Bachelor of Arts – Political Science (Pre-Law)*

Expected Graduation: May 2023

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Qualitative Climate Campus Study*

Fall 2020 – Present

- Prepare report based on data for President’s Commission on Race and Ethnic Diversity.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**University Seminar – “Rise, Revolt, Repeat”**

Fall 2021

*Teaching Assistant*

- Communicate regularly with students in order to maintain organization, remind of upcoming class assignments, and provide bridge between students and professor
- Create lessons for 55 students over 16 course sessions that focus on discussion and student engagement
- Facilitate large and small group discussions to monitor student understanding and supplement course materials in response to learning gaps

**FYRST Seminar**

Fall 2021

*Peer Leader*

- Serve as mentor and assist in student’s transition to campus by attending weekly sessions, answering questions, and presenting on various subjects to 25 exploratory, first year students

## CAMPUS LEADERSHIP

**Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education**

June 2021 – September 2021

*Working Group Member*

- Served on Chancellor’s Committee on 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment Policies within the School System, and formally suggested policy recommendation to Chancellor of PASSHE.
- Work collaboratively to review the formal publication of the policy proposal.

**Peer Academic Coach**

- Provide individual peer coaching to students on topics of general study strategies, effective learning techniques, online learning strategies, exam preparation, and time management.
- Facilitate weekly individualized meetings based on student’s needs.



**Black Action Society (BAS) Member**

Fall 2019 – Present

*Secretary*

Spring 2021 – Present

- Served as Executive Board Secretary and assisted president with scheduling and facilitating biweekly organization meetings and collaborative events for over two semesters.

**Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (FMLA)**

Fall 2019 – Present

*Event Chair*

Fall 2019 – Spring 2021

- Served as an Executive Board member and completed all scheduling and organizational tasks for the organization.

**Jumpstart**

Fall 2020 – Present

*Mentor*

- Assisted first year college students through weekly mentorship meetings which, tracked their academic and personal progress, as well as facilitated large professional development sessions for students.



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March 3, 2022

Dr. Daniel Greenstein, Chancellor  
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education  
Dixon University Center  
2986 North Second Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Chancellor Greenstein:

It is my privilege to nominate Ms. Julie Ward as our institution's recommendation as the next student member of our Council of Trustees.

Ms. Ward's scholarly and academic achievements are excellent. She is a dual major in accounting and finance with a [REDACTED] grade point average and she has earned Dean's List recognition each semester of her undergraduate work.

Due to the pandemic, Julie has only had one full semester on campus. Despite her limited in-person WCU opportunities, Julie became involved in Women in Business and the Beta Alpha Psi Accounting Society. She highlighted serving on the Beta Alpha Psi Ethics Case Competition this past fall as something of which she is particularly proud. Her team had a week to review materials, conduct research, and present the findings to partners at an accounting firm; they received second place out of 32 teams, a noteworthy accomplishment.

Julie impressed our selection committee with her poise, maturity, and strong communication skills. In high school she served as a student representative and liaised between students and school administrators, which gives her a good understanding of the student trustee role and strongly related experiences. I am confident she will connect with students, administrators, and the other trustees.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Fiorentino".

Dr. Christopher Fiorentino, President  
West Chester University

# Julie Ward

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## CAREER OBJECTIVE

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I am a 19-year-old dual accounting and finance major attending West Chester University, expected graduation date May 2023. I am aspiring to become an accountant, as well as earning my CPA.

## EXPERIENCE

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### FINANCE ASSISTANT/INTERN, Lancaster, PA

*Dutch Wonderland Family Amusement Park, May 2021 - Aug 2021*

- Process and report revenue for the park, campground, and hotel on a daily basis
- Verify and prepare high-volume daily deposits
- Organize and store reports, invoices, and other sensitive materials
- Complete accounts receivable and accounts payable functions including review of accounts payable, expense reports, and check request submissions for accuracy and timeliness
- Assist in investigating revenue reporting discrepancies or variances
- Process accounts payable and submit reviewed invoices to corporate for payment

## EDUCATION

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### WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

West Chester, PA

*B.S Accounting and Finance Candidate (Expected graduation May 2023)*

- **GPA:** █
- **Relevant Coursework:** Financial Accounting
- **Awards & Honors:** Deans List
- **Extracurricular Activities:** Beta Alpha Psi- Accounting Honors Club, The Accounting Society, Women In Business

### PENN MANOR HIGH SCHOOL

Millersville, PA

*High School Diploma (May 2020)*

- **Extracurricular Activities:** Girls varsity tennis captain, Member-Chick-fil-a leadership club, Student Ambassador, Student Representative at school board meetings, Member-Serteen community service club, Scholar, Attollo

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS

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- Microsoft Excel
- Time Management
- Communication Skills
- Problem Solver
- Team player/ leader
- Attention to detail

# UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE



Pennsylvania's  
**STATE SYSTEM**  
of Higher Education

**University Success Committee Meeting**

April 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Financial Sustainability - Mansfield University of Pennsylvania FY 2021/22  
Loan and Transfer of Loan Obligation

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** All

**BACKGROUND:** Beginning in fiscal 2020, Mansfield University required loans to support its ongoing operations. On April 29, 2020, the Board of Governors approved a loan for Mansfield University up to \$6.0 million, and on April 15, 2021, the Board of Governors approved an additional loan for Mansfield up to \$7.0 million, resulting in a current \$13.0 million loan outstanding. Both loans were subject to payment terms and loan covenants.

For fiscal 2021/22, Mansfield University anticipates requiring a loan as they continue their multi-year efforts to realign costs to revenues. While the university's midyear Sustainability Progress Report noted progression towards its midyear milestones, it still requires financial assistance for this fiscal year of up to \$7.0 million to sustain operations for the fiscal year 2021/22.

To align with the July 2021 Board-approved Integration Plans and support the financial sustainability of the upcoming integrated university, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania will not assume the \$20.0 million of cumulative loan obligations of Mansfield University. Therefore, an additional step is required to transfer the note payables of up to \$20.0 million off Mansfield University's financials in FY 2021/22. These obligations would transfer to the State System with repayment to be funded by one-time funds resulting from savings realized with the SERS Prefunding Program. Transferring the Mansfield University loan obligation is consistent with the approach outlined in the Northeast integration plan, Section 12 "Additional Considerations and Conclusion."

In accordance with Policy 2019-01: *University Financial Sustainability Policy*, the resulting transference of the loan can result in additional actions. To maintain continued focus on the financial sustainability of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania, the university shall be subject to monitoring outlined within the below motion associated with the transference of the obligation.

**DRAFT MOTION:**

- That the Board of Governors approves a loan for Mansfield University of Pennsylvania of up to \$7.0 million.
- That the Board of Governors approve the FY 2021/22 transfer of Mansfield University's total loan obligations estimated to be \$20 million to the State System for repayment with funds from the SERS Prefunding Program through FY 2030/31,
- That the Board of Governors deems satisfied the Mansfield University's FY 2019/20 and FY 2020/21 promissory notes and associated loan covenants,
- That the Board of Governors approve, as of July 1, 2022, monitoring of Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania as follows:

- As part of the updated sustainability plan, provide a housing plan to address occupancy and debt; report each semester on revenue, occupancy and capacity by residence hall.
- Provide actual headcount and full-time equivalent enrollment each semester, and updated enrollment projections for each upcoming term.
- Provide biannual progress against the sustainability plan, which must include at a minimum attainment of workforce and operating goals as described in the approved sustainability plan.
- Comply with other such actions as the Board of Governors directs to achieve financial sustainability.

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**Supporting Documents Included:** Mansfield Promissory Note, System Loan Promissory Note

**Other Supporting Documents Available:** April 29, 2020 Board Item, Financial Sustainability – Mansfield University of Pennsylvania; July 19, 2020 Board Item, Financial Sustainability – Mansfield University of Pennsylvania Loan, Loan Covenants Update; April 15, 2021 Board Item, Financial Sustainability – Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

**Reviewed by:** Legal Counsel

**Prepared by:** Molly Mercer

**Email:** [mmercerc@passhe.edu](mailto:mmercerc@passhe.edu)

**Draft Promissory Note 1**  
**Mansfield University of Pennsylvania Draft Promissory Note**  
**Investment Fund/University Loan Program**

THIS Promissory Note, made and entered into this Xth day of Month XX, 2022, between the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (State System) as lender, hereinafter referred to as the Lender, and Mansfield University of Pennsylvania as borrower, hereinafter referred to as the Borrower.

WHEREAS, the Borrower desires to borrow up to \$7.0 million from the Lender's Intermediate-Term Investment Fund, to be drawn upon in any or all amount, as needed by the Borrower for the fiscal year 2021/22.

WHEREAS, to ensure the financial sustainability of the upcoming integrated university, this note payable and the total cumulative loan obligation of up to \$20.0 million will be transferred off Mansfield University's financials in FY 2021/22 and obligations and covenants deemed satisfied.

WHEREAS, the Borrower's request has been duly approved by Board of Governors of the State System,

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the Borrower the borrower will receive funds as required to support its cash needs for the fiscal year 2021/22.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the signatories hereto have caused this Promissory Note to be executed the date first above-written.

By: _____	By: _____
Sharon P. Minnich	Dr. Bashar Hanna
Executive Vice Chancellor	Interim President
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education	Mansfield University of Pennsylvania

**Draft Agreement**  
**State System of Higher Education of Pennsylvania**  
**Investment Fund/University Loan Program**

WHEREAS, to ensure the financial sustainability of the upcoming integrated university, Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania, Mansfield University's notes payable and the total cumulative loan obligations of up to \$20.0 million will be transferred off Mansfield University's financials in FY 2021/22 and all notes and covenants be deemed satisfied.

WHEREAS The System, in satisfying Mansfield's obligations will assume the cumulative loan obligations.

WHEREAS The cumulative loan obligations will be repaid through SERS savings funds from the State System in accordance with the payment schedules outlined in prior promissory notes and with following the same associated terms for this borrowing of \$7.0 million. The loan funds are interest and principal-free for the first five fiscal years, with interest and principal repayments beginning in year six of the ten-year period. Payment may be made at an earlier date. Interest rates are in accordance with associated policies. Those payment terms and estimated payment schedules are as follows:

	<b>FY 2019/2020 Loan</b>	<b>FY 2020/2021 Loan</b>	<b>FY 2021/2022 Loan*</b>	<b>Total Repayment from SERS Savings</b>
FY 2024/25	\$ 823,040			\$ 823,040
FY 2025/26	\$ 1,246,000	\$ 860,840		\$ 2,106,840
FY 2026/27	\$ 1,234,640	\$ 1,491,330	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 4,125,970
FY 2027/28	\$ 1,223,280	\$ 1,468,030	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 4,091,310
FY 2028/29	\$ 1,211,920	\$ 1,444,730	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 4,056,650
FY 2029/30	\$ 403,120	\$ 1,421,430	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 3,224,550
FY 2030/31		\$ 604,890	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,004,890
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,142,000</b>	<b>\$ 7,291,250</b>	<b>\$ 7,000,000</b>	<b>\$ 20,433,250</b>

*\*An interest rate is not yet assigned to the borrowings for FY 21/22. Repayment reflects principal-only at this time. Exact repayment will incorporate interest and will be reflective of the timings and actual amount drawn down.*

Exact payments will differ from the schedule above due to specific interest rate and required borrowings for FY 2021/22's loan.

NOW, THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing, the repayment shall occur in accordance with the schedule noted herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the signatory hereto has caused this Agreement to be executed the date first above-written.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sharon P. Minnich  
 Executive Vice Chancellor  
 Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education



## University Success Committee Meeting

April 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Property Disposal, Edinboro University Highlands 7 & 8

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** Edinboro University

**BACKGROUND:** In recent years, Edinboro University's residential halls have experienced low occupancy levels due to its declining enrollment. In Fall 2021, the residence halls had occupancy of 1,065 as compared to the maximum capacity of 1,843, or a 57.8 percent occupancy rate. The low occupancy rates have created financial strain on the auxiliary operations, resulting in the housing program experiencing annual deficits.

Divesting two of the housing facilities, Highlands 7 & 8 is a key strategy to support long-term financial sustainability for the housing operations for Edinboro University, as outlined in its sustainability planning. A sale of two of its buildings would provide proceeds to direct towards paying down the debt, eliminate certain ongoing operational and facility stewardship needs, and leave sufficient housing capacity for its anticipated future enrollment.

Universities with excess housing stock face limitations with monetizing these properties and accordingly have been pursuing a portfolio approach to address this fiscal challenge. Commonwealth funding for debt relief or sale of the facility to the Commonwealth would provide the most comprehensive relief for debt service and future maintenance costs. Sales of facilities to private entities can provide proceeds to assist with debt but potentially may be less than the balance of debt as they must also align to a purpose that supports the safety and appropriateness to its campus location.

Given these circumstances, Edinboro University and the State System will continue to seek out other opportunities for debt relief to address the imbalance in revenue and costs; however, it must concurrently pursue all measures available, including a sale of the facility to address the burden of the debt and future costs.

Therefore, Edinboro University seeks to dispose of the property located at 320 Scotland Road and 305 Darrow Road, Edinboro, PA 16444, also known as Highlands 7 and 8, respectively. The university is seeking to sell the property for development compatible with its mission while also improving its financial situation.

The buildings were constructed in 2011 and the property totals approximately 16.5 acres of land titled to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The two 70,000 square-foot residence halls and related infrastructure are owned by Edinboro University. With the excess student housing on campus, the university has not used these two facilities since spring 2019.

Because the property is commonwealth owned, the sale of this property will require an act of the General Assembly with concurrence and support from the Department of General Services. It will also require approval of a subdivision plan by the local municipality. This action would give the System the discretion to dispose of this property through a sale and agreed upon procedures if it is deemed in its best interest.

**DRAFT MOTION:** That the Board of Governors approves Edinboro University's request to proceed with disposal of property and improvements known as Highlands 7 and 8.

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**Supporting Documents Included:** Property photos and map

**Other Supporting Documents Available:**

**Reviewed by:** Edinboro University Counsel of Trustees

**Prepared by:** Molly Mercer

**Contact:** [mmerc@passhe.edu](mailto:mmerc@passhe.edu)



**Typical Highlands Residence Hall**



**Corner of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania**

**Board of Governors Meeting**

April 14, 2022

**SUBJECT:** 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Basic Tuition and Technology Tuition Fee Rates

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**UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED:** All

**BACKGROUND:** State System universities provide high quality educational experiences while continuing to be among the most affordable four-year institutions in Pennsylvania—striving to provide every student the opportunity to achieve success and upward mobility. It is critical to both student and university success that the System universities control costs and use tuition and institutional aid strategically to keep tuition as low as possible for those with the greatest financial challenges.

At its April 2019 regular meeting, the Board of Governors approved changes to Board of Governors' Policy 1999-02-A: *Tuition*, such that tuition rates will be set annually no later than April 30 for the upcoming two academic years, where the tuition rate for the second year is based on the most current three-year average increase in the State System's basic tuition rate.

**DRAFT MOTION:** That the Board of Governors approves the 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Tuition Schedule (Attachment 1) and the 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Technology Tuition Fee Schedule (Attachment 2). (The increase would be zero percent for 2022-23, and in turn a zero percent tentative increase for 2023-24 as calculated of the average of the last three years.)

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**Supporting Documents Included:** 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Tuition Schedule (Attachment 1) and 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Technology Tuition Fee Schedule (Attachment 2)

**Other Supporting Documents Available:** Board of Governors' Policy 1999-02-A: *Tuition*

**Reviewed by:** N/A

**Prepared by:** Molly Mercer

**Email:** mmercerc@passhe.edu

**Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education**  
**Proposed 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Tuition Rates**  
*Summary for Typical System Student*  
*Excludes Rates for Board-Approved Alternative Tuition Pricing*

Student Classification	2021-22 Rates		Proposed 2022-23 Rates				Tentative 2023-24 Rates			
	Per Credit <sup>1</sup>	Full-Time Academic Year	Per Credit <sup>1</sup>	Full-Time Academic Year	Change		Per Credit <sup>1</sup>	Full-Time Academic Year	Change	
					\$	%			\$	%
<b>Basic Tuition Rate<sup>2</sup></b>										
In-State Undergraduate	\$322	\$7,716	\$322	\$7,716	\$0	0.0%	\$322	\$7,716	\$0	0.0%
In-State Graduate	\$516	n/a	\$516	n/a	\$0	0.0%	\$516	n/a	\$0	0.0%
<b>Technology Tuition Rate</b>										
Undergraduate In-State	\$20	\$478	\$20	\$478	\$0	0.0%	\$20	\$478	\$0	0.0%
Undergraduate Out-of-State	\$30	\$728	\$30	\$728	\$0	0.0%	\$30	\$728	\$0	0.0%
Graduate In-State	\$28	n/a	\$28	n/a	\$0	0.0%	\$28	n/a	\$0	0.0%
Graduate Out-of-State	\$40	n/a	\$40	n/a	\$0	0.0%	\$40	n/a	\$0	0.0%

<sup>1</sup> For graduate student charges and undergraduate part-time, summer, interim session student charges.

<sup>2</sup> For universities that do not have an alternative tuition plan approved by the Board of Governors. For more details, see individual university tuition rate schedules.

Note: At the discretion of each university president, graduate and out-of-state tuition rates may vary.

**Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education  
Proposed 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Technology Tuition Fee Schedule**

Student Classification	2021-22	Proposed 2022-23	Change		Tentative 2023-24	Change	
			\$	%		\$	%
<b>Full-Time Academic Year</b>							
In-State Undergraduate	\$478	\$478	\$0	0.0%	\$478	\$0	0.0%
Out-of-State Undergraduate	\$728	\$728	\$0	0.0%	\$728	\$0	0.0%
<b>Full-Time Semester</b>							
In-State Undergraduate	\$239	\$239	\$0	0.0%	\$239	\$0	0.0%
Out-of-State Undergraduate	\$364	\$364	\$0	0.0%	\$364	\$0	0.0%
<b>Per Student Credit Hour (For part-time and graduate students) <sup>1</sup></b>							
In-State Undergraduate (less than 12 credits)	\$20	\$20	\$0	0.0%	\$20	\$0	0.0%
Out-of-State Undergraduate (less than 12 credits)	\$30	\$30	\$0	0.0%	\$30	\$0	0.0%
In-State Graduate	\$28	\$28	\$0	0.0%	\$28	\$0	0.0%
Out-of-State Graduate	\$40	\$40	\$0	0.0%	\$40	\$0	0.0%

<sup>1</sup> For graduate student charges and for undergraduate part-time, summer, and interim session student charges.