



Board of Governors Meeting

June 30, 2021

Via Zoom

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Wednesday, June 30, 2021

- 8:30 a.m.
1. Roll Call
 2. Chairwoman's remarks
 3. Remarks by union leaders
 4. Public comments
 5. Appointment of Student Board Members (ACTION)
 6. Workshop – Update on proposed integrations (INFORMATION ONLY)
 7. Adjournment

Governance and Leadership Committee

June 30, 2021

SUBJECT: Appointment of Student Board Members

UNIVERSITIES AFFECTED: All

BACKGROUND: The State System's enabling legislation, Act 188 of 1982, as modified by Act 50 of 2020, empowers the Board of Governors to make appointments of students to serve on the Board of Governors. Prior to this law being enacted, the appointment was made by the Governor. The law now states that:

Three (3) of the members shall be students appointed by the board under section 2006-A(a)(17). The student members shall be selected with the advice and consent of institution presidents. A student's term shall expire upon graduation, separation or failure to maintain good academic standing at the institution in which the student is enrolled. ((8) added July 1, 2020, P.L.558, No.50)

Two seats are currently vacant following the recent graduation of student members who held those seats. In accordance with Board Policy [1983-25A: Student Governor Selection](#) and procedures set forth by the System office, the university presidents were invited to nominate one student for the Board's consideration in filling the empty seats. Those nominations were reviewed by members of the Governance and Leadership Committee. Five nominees from among the pool of 13 were interviewed by the Chair of the Governance and Leadership Committee, the Chair of the Board of Governors, the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor, and the following two students were recommended for appointment:

- Zakariya Scott of Bloomsburg University
- Alexander Roberts of Edinboro University

MOTION: That the Board of Governors appoints Zakariya Scott of Bloomsburg University and Alexander Roberts of Edinboro University as members of the Board in accordance with the State System's enabling legislation, as amended.

Supporting Documents Included: Candidate information

Other Supporting Documents Available: N/A

Reviewed by: Legal counsel

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***Board of Governors
Student Member
Candidate***

***Zakariya Scott
Bloomsburg University
(Expected Graduation May 2023)***



April 21, 2021

Daniel Greenstein, D.Phil.
Chancellor
Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
2986 North Second Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Bloomsburg University Student BOG Nominee

Dear Chancellor Greenstein,

Bloomsburg University's student board of governor search and screen selection process to identify a nominee for one of the three upcoming vacancies has been completed. It is my privilege to nominate Ms. Zakariya Scott for consideration.

Currently studying to obtain a BA in English with a concentration in creative writing, Zakariya is professional, humble, and passionate about Bloomsburg University, the State System, and our students. A Board of Governors scholarship recipient, Zakaria is driven to represent all students and speak to the challenges and struggles many of her peers face. In her interview, she noted the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic presented for her in just her second semester at BU. To her credit, she has overcome those challenges and feels her own experiences would help her in advocating for all her fellow students. Lastly, as a member of BU's Class of 2023, she would have ample time to serve, if selected.

Please find enclosed the completed application packet for Ms. Zakariya Scott, which includes additional details about her background and interest.

Sincerely,

Bashar W. Hanna, Ph.D.
President

BWH/dk

Enclosures

Zakariya Scott

7th April 2021

James Brown
Dean Of College of Liberal Arts
Bloomsburg Univerity
400 E 2nd St
Bloomsburg, PA 17815

Dear Mr. Brown:

My name is Zakariya Scott and I want to make a difference in this world. This is a desire I've had since I was young. I have always felt that I was meant to be more, not only for myself but for those who could not dream as big. I had an average life; we were not dirt poor but we did go hungry some nights. My mother was a single mother of 4 that sacrificed everything to give us a good life. I believe this is where the itch started. I felt helpless when I had to ask for money for school, or I wanted something others had, and my mother had to say no. I knew she didn't want to, and making her hurt made me hurt. I wanted to be more so we could have more. She deserved more. Now, as a twenty-year-old college student, I still find myself looking out for the underdog. I believe this drive, as well as my passion for Bloomsburg Univerity and its students, will make me the best candidate for the Board of Governors Student Representative.

As the representative, I will listen to the people my choices will affect: the students and staff of our great campus. I would make choices in our best interest, be as fair and unbiased as possible, and make a difference in the lives of all our students. I am curious (or nosey if you ask my mother) and I will get to the heart of the real issues we face. I am empathetic, hard-working, passionate, responsible, and most importantly I care about what will happen after the decision. I will never forget the people who put their trust in me as their representative.

I also believe that the best way to know a student is to be a student. As a current undergrad, I will be able to vote from a place of experience. I will be able to say, definitively, if a policy will help or hinder the student body. I know our struggles because I've lived them. I feel I also have a unique point of view due to the Covid crisis. I will be able to help get things back on track for everyone because I've seen all sides.

This opportunity will be my chance to make something lasting for myself. I want to help. I want to make our campus the best it can possibly be. I want anyone who comes to Bloomsburg

University to have the resources they need and the comfort they crave. I will be the best for our BU family. If the community supports me, they will never be disappointed.

Sincerely,
Zakariya Scott

Zakariya Scott

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania - English Creative Writing - Class of 2023



EXPERIENCE

World War Three Paintball, Vine Street Johnstown, Pa — Party Director

February 2016 - May 2017

I directed parties by: opening the facility, setting up guns and ammo as requested by the party, maintaining the guns and ammo throughout the party, keeping track of the money from the check-in fees as well as any other sales, refereeing games when requested or with minors, cleaning the track and facilities after the party, dismantling the guns, and locking up before leaving for the night.

McDonald's, Haynes Street Johnstown, Pa — Crew Trainer

May 2017 - June 2018

I worked in all positions front to back. I would be placed where the crew needed the most help that day and I would run that section. I also trained new crew members on their jobs as well.

Dollar General, Southmont Street Johnstown, Pa — Sales Associate

February 2018 - May 2020

I worked the cash register, as well as assisting customers. I cleaned and maintained the store during the downtimes.

EDUCATION

Greater Johnstown High School, Central Street Johnstown, Pa — Diploma

August 2015 - June 2019

Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania, East Second Street Bloomsburg, Pa — Bachelor's Degree

August 2019 - Present

I am currently studying to get my bachelor's in English with a concentration in creative writing.

SKILLS

Creativity

Adaptability

Teamwork

Problem Solving

Customer Service

Empathy

AWARDS

Student of the Week - my college prep program, Upward Bound, gave awards for the students who had contributed the most to classes and activities. I won multiple times

Memorial Day Essay Contest - I won \$50 for a 300-word essay I wrote about memorial day.

First Chair Marching Band - I was first chair all 4 years of marching and concert band.

Extracurriculars

Upward Bound - 2015 -2018

Marching Band - 2015 -2018

Theater - 2015 -2017

Soccer - 2018





***Board of Governors
Student Member
Candidate***

***Alexander Roberts
Edinboro University
(Expected Graduation May 2022)***



April 19, 2021

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education
Board of Governors Student Selection Committee
Dixon University Center
2986 North 2nd Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Dear Selection Committee:

I am pleased to provide a letter of recommendation on behalf of Mr. Alexander Roberts, who has expressed a strong interest in serving as a member of the Board of Governors for Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education. Based on his solid work ethic and many contributions to Edinboro University as an active and engaged student leader, I believe Mr. Roberts would be a true asset to the Board of Governors.

He is a top-notch student with a passion for political science and a commitment to furthering the educational mission of Edinboro University and the State System as a whole. Alexander has provided exemplary service as parliamentarian of the Student Government Association, chairman of the Organizational Review and Judicial committees and president of Model UN and Model NATO – all while balancing his academic workload. In each of these roles, he has proven to be ambitious, consistent and insightful.

Mr. Roberts is an exceptional, hardworking non-traditional student who believes deeply in the transformational power of higher education. He has made a mark on the future of Edinboro through his service to the Western Integration working group, and I am confident that he would make an excellent addition to the Board of Governors. If I can be of assistance or provide additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Dale-Elizabeth Pehrsson
President

DEP/ras
Attachments

Dear Dr. Pehrsson:

The purpose of this letter is to express my strong interest in representing Edinboro and Pennsylvania students at large on the Board of Governors. I believe I have the skills and experience necessary to not only fill this position, but contribute meaningfully to the Board while serving until my May 2022 graduation. Furthermore, I strongly believe that the Board would benefit from having a student representative from Edinboro University due to the ongoing changes in the PASSHE system.

As for my skills and qualifications, I served as Parliamentarian on the Edinboro University Student Government Association (EUSGA) executive board for the year of 2020. While serving I acquired experience participating in meetings much like those of the Board of Governors, including many meetings regarding the growing health crisis of the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to my leadership experience gained with EUSGA, I am currently serving as president for both the Model NATO and Model UN clubs on campus. These clubs were hit hard by membership losses due to the pandemic, and I will be working hard in the coming months to ensure their recovery.

These leadership roles will not have provided me with all the knowledge and experience necessary to serve on the Board of Governors, every new position possesses its own unique challenges and duties, but I am confident that my work ethic and adaptability will quickly close those gaps. I have worked and supported myself since turning 18 years old (now 28), and have adapted to many jobs over that time. I have served customers in a retail environment, pressure washed the ceilings of trucking depots, serviced air conditioning units, worked the desk of a truck stop, and even since coming to Edinboro I have worked on campus as a computer technician and tutor of the German language. Not all of these are directly relevant to the position of Board member, but they demonstrate an ability to acquire many different skill sets and a strong working ethic. This also includes adapting to a university environment as a non-traditional student who did not take their first steps into higher education until age 25.

My own qualifications aside, I also strongly believe that the Board would benefit from having a student of Edinboro University participating, regardless of whether I am that student. Currently there are two ongoing integrations within the PASSHE system. West, (California, Clarion, and Edinboro), and Northeast (Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield). None of the current student Members of the Board are from any of the six universities involved in this important renovation to the PASSHE system, and I believe the Board would benefit greatly from the participation of at least one such student. I hope that I will have the honor of being selected as this student.

Thank you for your consideration,
Alexander C. Roberts

Alexander C. Roberts

Undergraduate Student – Junior, 2nd Semester

Dedicated student of political science who ultimately aspires for a career in the American government. Responsible, with a strong work ethic to help accomplish any goals and obligations. Knowledgeable in history and politics, and motivated to expand the understanding of these topics even outside of the classroom.

EDUCATION

- 2018-08 - Current** **Bachelor of Arts: Political Science**
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, PA
- [REDACTED]
 - Served as Parliamentarian and Chairman of the Organizational Review and Judicial Committees for Edinboro University Student Government Association Inc. Spring and Fall 2020
 - President of Model NATO and Model UN, Spring 2021-Present
 - Member of Edinboro University Student Government Association Congress 2021-Present
 - Dean's List Spring 2019-Present
 - Coursework in American Politics, International Law, National Security, and Geography

WORK HISTORY

- 2018-08 – Present** **Student Technician – Learning Technology Services**
Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA
- 2019-03 – 2020-08** **Tutor – German Language**
Edinboro University, Edinboro, PA
- 2012-08 – 2018-08** **Customer Service and Technician – Various**
Family Dollar Stores Inc., Brookville, PA
Giant Eagle, Brookville, PA
Plyler's At Your Service, Brookville, PA
TravelCenters Of America LLC, Brookville, PA

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SKILLS

Creative problem solving
Interpersonal skills
Reliability
Adaptability

LANGUAGES

English – Native
German – Proficient
Spanish - Out of Practice
ASL - Learning