

Board of Governors
Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education

Meeting Minutes

290th Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2022

9:00 a.m.
PHEAA 1200 N. 7th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102

ATTENDING

Board of Governors:

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

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

Chair Cindy 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 remarked that this is the first meeting in person after the sale of the Dixon University Center. Extended thanks to the PHEAA leadership, for extending the use of their meeting space, and reviewed the agenda items that will be considered today.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Full remarks in video archive)

- Mr. Nick Marcil, current graduate student, West Chester University.
- Mr. Michael Balog Jr. 2018 Edinboro University graduate.

REMARKS BY UNION LEADERS (Full remarks in video archive)

- APSCUF President – Dr. Jamie Martin

REMARKS BY PACT (Full remarks in video archive)

- PACT 1st Vice President Milissa Bauer provided remarks on behalf of the PACT and overview of the recent PACT's Spring Conference.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- Meeting Minutes February 3, 2022
- Meeting Minutes March 2, 2022
- Ministerial Changes in Board Documents

Voice Vote. No opposition. The motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT SUCCESS COMMITTEE

(Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair David Maser reviewed the history and background of the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence, which is conferred annually upon a graduating senior from one of the State System universities. 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.

This year, a review panel appointed by the chancellor considered 14 nominees in accordance with the criteria outlined above, and Ms. Elizabeth Bennett, a student at Edinboro University of Pennsylvania was selected as the recipient of this year's award of \$1,000. The remaining 13 finalists will each receive a certificate signed by the chancellor and chair of the Student Success Committee of the Board, and a check for \$50.00.

Dr. Dale Elizabeth Pehrsson, President, Clarion University and Interim President, Edinboro and California University, spoke of Elizabeth's academic accomplishments, and presented the award.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

(Full remarks in video archive)

Chancellor Greenstein offered remarks on the recent campus visits he conducted this spring, many of which were face-to-face, and seeing first-hand the activity resuming on the campuses as the university communities return to some sense of normalcy.

Chancellor Greenstein also remarked on the hard work and significant amount of detail that went into the integration planning as they near the implementation phase. Middle States Commission of Higher Education has responded favorably approving the accreditation plans for the integrating universities, which has led the path for the newly embodied corporate structures to begin July 1, and to plan for the first cohort of students this fall.

The Chancellor remarked on the allocation of funds and the opportunities they provided for the investment in our students, universities and system overall.

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. Roll call was conducted, and the following committee members were present: Maser, Martin, Roberts, Schwank, and Shapira (ex-officio).

Based on input from the University Presidents of Mansfield, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock, 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.

Presidents Hanna, Patterson, Behre and Fiorentino each offered remarks in support of their student appointments to their respective University Councils of Trustees.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SMITH MOVED 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.

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

UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE

(Full remarks in video archive)

Committee Chair Larry Skinner conducted roll call and the following committee members were present: Weaver, Gindlesperger, Jones, Roae, Scott, Yeomans, and Chair Shapira (ex-officio).

Chairman Skinner reviewed the Committee items as presented in the meeting materials as follows:

1. Financial Sustainability – Mansfield University of Pennsylvania for FY 2021/2022 Loan and Transfer of Loan Obligation.
2. Property Disposal, Edinboro University Highlands 7 and 8.
3. 2022-2023 and Tentative 2023-2024 Basic Tuition and Technology Tuition Fee Rates.

Molly Mercer, Chief Financial Officer, provided a review of the Mansfield University Loan and Transfer of Loan Obligation. President Hanna, Chancellor Greenstein and Chair Shapira addressed a few questions raised by several Board members.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED:

- **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 BIENNIAL 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.**

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

Chairman Skinner reviewed the Committee's second action item, Property Disposal, Edinboro University Highlands 7 and 8. Molly Mercer provided a brief overview of the proposed request and addressed a few questions raised by Board members.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVES EDINBORO UNIVERSITY'S REQUEST TO PROCEED WITH DISPOSAL OF PROPERTY AND IMPROVEMENTS KNOWN AS HIGHLANDS 7 AND 8.

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

Chairman Skinner reviewed the Committee's third action item, 2022-23 and Tentative 2023-24 Basic Tuition and Technology Tuition Fee Rates. Molly Mercer provided a brief overview of the proposed request. Chancellor Greenstein offered a few additional remarks and addressed a few questions and comments raised by Board members. Additional comments were made by several University Presidents.

COMMITTEE CHAIR SKINNER MOVES 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.

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

BOARD CONSIDERATION
(Full remarks in video archive)

MOTION: CHAIR SHAPIRA MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVE ITEMS 10a., 11a., 11b., 11c., AS RECOMMENDED BY THE RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES, GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP AND UNIVERSITY SUCCESS COMMITTEE:

1. Item 10a. - Student trustee appointments at Mansfield, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester University.
2. Item 11a. – Loan and Loan Transfer - Mansfield University
3. Item 11b. - Property Sale – Edinboro University
4. Item 11c. – Base tuition and technology tuition fee

Voice Vote. No opposition. The motion passed.

For the record, Chair Shapira noted that the Board met in executive session on April 13, 2022, from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

ATTEST:

Randy A. Goin Jr., Ph.D.
Deputy Chancellor

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