

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE CALL NOVEMBER 13, 2024

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Tomlinson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Members: Comitta, Ireland, Moskowitz, Needham, Silfa, and Tomlinson.

Absent but accounted for were Members: Chupka, Dozor, Franklin, and Schick.

Chairperson Tomlinson reported that the Council met for a workshop on September 30, 2024. No deliberations were made, and he then proceeded with the meeting after the roll call was complete.

AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES.

MOTION (DOZER/SILFA)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2024, MEETING AS PRESENTED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM III – PUBLIC COMMENT: LIMIT OF TEN (10) MINUTES:

Chairperson Tomlinson asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

None.

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

President Bernotsky reported that WCU had a successful homecoming and family weekend marked by good engagement with alumni and friends of the university. A highlight was the kickoff event on Friday night of homecoming weekend that was held at the Foundation. In its third year, the event has grown from less than 100 attendees to just over 300 this year.

President Bernotsky also shared that she had completed a series of student listening sessions with Dr. Buxton, Vice President of Student Affairs, culminating in a lunch with a group of students who shared great feedback. The big question of the listening tour is, “What does the next chapter look like for West Chester University?” She is organizing the sessions around several key themes: Student Success, Housing/Facilities, Financial and Environmental Sustainability, and National Identity. The next series of listening sessions will focus on faculty and staff followed by community members and elected officials. A website has been set up to capture additional feedback for those unable to attend one of the sessions. The listening tour will run through the middle of February, after which we will analyze what we heard and share that with the Council of Trustees. Dr.

Bernotsky said she is looking forward to engaging with our broader community in conversations about WCU's future.

Finally, President Bernotsky reminded the trustees that fall commencement was rapidly approaching and that they were all invited to attend and be part of the platform parties.

That concluded the President's report.

AGENDA ITEM VI – REVIEW OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Purchase orders and contracts for September 1, 2024, through October 31, 2024, were listed in the materials for the Council's review. There were no questions or concerns.

AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT

None

AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

None

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Chairperson Tomlinson continued the meeting asking each member to report that their committee has met, provide a summary of their committee meeting, and present resolutions for consideration.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

Chris Franklin reported that one resolution from the Finance and Administration Committee needed approval.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/DOZOR)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY ACCEPTS THE AUDIT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR AS PRESENTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES TODAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Upon concluding the resolutions from the Finance and Administration Committee, Chairperson Tomlinson then called for the report from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

There being no report, Chairperson Tomlinson then called on the report from the University Affairs, University Advancement and External Affairs, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS, UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, AND DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION COMMITTEE:

No reports or resolutions were offered.

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

AGENDA ITEM XI - REPORTS OF LIAISON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES

Student liaison, Chris Needham, submitted his report to the Council of Trustees.

AGENDA ITEM XII – OLD BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM XIII – NEW BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM XIV – ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Tomlinson adjourned the meeting. The trustees then went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted.



Marian Moskowitz