

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE CALL
MAY 22, 2024**

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:

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

Council members present were Members: Chupka, Comitta, Dozor, Franklin, Ireland, Moskowitz, Schick, and Silfa.

Absent but accounted for were Members: Fillippo, Kinsey, and Tomlinson.

Vice Chairperson Dozor 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 (MOSKOWITZ/IRELAND)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 28, 2024, MEETING AS PRESENTED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

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

Vice Chairperson Dozor 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 Fiorentino reported that Alumni Weekend was well-attended, including the Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner.

WCU was well-represented at the West Chester Borough’s 225th anniversary celebration at the Chester County History Center and he and his wife, Sue, participated in the parade on April 21.

President Fiorentino attended a Borough University Township Officials Group (BUTOG) meeting where WCU engaged with local municipality leadership. He stressed the importance of staying engaged with them and keeping the lines of communication open. WCU has been working with West Goshen on some housing challenges and the University tries to maintain good relations with the Borough and West Goshen.

The University hosted the 2nd annual Together Community Gathering initiated by former Sen. Andy Dinniman and led by WCU’s Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Dr. Tracey Robinson.

A student leadership award ceremony was held at Adler Theatre and WCU hosted a hearing with the House Education Committee featuring Dean Desha Williams of the College of Education and Social Work.

President Fiorentino also reported that he attended an event at the home of Marc and Maureen Duey who announced a \$100,000 gift to West Chester University.

He acknowledged the WCU cheerleaders for winning the national championship despite losing their coach.

President Fiorentino reported that WCU had a successful commencement weekend graduating over 3,000 students in 15 ceremonies which he said are immensely popular due to their brevity and small sizes, allowing for a greater spotlight on the students rather than speakers.

WCU had another successful Job & Internship Fair with almost 3,000 students and 150 employers participating. Later that day, a luncheon was held to celebrate Employee Appreciation Day followed by Ramboree, hosted by the Division of Student Affairs.

WCU also hosted a State of Education breakfast with the Greater West Chester Chamber of Commerce with two superintendents from the West Chester Area School District and the Downingtown School District.

That concluded the President's report.

AGENDA ITEM VI – REVIEW OF PURCHASE ORDERS

Purchase orders and contracts for March 1, 2024, through April 30, 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

Vice Chairperson Dozor 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 two resolutions from the Finance and Administration Committee needed approval.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/IRELAND)

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY
HEREBY APPROVES THE TRANSFERS AS OUTLINED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

Member Franklin then proceeded with the committee's second resolution.

MOTION (FRANKLIN/MOSKOWITZ)

BE IT RESOLVED BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY HEREBY APPROVES ADDITIONS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET AS OUTLINED IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Upon concluding the resolutions from the Finance and Administration Committee, Vice Chairperson Dozor noted that the committee approved the recommendations set forth for the Philips Fund, the status report, and scholarship applicants as well as the award amounts. No official resolution was needed.

Vice Chairperson Dozor then called on Sue Schick to report on her meeting with the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

ACADEMIC & STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

Member Schick reported that each year the academic recognition committee makes a series of recommendations to recognize faculty and staff in a variety of ways. The Council's approval is required for the President and Provost to confer upon the nominated faculty and staff the respected recognition or award. These are the Campus Diversity Award, the Distinguished Research Award, the E. Riley Holman Award, the Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, the Trustees Achievement Award, and the Emeriti designation resolutions. This process originated in the department or University-wide call for applications for these awards. The Academic Recognition Committee, comprised of faculty, reviewed them and recommended them to both the President and the Provost.

MOTION (SCHICK/IRELAND)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY CONFERS THE DESIGNATION OF EMERITI UPON THE FOLLOWING DISTINGUISHED RETIRED FACULTY:

MARIELLE KOENIG, RICHARD BUSCH, JOAN WELCH, WES THOMAS, PATRICIA LENKOWSKI, PAUL STOLLER, AND PHILIP THOMPSEN

AND APPROVES THE FOLLOWING ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AWARDS:

JESSICA SOWA - THE CAMPUS DIVERSITY AWARD

JEA SOPHIA OH - THE DISTINGUISHED RESEARCH AWARD

JONATHAN RAGONESE - E. RILEY HOLMAN MEMORIAL FACULTY AWARD

**JELENA COLOVIC-MARKOVIC – THE LINDBACK DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD
GLORIA HERNANDEZ – THE TRUSTEE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Schick introduced another motion on academic offerings, including a series of title changes, new minors, certifications, certificates, concentrations, and majors. Each aligns with the University's strategic plan and serves the needs of the Commonwealth.

MOTION (SCHICK/COMITTA)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING 2023-2024 ACADEMIC PROGRAM

ACTIONS:

DEGREE DESIGNATION: THE MASTER OF ARTS IN MATHEMATICS WILL NOW BE DESIGNATED MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MATHEMATICS.

THE FOLLOWING TITLE CHANGES WERE MADE:

- **MAJOR: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WAS CHANGED TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCE.**
- **CONCENTRATION: THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING-ADULT GERONTOLOGY CNS TRACK WAS CHANGED TO THE MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING – ADULT GERONTOLOGY CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALIST TRACK.**
- **MINOR TITLE CHANGE: MINOR IN PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION CHANGED TO MINOR IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES**
- **CERTIFICATE TITLE CHANGES:**
 - **GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT AND ATHLETICS CHANGED TO GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT.**
 - **POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS CHANGED TO POST-BACCALAUREATE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS.**
- **OTHER PROGRAM TITLE CHANGE: ADVANCE TO MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING– CLINICAL NURSE LEADER TRACK CHANGED TO DIRECT ENTRY MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING.**

THE FOLLOWING NEW CERTIFICATES WERE INTRODUCED:

- **SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEMS AND IMAGE ANALYSIS**
- **SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL HEALTH**
- **SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN SPANISH IN HEALTHCARE**
- **SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
- **SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN EFFECTIVE SELLING**
- **SUB-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE IN SPORTS MEDIA PRODUCTION**
- **POST-BACCALAUREATE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE**
- **POST-MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN ADVANCED PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Vice Chairperson Dozor then invited Member Ireland to submit his report on the University Affairs, University Advancement & External Affairs, and Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee.

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

Member Ireland reported there would be two motions for approval: the University's succession plan and the 2024-2025 slate of officers for the Council of Trustees. Amendments to the Council's Bylaws were tabled until the next meeting as the Committee continues to work on them. After conferring with the current officers about their desire to remain in their current roles, he was informed that Vice Chairman Dozor would not seek re-election as Vice Chairperson. The Council thanked Vice Chairman Dozor for his service to this Council and West Chester University. Member Ireland submitted the following nominations for a term of two years.

MOTION (IRELAND/SCHICK)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE SUCCESSION PLAN AS REQUIRED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS POLICY 1983-14-A, APPOINTING THE INTERIM AND ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS. THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WERE NAMED (IN ORDER OF SUCCESSION):

DR. JEFFERY L. OSGOOD, JR.

ANDREW C. LEHMAN

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Ireland submitted the following nominations for the 2024-2025 slate of officers for the Council of Trustees:

MOTION (IRELAND/DOZOR)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

ROBERT M. TOMLINSON, CHAIRPERSON

SUSAN YODER SCHICK, VICE CHAIRPERSON

MARIAN MOSKOWITZ, SECRETARY

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

AGENDA ITEM XI - REPORTS OF LIAISON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES

None

AGENDA ITEM XII – OLD BUSINESS

None

AGENDA ITEM XIII – NEW BUSINESS

On behalf of the Council of Trustees, Vice Chairperson Dozor expressed his gratitude and appreciation for Dr. Fiorentino’s service to West Chester University. Under his presidency, the University has thrived and prospered thanks to his engagement, energy, and commitment to West Chester. Vice Chairperson Dozor continued by saying Chris is “really one of us, one of our own, one of the family. Thanks to his leadership, the University has matured and has improved academically and financially. Our reputation, infrastructure, and capital improvements have left little doubt that West Chester University is the flagship of the universities in the state system.”

Vice Chairperson Dozer went on to reflect on the excellence of the staff, the administration, and President Fiorentino’s cabinet saying, “You...allow them to be the best they can be...because of who you are and what you bring out in them and everybody around you. And we're incredibly grateful to you. We don't take it for granted. You're a remarkable individual and you're a remarkable president. And there's no doubt that you touched the lives of so many. Most of those people, people you don't even know, their lives are much better off as a result of you touching their lives. And we appreciate you very, very much. Thank you.” President Fiorentino replied, saying, “Thank you for allowing me to serve in this role. It has truly been an honor to be the president of West Chester University. Thank you very much.”

AGENDA ITEM XIV – ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Dozer adjourned the meeting. The Council then went into a brief executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Moskowitz