

**Council of Trustees**  
Friday, January 27, 2023

**Public Meeting Minutes**

The Council of Trustees of Shippensburg University met on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 1:30 PM in CUB MPR A as well as visible through a live stream.

**Attendance:**

L. Michael Ross, Doug Harbach, Bill Gindlesperger, Andrew Alosi, Glen Grell (via zoom), George McElwee, Toni Marchowsky, Rangeline DeJesus, Matthew Steck and Bryan Lowe was in attendance.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Andrew Alosi called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

**Public Comments**

No Public comments

**Board Action Items**

**ACTION:** The Published Agenda was motioned for approval by Trustee Marchowsky and seconded by Trustee Harbach. Motion approved unanimously.

**ACTION:** Meeting minutes from November 18, 2022, were approved. Motioned by Trustee Steck and seconded by Trustee Ross. Passed unanimously.

**President's Report**

President Patterson presented to the trustees during the workshop information on personnel changes including: Dr. Kim Long, Interim Dean CAS, Kim Rockwell, Interim Executive Director of SUSSI, Will Danowski, Associate VP University and External relations.

Discussions were had on the CPP as well as the enrollment numbers for spring and fall. Discussions also covered in state and out of state tuition costs as well as updates on facilities, engineering building, Henderson Gym, Franklin Science Center and the OM Annex Welcome center.

Dr. Patterson discussed the \$5 million given to commonwealth employees and their dependents to use at the PASSHE universities.

Exercise Science was given an accreditation for the first time and this is an exciting opportunity.

Dr. Patterson provided the trustees with additional information on the OneSIS project, our HACC partnership, and recapped information from the SU Foundation since Dr. Clinton was not available.

Information was shared on athletics including placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the D2 Field Hockey Championships, and Ariel Jones breaking three PSAC and D2 records in basketball.

Alumni updates were shared including Ice Fest and everyone was thanked for attending the MLK March.

## **From the Division of Academic Affairs**

**ACTION:** A motion was made to approve the Retention pay for Head Start employees. Motion made by Steck and seconded by DeJesus. Motion approved unanimously.

**ACTION:** Motion made by Harbach to pass the 2023-2024 grant including the budget for Head Start. Seconded by Lowe. Passed unanimously.

## ***Program Outcomes***

Provost Hill would like to begin by honoring our Multicultural Student Association, especially Ms. Di and Kapri, for the amazing work they did in organizing the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual MLK March for Humanity. Yesterday, the student speakers, student performances, and keynote speaker were well received. The messages of hope and calls to action for social justice resounded through Old Main Chapel and created powerful momentum for the March.

Provost Hill wants to join President Patterson in congratulating our Exercise Science Department which was just granted initial accreditation by The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP).

The latest ranking of the online MBA program was just released with our online MBA program being ranked # 132 out of 344 ranked online MBA programs. This is a testament to providing quality online business education at Shippensburg University Grove College of Business.

In 2018, we launched our UNIV 101 course as part of our First Year Experience. Provost Hill wanted to share some additional data beyond the 5% increase in graduation rates that we saw for our Fall 2018 cohort. Our FYE UNIV101 pass rate has improved by 9% and we are back to a pre-COVID pass rate. Additionally, our FYE Peer Anchors increased the number of students they met with for one-on-one appointments (87% of first-year students) compared to last Fall (72% of first-year students). These one-on-one mentorship sessions continue to be a valuable asset of the First Year Experience and data continues to suggest that students who participate in this program will have higher GPAs, credit completion rates, and are more likely to retain from Fall to Spring.

***Our Learning Center*** had 2,356 appointments in the fall semester, including 839 Course-Based Tutoring – 839 sessions which was a 9% increase from spring 2022.

The Raider Athletic Center's support team conducted 883 individual student success support meetings.

- Met with 252 individual student-athletes across 14 sport programs.
- Baseball, Field Hockey, Football, Lacrosse, Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Softball, Swimming, Track & Field, Cross Country, Volleyball, and Wrestling

The average Semester GPA for student-athletes was a 3.075 (was 2.963 in Fall 2021)

- 15 Teams earned a Semester GPA of 3.0 or higher (was 12 in Fall 2021)
- 162 Unique student-athletes earned Dean's List, which is a Semester GPA of at least a 3.5 (was 156 in Fall 2021)
- 273 Unique student-athletes earned at least a Semester GPA of 3.0 or better (was 271 student-athletes in Fall 2021)
- 42 Unique student-athletes earned a Semester GPA of 4.0 (was also 42 in Fall 2021)

Congratulations to Trejon Dinkins, Dennis Kerstetter, our student-athletes, and all our collaborators across Athletics and Academic Affairs! Our Raiders L.E.A.D. program was recognized with the Division II Award of Excellence for the Conference and has also been named a national finalist.

### ***Faculty and Staff Accomplishments***

*Nicole Hill concluded my time with some faculty highlights.*

Dr. Hill echoed the President's congratulations to Drs. Gochenaour and Goble who were awarded \$100,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Education to expand our work in building and sustaining the pipeline of diverse math educators.

Provost wants to congratulate Dr. Sharnine Herbert, associate professor of Communication Studies, who was the recipient of the Rex Crawley Lifetime Outstanding Service Award recognizing her "extraordinary works of social advocacy, community service and mentoring". Dr. Herbert received this recognition from the Black Caucus Division of the National Communication Association at the discipline's national convention in New Orleans, LA in November, 2022.

In October 2022, Dr. Don Philpot's new bilingual children's picture book *The Move* (kā-āciwīkicik), published by Heritage House Publishing in Canada, was selected as one of five finalists for the most important book award in Canada, The Governor's General's Literary Awards (Young People's Literature). The book has received a lot of media attention in Canada.

Cristina Rhodes presented at the Modern Language Association annual conference in early January. In December, Dr. Rhodes chaired the Americas Award panel that gives awards to Latin American children's books. In November, Dr. Rhodes presented at both the Mid-Atlantic Popular and American Culture Association conference and the El Mundo Zurdo (Gloria Anzaldua studies) conference.

Jordan Windholz published his peer-reviewed essay on Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and the literary histories of white supremacy in *Shakespeare Studies* [this is the field's premier journal of Shakespeare scholarship] (<https://sites.bu.edu/shakespearestudies/home/current-issue/>) Dr. Windholz's second book of poems just went under contract with Black Ocean, a press that has been featured in the *New York Times*. And Dr. Windholz's academic monograph on single men and masculinity in English Renaissance literature is under advanced contract with the University of Alabama Press, and currently under review. (<https://strode.english.ua.edu/strode-book-series/>)

Michael Bibby's "Redlining African American Poetry" was contracted in December to appear in the edited book-length collection, *Jim Crow Modernism*, forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

Provost Hill would also like to congratulate Dr. Brian Wentz on his latest publications: "Quantifying the Cost of Web Accessibility for Blind Users" and "Evaluating the Accessibility of Digital Government Services for Family Law in the U.S. during the COVID-19 Pandemic"

At the beginning of December, Trever Famulare served as a Senior High Guest Conductor for as part of the 2022 Cambria County Band Festival – In this role, Trever auditioned students from high school programs across Cambria County. This festival provides students the opportunity to work in a collaborative setting with unfamiliar faces and come together in a short time under a guest conductor to display their results of their hard work.

### **From the Division of Administration & Finance**

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Trustee DeJesus and seconded by Trustee Gindlesperger to approve the filed Affiliation agreements compliance. Motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Trustee McElwee and seconded by Trustee Gindlesperger for the summer 2023 summer fee and refund schedule. No changes from summer 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

**ACTION:** Motion was made by Trustee Ross and seconded by Trustee Steck to approve the Thesis/Dissertation fee increase from \$22.00 to \$31.00. Motion passed unanimously.

Information was also presented to the trustees during the workshop on purchases and contracts and personnel.

### **From Enrollment Management**

Information was presented on Pre-freeze numbers and we fell short for First Time in college for spring 2023. Information on top majors for fall 2023 so far included: exploratory studies, early childhood education, criminal justice, psychology, and biology.

The Top feeders schools and counties were shared to include Carlisle, JB and Shippensburg, Chambersburg and Dallastown for third. Chambersburg Magnet School and Gettysburg and Waynesboro all tied for 4<sup>th</sup> and Greencastle was fifth.

**Educational Feature:** William Gillet Inclusive Post-Secondary Education Programs  
H.I.R.E. M.E. – Helping individuals reach employment milestones every day  
Ship S.A.I.L.S. – students achieving independent living skills

### **Reports**

**APSCUF Report-** Dr. Kara Laskowski, immediate past president  
Incredible work that faculty and coaches are doing. Express our collective satisfaction of being back on campus after the winter break. Want to express appreciation for IT as well as Instructional Design as we had a successful winter session with online courses. Thank you.  
Welcome our new colleagues and welcome back Dr. Kim Long.  
State level negotiations are going well and hoping for an on time contract.

**AFSCME Report-** No Report

**SCUPA Report-** Reported that the CBA end date is June 30, 2023, and a letter of intent to bargain has been sent to PASSHE and the committees are being formed.

**Alumni Association Report-** Paula Alcock, President of the Alumni Association thanked President Patterson and Collen for sharing the Ship message at Waynesboro and Trustee Ross and Trustee Harbach for participating. 68 attendees.

Tomorrow is annual Ship hospitality suite at Ice Fest from 11:30-1:30PM. Drop by for hot chocolate and cookies at the Heritage center.

Network night being hosted on Feb. 20 is the Greek student and alumni night in partnership with the FSL office and CMPDC.

Planning alumni night at Rookies in Harrisburg and owner is a Ship Grad. March 23, 2023 @ 5:30PM – 7:30PM. More details to come.

Save the date for alumni weekend June 2-June 3. Will also be cohosting a networking event for alumni this year. Opportunity to support alumni that may be job searching.

**Student Government Association Report-** Ms. Kennedy Holt, President reported that on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> SGA held a welcome back social with SGA reps. Students could Learn about organization and committees. Provided free snacks.

Many events planned and being intentional of the environment we are creating. Tentative dates will be sent out and flyers also.

January 27, 2023- SGA participated with the MLK walk for humanity.

As of Monday, successfully appointed 8 senators. 5 seats away from being full senate. We have made a finalized decision for the VP for Finance.

Petitions are available to be picked up for fall 2023 and they are due Feb. 3, 2023.

Restorative administration is the slogan and theme.

**Graduate Student Association Board Report-** No report

### **New Business**

Next meeting: March 24, 2023

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:21 PM. Approved unanimously.

Submitted by: Lorie Davis

Reviewed:



Andrew Alosi, Chair, Council of Trustees



George McElwee, Secretary, Council of Trustees