

**Pennsylvania Western University
Council of Trustees, Regular Meeting**

Thursday, January 23, 2025

2 p.m.

PennWest Clarion – Gemmell Student Center 250-252

Payne Street, Clarion, PA

Meeting Minutes

The Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University met in regular session on Thursday, January 23, 2025, at the PennWest Clarion campus, Gemmell Student Center 250-252, Payne Street. The meeting began at 2:01 p.m.

ATTENDING

Council of Trustees:

A	Mark Bellini	P	Donna Oberlander
P	JD Dunbar	P	Kathy Pape
P	Danny Jones	P	Larry Pickett
P	Patricia Kennedy	P	Neil Weaver
A	Barbara Logue	P	Tyrique Whitson
P	Larry Maggi	A	Mohamed Yamba
P	Barry Niccolai (virtual)	A	Sonia Yost

Attendance was taken at the direction of Chair Dunbar and established that a quorum of the Council was present.

Also present were:

Jon Anderson, President	Molly Passmore, University Legal Counsel
Bob Mehalik, Associate Provost and Graduate Dean	Mario Majcen, Local APSCUF President, PennWest California
Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator	Joyce Overly, Local APSCUF President, PennWest Clarion
David Dollins, Associate VP for Enrollment Management	Sam Claster, Local APSCUF President, PennWest Edinboro
Kelly Repinski, Vice President for Communications and Marketing	Peter Kuvshnikov, PennWest Faculty Senate
Fawn Petrosky, Vice President for Finance and Administration (virtual)	Robin Weaver, PennWest Faculty Senate (virtual)
Becky McMillen, Executive Director of Institutional Effectiveness	Marcella McConnell, PennWest Faculty Senate
Sheleta Camarda-Webb, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer	Wendy Mackall, Executive Director Communications
Jackie Knaust, Associate Provost/Interim Dean	Adam Reynolds, AVP of Enrollment Marketing and Systems
Larry Sebek, Associate VP for Student Affairs	Jim McGee, Assistant VP Student Affairs

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Chair Dunbar welcomed student trustee nominee Timothy John to the meeting. Trustee Pickett then read a special resolution honoring past chair, Kathy Pape

The following motion was made by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Jones, and passed unanimously after a voice vote:

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION HONORING KATHY PAPE.

Trustee Whitson read resolution honoring past vice-chair, Larry Maggi.

The following motion was made by Trustee Pape, seconded by Trustee Whitson, and passed unanimously after a voice vote:

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION HONORING LARRY MAGGI.

Chair Dunbar presented a resolution honoring Trustee Donna Oberlander

The following motion was made by Trustee Maggi, seconded by Trustee Jones, and passed unanimously after a voice vote:

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION HONORING DONNA OBERLANDER.**UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Full report in video archive)

President Anderson expressed gratitude to Trustees Oberlander, Pape, and Maggi for their service and dedication to PennWest.

President Anderson discussed emerging technologies, enrollment, and recognized faculty members that were granted emeritus status in fall 2024.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None**REMARKS BY APSCUF** (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Joyce Overly provided remarks on behalf of the APSCUF leadership.

FACULTY SENATE REMARKS (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Marcella McConnell provided remarks on behalf of the Faculty Senate.

STUDENT TRUSTEE REPORT (Full reports in video archive)

Student Trustee Tyrique Whitson (California) reported on activities at the California campus and presented Student Trustee Sonia Yost's (Edinboro) report in her absence.

PACT UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Oberlander provided updates on PACT activities.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Dunbar requested a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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The motion was made by Trustee Pape, seconded by Trustee Maggi, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

MIDDLE STATES ACCREDITATION UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Dr. Becky McMillan presented a summary from the Middle States site visit and shared next steps for the Middle States self-study.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Kelly Repinski, Vice President for Communications and Marketing, provided an update on fall initiatives, social media and website metrics, and a preview of spring initiatives.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

Trustee Jones, co-chair of the academic affairs committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Dr. Bob Mehalik, Associate Provost and Graduate Dean, presented the academic affairs report.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Jones, co-chair of the academic affairs committee, provided an update on committee activity.

David Dollins, Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, provided an update on enrollment.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full reports in video archive)

Trustee Kennedy, co-chair of the committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Larry Sebek, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, and Jim McGee Assistant, Vice President for Student Affairs, provided an update on student affairs activities.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Full reports in video archive)

Trustee Pickett, co-chair of the committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Vice President for Finance and Administration, Fawn Petrosky, presented a resolution certifying compliance with the Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A: University External Financial Support.

The following motion was made by Trustee Maggi, seconded by Trustee Oberlander, and passed unanimously after a voice vote.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE RESOLUTION CERTIFYING COMPLIANCE WITH BOARD OF GOVERNORS' POLICY 1985-04-A: UNIVERSITY EXTERNAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

Jared Clark and Logan Chettle from CliftonLarsonAllen presented the audited financial statements.

The following motion was made by Trustee Niccolai, seconded by Trustee Pape, and passed unanimously after a voice vote.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE UNIVERSITY ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2024, AS PREPARED BY CLIFTONLARSONALLEN.

Chair Dunbar acknowledged Fawn Petrosky for her years of service.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator, provided an update on committee activity, fundraising goals, alumni events, and athletic highlights.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Chair Dunbar provided an update on committee activity.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Trustee Oberlander moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Maggi seconded the motion, which passed unanimously after a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Meeting webcast is available [here](#).