

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

Thursday, March 27, 2025

2 p.m.

PennWest Edinboro – Pogue Student Center MPR
405 Scotland Rd, Edinboro, PA

Meeting Minutes

The Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University met in regular session on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at the PennWest Edinboro campus, Frank G. Pogue Student Center, Multipurpose Room. The meeting began at 2:03 p.m.

ATTENDING

Council of Trustees:

P	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 (virtual)	A	Mohamed Yamba
P	Barry Niccolai	P	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 (virtual)
Jim Fisher, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs	Peter Kuvshnikov, PennWest Faculty Senate
Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator	Marcella McConnell, PennWest Faculty Senate
David Dollins, Associate VP for Enrollment Management	Sam Claster, Local APSCUF President, PennWest Edinboro
Kelly Repinski, Vice President for Communications and Marketing	Lee Williams, Associate Professor, Social Work, Sociology and Human Services
Teresa Smith, Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration	Camille Dempsey, Director of the Center for AI and Emerging Technologies
Amanda Sisseem, AVP Alumni Engagement and Edinboro Campus Administrator	Shawn Pfiefer, Associate Professor, Business Economics and Communications
Sheleta Camarda-Webb, Chief Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Officer	Wendy Mackall, Executive Director Communications
Mary Panaccia Carden, Dean, College of Education, Arts and Humanities	Adam Reynolds, AVP of Enrollment Marketing and Systems

Shawn Hoke, Assistant VP for Student Affairs	Kristin Brockett, Executive Director of University Storytelling & Magazine Editor
Callie Wheeler, Head Coach, Women's Basketball	Maggie Moore, Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball
Ashten Boggs, Edinboro Women's Basketball	Morgan Gentile, Edinboro Women's Basketball
Ava Haddad, Edinboro Women's Basketball	Hayley Sims, Edinboro Women's Basketball

COUNCIL CHAIR REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Chair Dunbar welcomed student trustee Timothy John to his first official meeting following his approval by the Board of Governors. She also recognized student trustee Sonia Yost, who will be graduating in May, and presented her with a certificate and a gift in appreciation of her service. Chair Dunbar introduced Aiden Dougan, the newly nominated student trustee who will succeed Sonia after her graduation.

UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Full report in video archive)

President Anderson shared a preview of the division reports and a presentation of the Order of Succession for approval.

The following motion was made by Trustee Bellini, seconded by Trustee Niccolai, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote:

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF THE PRESIDENT, APPROVE THE UNIVERSITY ORDER OF SUCCESSION AS REQUIRED BY BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S POLICY 1983-14-A: APPOINTING INTERIM AND ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Full report in video archive) - Lee Williams, PennWest Edinboro Faculty in the Department of Social Work, Sociology and Human Services.

REMARKS BY APSCUF (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Sam Claster provided remarks on behalf of the APSCUF leadership.

FACULTY SENATE REMARKS (Full comments in video archive)

Dr. Peter Kuvshinikov 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, Student Trustee Timothy John (Clarion) reported on activities on the Clarion campus, and Student Trustee Sonia Yost (Edinboro) reported on activities on the Edinboro campus.

PACT UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Bellini 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 Niccolai, seconded by Trustee Oberlander, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION (Full report in video archive)

Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator, introduced Edinboro Women's Basketball Head Coach, Callie Wheeler, Assistant Coach, Maggie Moore, and players Ashten Boggs, Morgan Gentile, Ava Haddad and Hayley Sims to speak about the team and recent season.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

Kelly Repinski, Vice President for Communications and Marketing, provided an update on spring initiatives, social media and website metrics, the People of PennWest, University Storytelling, and Executive Communications.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full remarks in video archive)

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

Dr. Jim Fisher, Provost Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the division report.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE (Full report in video archive)

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

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

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Full report in video archive)

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

Dr. Susan Fenske, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness and Student Affairs, provided an update on Institutional Effectiveness, DEI, Student Affairs, and University police.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (Full report in video archive)

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

Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, Teresa Smith, presented the proposed capital spending plan.

The following motion was made by Trustee Kennedy, seconded by Trustee Jones, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE UNIVERSITY CAPITAL SPENDING PLAN PROPOSED FOR FISCAL YEARS 2025-2026 THROUGH 2029-2030.

Interim Vice President for Finance and Administration, Teresa Smith, presented the proposed student fees.

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

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE STUDENT FEE RATE AS PRESENTED EFFECTIVE FALL 2025.

The following motion was made by Trustee Niccolai, seconded by Trustee Jones, and passed unanimously after a roll call vote.

THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES APPROVE THE STUDENT MEAL PLAN RATE AS PRESENTED EFFECTIVE FALL 2025.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Trustee Pape, chair of the committee, provided an update on committee activity.

Jim Geiger, Vice President for Advancement and Clarion Campus Administrator, presented the University Advancement report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (Full report in video archive)

Vice Chair Larry Pickett gave a presentation on the upcoming International Association of Technology and Management Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

Meeting webcast is available [here](#).