



Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education

**Council of Trustees' Resolution
Annual Certification of Compliance
Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A: *University External Financial Support***

The Council of Trustees of Pennsylvania Western University, upon recommendation of the president, hereby certifies, as per Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A, that the following affiliated entities make a financial contribution to the University or provide similar benefits on a regular basis, satisfactory to this Council of Trustees and to the president.

PennWest California: **Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania**

PennWest Clarion: **Clarion Students' Association**

PennWest Edinboro: **Edinboro Alumni Association**
Edinboro University Foundation
Edinboro University Student Government Association

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, the affiliated entities are in compliance with Board of Governors' Policy 1985-04-A in that they exist solely for the benefit of the University; the expectations of the relationship between the University and the affiliated entity are memorialized in current, executed Memoranda of Understanding; and the affiliated entities require an annual external audit of their funds and provide copies of their audit reports to the University and the Office of the Chancellor.

The Council of Trustees also certifies that, to the best of its knowledge, information and belief, no University employee serves as a voting member of the Board of these affiliated entities, nor does any employee of the University risk adverse interest through service to or relationship with an affiliated entity.

A copy of a statement by the University's chief financial officer summarizing both the direct University support provided to the affiliated entities and the contributions made by the affiliated entities to the University covered in this certification is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

As approved by action of the Council of Trustees during the quarterly meeting held on January 22, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JD Dunbar".

January 22, 2026

Chairperson,
Pennsylvania Western University Council of Trustees

Date

PASSHE Procedure /Standard No. 2013-15; Relationships with Affiliates
For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025

Penn West Foundations:

	Support to University				Support to Affiliate			
	California Foundation	Clarion Foundation	Edinboro Foundation	Total	California Foundation	Clarion Foundation	Edinboro Foundation	Total
Contributions (including scholarships)	\$ 1,672,796	\$ 1,292,124	\$ 1,034,405	\$ 3,999,325				\$ -
Fee for Services (contracted agreement)	\$ 434,548			\$ 434,548		\$ 340,000		\$ 340,000
Program Expenses	\$ 96,917	\$ 1,243,151	\$ 43,494	\$ 1,383,562				\$ -
Supplies	\$ 632			\$ 632				\$ -
Donated Facilities					\$ 19,717			\$ 19,717
	\$ 2,204,893	\$ 2,535,275	\$ 1,077,899	\$ 5,818,067	\$ 19,717	\$ 340,000	\$ -	\$ 359,717

Penn West Student Associations:

	Support to University				Support to Affiliate			
	California SAI	Clarion CSA	Edinboro Alumni&SGA	Total	California SAI	Clarion CSA	Edinboro Alumni&SGA	Total
Athletic Contribution	\$ 295,989	\$ 315,014	\$ 365,125	\$ 976,129				\$ -
Scholarships & Grants			\$ -	\$ -				\$ -
Contributions			\$ 67,034	\$ 67,034				\$ -
Student Activities & Support	\$ -	\$ 377,375		\$ 377,375				\$ -
Donated Facilities			\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,347	\$ 15,275	\$ 6,299	\$ 39,921
	\$ 295,989	\$ 692,389	\$ 432,159	\$ 1,420,537	\$ 18,347	\$ 15,275	\$ 6,299	\$ 39,921

Affiliate Notes:

Each affiliate exists solely for the benefit of the University and its students by supporting the mission and goals of the University, and to make financial contributions or to provide similar benefits to the University.

All three Student Associations, in cooperation with the University President, set and supervise the collection, retention and expenditure of the Student Activity Fee. Student Activity Fees are used to fund such things as student clubs and organizations. Each affiliate performs similar services in support of the University; however, their funding sources (outside of student fees) vary and results in different levels of financial support to the University (other funding sources can consist of bookstore contract revenue, commencement contract related revenues, etc.)

- **Student Association, Inc. (California):** The MOU outlines that SAI funding to the University consists of activities such as athletic funding, proceeds from commencement photography and class rings, and proceeds from broadcast media licenses. The Student Association oversees the operation of Vulcan Village.
- **Clarion Students' Association:** The MOU outlines that funding to the University consists of scholarships, awards, and grants to support individual students, student athletics, and student group recognition.

- **Edinboro University Student Government Association, Inc.:** The MOU outlines that funding to the University consists of funding requests and recommendations from the University president, and regular allocations of available unrestricted funds to support University programs and Institutional Advancement efforts.

The **foundations** were formed to support the charitable, scientific, and educational purposes of the University. They participate in joint fundraising, capital campaigns, alumni and advancement services, grant and program management, repository for donations, and fiscal management.

- **Foundation for California University of Pennsylvania:** The MOU outlines that funding to the University consists of gifts, scholarships, and program/grant-related funds.
- **Clarion University Foundation, Inc.:** The MOU outlines that funding to the University consists of gifts, grants, scholarships, and other program related funds. The Foundation and University have a capital lease in place for University housing. The Foundation also maintains the alumni/donor database and other advancement software platforms.
- **Edinboro University Foundation:** The MOU outlines that funding to the University consists of gifts, scholarships, programs, and special events. Historically, Edinboro received scholarship gifts directly to the University and recorded on the University side resulting in the variance with other campuses.
- **Edinboro Alumni Association:** This is the only alumni association that is an independent nonprofit corporation and recognized as an affiliate. They also own the alumni house. The MOU outlines that funding consists of gifts and grants.

The University provides support to an affiliate in the form of space on campus, which may include utilities, custodial, maintenance, and groundskeeping services. The value is based upon square footage and associated charges. These values are reflected on the statement of external support. The Edinboro Alumni Association and Foundation offices are housed in a building owned by the Alumni Association; therefore, a zero value is reflected. For the Clarion University Foundation, Inc., as outlined in their MOU, the University provided \$340,000 for advancement support, raising awareness, and building a deep network of funding partners for the University, and maintaining the donor database.

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