

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
PHILIPS MEMORIAL BUILDING
3RD FLOOR BOARD ROOM
March 28, 2019
4:00 PM**

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Fillippo called the meeting to order. Chair Fillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Members: Fillippo, Dozor, Moskowitz, Silberman, Boylan, Lewis, Tomlinson, Ireland.

Absent but accounted for were Members: Matlawski, Franklin, Kinsey

**AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
AS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES**

MOTION (DOZOR/TOMLINSON)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 17, 2019 MEETING AS
PRESENTED**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

None

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

None

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Chairperson Fillippo called on President Fiorentino for his report. The following is the President's report.

"Thank you, Tom. Hello everybody. All the great stuff to talk about at this place it's really amazing. Congratulations to the student athletes I thank you for all that you do.

I have a few reminders or a in some cases just letting you know things that are upcoming April 18 we have the dinner and campus tour that the trustees tour. It's worth it to just to take a look at the demoloition site to see how that looks over there. It was quite an adventure to get that building down. Turns out its harder to take a boiler plant down than people realized. I thank the sustained efforts of a lot of people who worked with them, Gary in particular. At one point, there is a video that looks like the building rather than falling down looks like it's trying to walk away. That might be an interesting one to show some time, it fought til the bitter end. It's down and we're moving ahead.

So we have that tour April 18. We've heard from several of the trustees and hopefully we'll have a few more to take that tour with us and have dinner at Tanglewood. There's a lot of great stuff to see since the last tour.

May 1 the Chancellor is coming back to visit campus and he has requested again a lunch meeting with the trustees. As many of you can participate we'd appreciate it."

Member Dozor asked, "Do you have a time"

President Fiorentino responded, "Rachel will be in touch with the details."

Member Dozor stated, "Sooner than later"

President Fiorentino continued his report, "We are doing graduation a little different this year. We're with the construction going on the Sciences and Engineering Center and the Commons we don't have full access to our back up facility which is Hollinger. Not to mention that we have grown and it is getting tougher to fit commencements in. And since we don't have a backup for rain at the stadium we decided to split into college ceremonies. In talking to students, it seems there is a lot of excitement about this. It's much more intimate ceremony and they'll be shorter. We can still focus on reading all the names of the students. The ceremony will be officiated by the deans. The President, Executive Vice President and Provost and Deputy Provost, will be sharing the workload of conferring the degrees at the ceremony, there are a lot, there are 13 ceremonies total. The colleges have gotten so big that we've had to split them. The one we are doing in the more traditional way is the graduate ceremony. Which will be the one I officiate and we would certainly welcome participation from the trustees. So please keep that in mind. That is Saturday evening. There is information at your place. The logistics are going to be interesting. We are sort of doing two ceremonies at the same time. We are

starting one ceremony at one time and the other ceremony will start half hour later. We're having the first ceremony people park in the garages and the second ceremony people park in the M-lot and when the ceremony is over we want everyone to get out of here out so we can clear the parking lots for the next ceremony several hours later. So, we'll see how it goes. It's going to be tricky but we have some contingency plans. One ceremony will be in ceremony. The graduate ceremony will be in Hollinger. There are two Friday evening undergraduate ceremonies. One in Hollinger and one in Asplundh. And then on Saturday the undergraduate ceremonies one in Hollinger and one in Asplundh and then another one in Hollinger and Asplundh later in the day." Member Tomlinson responded, "I need the outline".

President Fiorentino continued, "And if anyone wants to go for making all thirteen-good luck because they do overlap. We're excited about this. Unless we can get a large field house this is the way we have to look at it now. We're big, we're graduating almost 4,000 students in the Spring commencement. Almost 4,000 in one graduation. It's a nice problem to have but we just don't have the facilities to accommodate like we did in the old days. And for some reason we've been living under a cloud because every time we try to have an outdoor ceremony at Farrell Stadium it rains or we have horrible lightening and wind and all kinds of stuff. So were going to do it in a way that's smaller and more intimate we don't have to worry if it rains or not and there are a lot of us feel that very relieved about that.

Ok, other things to report on. I want to mention the PACT meeting coming up April 11 or 12. I know several of you have indicated you are going to attend. The PACT meetings are becoming interesting. Obviously one of the things under discussion is the System Redesign is what is the role of the Council of Trustees and to the extent we can have people participate in those discussions that would be great. Barry I know that you intending to attend and I think Nicole. If anyone else has a hankering. It should be an interesting meeting with a lot of discussion. It's going to be at the Harrisburg Hilton.

Also on the horizon the President's Scholarship Gala is coming up Saturday. We moved it to Longwood Gardens. We have had a long tradition of having it on campus it was a real intent to have it campus for many years. Again, the construction over at Hollinger made it impossible because we had to rely on valet parking and there is nowhere to that. So, we decided to take it off campus to Longwood and see if we can make it work. Interestingly, what it would cost to set up Hollinger Field House to hold the event was a significant amount of money that we didn't have to pay this year. We went to Longwood and hired them and their space and their catering. Aramark has been very cooperative. Aramark has been the prime sponsor. What they have done has been to provide the food and they can't provide the food at Longwood. And they have been very good sports about that and they have converted their support to cash which is really a terrific thing. Obviously, we have a contract with them and they agreed to modify the contract to our benefit and we will make a big fuss about that when we get down there. Thank them for that. The event we

have seen declining attendance at the gala over the recent years. The attendance has shot up to capacity it's a sell-out. Looking at the list of names of people coming. There are many people coming who have never attended before or others who attended years ago but have not attended. I keep running into people who have said 'oh yea we're going to be there'. I just got the latest list of names this afternoon and Sue and I will sit down go over it carefully. We want to know everyone who will be there. But it's very exciting. The Foundation staff have been working very hard to set it up. I got a nice note just before I came up today from Deb Cornelius talking about how excited they are and we believe we are going to make a nice profit for the scholarship fund. We've cut down on the auction. We're dispensing with the silent auction. We'll have a live auction with a couple items that will be shorter and should be a lot of fun. We've hired an auctioneer. Chris Mominey, the CEO over at the Foundation, has a lot of creative ideas how to pry money out of people's pockets. We'll see how that goes. It should be a wonderful evening. For those who will be joining us we look forward to seeing you there.

Earlier in March, Sue and I and a number of staff from the Foundation, went down to Florida for a fund-raising tour. It was terrific. We had, in addition to the Foundation people we had Alumni office staff. We had several alumni events. We had breakfast, lunches and dinners. We were in Orlando, Tampa, Sarasota, we were tooling around. Chris Mominey even went to Fort Lauderdale to meet some people. We ran into some Golden Ram sweethearts. Had lunches with couple who met at West Chester and got married. A great

event in Dunedin at this great old restaurant attended by about 40 people. We got some cash commitments from people. A lot of great activity. So, it was a wonderful event. It was great to be great to be down there. We left snow here and it was 85 down there. Which of course was incidental to the fact that we went. A lot of great alumni down there. One of the things that I love, even down in Florida, we're running around meeting with alumni they're saying, 'boy there is a lot of great stuff going on up there'. They're clearly staying in touch and reading the magazine. We have a lot of alumni spread out over a lot of places who are really proud of the stuff going on at this institution.

A couple weeks back we had a student town hall organized by Rodney, who is back there and the SGA. A great event. We had the entire cabinet present to answer questions. Got a lot of great questions from students, issues and concerns. The one I feel most triumphant about. We had a gotten a concern raised sometime back going from the rec center to Sharpless Street you have to cut through between two buildings and there is no sidewalk and it's getting muddier and muddier as time goes on. And we had looked into building a sidewalk there. That question came up at the event and Todd was able to report that we had just gotten the permits for the sidewalk and it's either mostly finished or almost completely finished, I don't know at this point. But there will be a sidewalk between those two building which will save a lot of steps through the muddy field. Zeb and I had to cut through there the other day and almost took a header in the mud. It was tricky; we were glad that's the kind of thing students raise these issues and we try to be responsive as we

can when we see things that really need to be dealt with quickly. Thank you everybody; Jim and everyone who followed through on that.

Some other things, I've been meeting recently; I decided to meet with community college presidents that are primary feeder institutions to West Chester University. There are four main ones are Delaware County, Bucks County, Montgomery County and Philadelphia. I've had get together with three of the four from the suburban counties. Just the other day I met with Montgomery County's new president. Talking about ways we can collaborate more effectively. There is a lot of talk how we can keep the cost of education down. Frankly, attending two years at a community college and two years at West Chester; is probably the cheapest game in town. We're looking at ways to ramp up that collaboration. We're having great discussion among ourselves. The presidents are interested in looking at ways to do a joint admission where we acknowledge right from the start we don't have room for you right now but if you start at Bucks County or Montgomery County or in Philadelphia which may feed into the Philadelphia campus we can admit you right now you can have access to the campus. Assuming you meet the standards of all of our students you can transfer seamlessly to West Chester University. All of the Presidents are excited about that. We also look at reverse transfer, community colleges like, because students who leave before they graduate are actually able to transfer credits back to the community colleges which enables them to complete an Associate's Degree. Which is not a bad thing to have in your pocket. It also helps the community college because it increases the graduation

rate for their students. I think there were very fruitful discussions and I'm looking forward to continuing them going forward.

In addition to a lot of the communication Sue and I continue to have frequent breakfast, lunches and dinners. Zeb and I have regular breakfasts with the student leaders which are great. Again these are where we have conversations around issues on campus. We've learned a lot about how well the shuttle is working or not working. We have one particular student who has become the expert on the shuttle on campus. We talk to her as much as we can. As a result of her input we increased the shuttle runs. We were cutting off [back] from 9 to 7 [shuttles] at 4:00. She explained to us why that was not working. We agreed to extend the 9 shuttles to 7:00 and it's running much more effectively. The student are happier. It's great to get that kind of feedback.

In recent weeks we have had other lunches or dinners. Sue and I have hosted at Tanglewood a group of graduating students. We talked to them about their experience and what was good and what they would like to see improved. We met with a group of parents which was very interesting. Talking to the parents about the experience of their children at West Chester. Again, a student leaders event. Of course, we have ongoing dinners with groups of donors. We had a recent one with the College of Mathematics and Sciences and we have dinners coming up with all of the other colleges between now and the end of semester. And another one we're trying we haven't put it together yet. We thought it would be interesting to have a dinner with guidance counselors from the major feeder schools that provide students to West Chester to get their

perspective. I have to give a lot of credit to Margo McDonough. She's the one who proposes these various [groups]. We've had lots of interesting conversations like that.

I was recently recognized as recipient of the President's award from the PA Black Conference on Higher Education which I was happy to accept on behalf of the institution. It really reflects our commitment to Diversity and Inclusion at West Chester University. John Craig, who is our ADP director, is the president right now of the association. He chose to honor me I think primarily of our support of his role in that organization which has a significant impact on leadership development and professional development for students and faculty of color at our institution.

Last weekend we had a wonderful event that some of you attended. We had Doris Kearns Goodwin speaking on campus. We had her attend dinner at Tanglewood with a group of our major supporters. The dinner was wonderful. She was engaging. We sold out at Asplundh for her. Some work better than others when we have Presidential speakers. When I walked into Asplundh I almost couldn't get to my seat for people stopping me to thank me and saying what a great idea it was to bring her campus. So, no pressure John but we're going to have to figure out who to bring next year. We're still working on that. Couple of other things to bring you up to date, I've been speaking to all of you about MOU with Cheyney. I did notify the Chancellor and Cheyney that at the end of the MOU in June we will ceasing our work over at Cheyney. That has been acknowledged by the Chancellor and Aaron Walton. Cheyney is making

plans to go in a different direction. We've supported them for the past three years. I think we have provided a great deal of help. A number of our staff: Todd and Jim Lewis in particular. Both managers and AFSCME staff at the University have supported the efforts over there above and beyond the call of duty. I'm proud of the support we have provided Cheyney three years.

I want to give you a brief update on System Redesign. The Chancellor of course has come in and has undertaken this effort to expand educational opportunities for our students, expand cooperation among our universities, identify opportunities for shared services. Both in the interest in increasing our revenue and reducing our costs. I think there are opportunities out there. I do want to acknowledge in particular the yeoman service of Laurie Bernotsky.

Laurie has taken the lead with the provosts of the universities to work together to provide recommendation to the presidents and then up to the Chancellor and the Board to try to streamline the operations to operate more effectively. And, as matter of fact Laurie has not only been working with the chief academic officers but also with the vice presidents of Finance and Administration given their role in budgeting. Along with Todd working with that group. I also want to mention Zeb Davenport and Kathleen Howley who are now have been volunteered to work with Academic Student Affairs and Student Success initiative, which is part of all that. We are well represented up there. We are really trying to do our part to support the Chancellor's initiatives to come with ways to save the system. We have major challenges around enrollment and budget and there is great work going on. We have a Board of

Governors meeting next week where we will see the next round of activity related to this. We're at the point where the rubber needs to meet the road. Things need to start happening. Marion said there was a Board of Governors retreat the last couple of days. I'm sure the Board was preparing for next week. We're hopeful we will start to see some results. One other thing, the Chancellor asked me to serve on a review team. They are hiring a consulting firm to come in and do a deep analysis on where the opportunities are to save money. We've had lots of reports, Rand report and [not audible] report. Here's where we really try to drill down and identify ways we can collaborate effectively ways to cut the costs of the services supporting the mission of the universities. If we can do things less expensively without impacting the academic mission why wouldn't we want to do that. That's what the Chancellor is trying to accomplish.

The last thing I had written this down before Jeff mentioned it. I did serve as Chair of Middle States last year in New York City and apparently, they were happy with my results because I have been asked to do another team. This one is interesting, this is Baruch College which many of you I'm sure remember Fred Lane, Madeline Adler's husband. He was a faculty member at Baruch so when they asked me to chair the team at Baruch I'm delighted to do it. Next Fall I'll be headed back up to New York city to do another Middle States review. This is beneficial to us. When you serve as team member you get to work with a group of people, assess another school, which does help to hold a mirror up to us. It is a lot of work. You go in on a Sunday night and you work almost non-

stop through Wednesday morning. Working dinners and after dinner. You have to present them with a report before you leave. It seems like a good idea when you agree to do it but then when you're going through it you think what have I done. These are things we have to do as institutions to support each other. So we really see it as a professional service to higher education in general.

With that I will end my report.

I now ask approval of Purchase Orders and Contracts from December 2018 – January 2019.”

MOTION (DOZOR/SILBERMAN):

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONTRACTS
FOR DECEMBER 2018 AND JANUARY 2019**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

President Fiorentino, “Thank you this concludes my report”

AGENDA ITEM VI – REPORT OF THE VICE PRESIDENT:

None

AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

None

AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

Chairperson Fillippo asked for report from the standing committees.

Member Lewis reported for the Finance and Administration Committee: "Mr. Chairman, on behalf of the Budget and Finance Committee there are several resolutions to be approved. They were discussed at the meeting prior to Council of Trustees meeting. Most of the resolutions deal with fee increases which are necessitated by increases in salary and benefits and operating costs. What I would propose that we do have me read those resolutions briefly and vote to take them as a package.

The first would be an increase in the residence hall fees.

MOTION (LEWIS /IRELAND):

APPROVAL TO MAKE THE FOUR RESOLUTIONS ONE PACKAGE

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

RESIDENCE HALL FEE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING FEES BE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2019.

Room Type	Fee/Semester
North Campus (double occupancy)	\$ 2,813
North Campus (single occupancy)	\$ 3,539
South Campus (double occupancy)	\$ 3,077
South Campus (single occupancy)	\$ 3,350
College Arms Single Apartment	\$ 4,460
College Arms Single two Bed Apartment	\$ 4,089
College Arms Double Bed One Bedroom	\$ 3,716

College Arms Double Bed Two Bedroom	\$	3,438
College Arms Triple Bed One Bedroom Apartment	\$	3,159
College Arms Quad Beds One Bedroom Apartment	\$	2,880

THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

Member Lewis, "The next is an increase in the Sykes Student Union Fee and that resolution calls for the Council to increase of \$1.67.

SKYES STUDENT UNION FEE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$1.67 PER SEMESTER TO THE SYKES STUDENT UNION FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$85.31 PER SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2019.

THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

CAMPUS RECREATION FEE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$3.02 PER SEMESTER TO THE CAMPUS RECREATION FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$153.84 PER SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2019.

THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

NEW STUDENT FEE

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

NEW STUDENT FEE INCREASE

- **A \$10.00 INCREASE IN THE NEW STUDENT FEE FOR NEW UNDERGRADUATE FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS AND NEW UNDERGRADUATE TRANSFER STUDENTS ENTERING THE WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY MAIN CAMPUS IN THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS.**
- **THESE CHANGES HEREBY INSTITUTE A NEW STUDENT FEE OF \$145.00 FOR NEW FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS AND NEW TRANSFER STUDENTS ENTERING THE MAIN CAMPUS OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY IN THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTERS.**

THESE CHANGES ARE HEREBY EFFECTIVE THE FALL 2019 SEMESTER

MOTION (LEWIS / IRELAND):

APPROVAL TO MAKE THE FEE RESOLUTIONS ONE PACKAGE

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION (LEWIS / IRELAND):

APPROVE THE PACKAGE OF FEE RESOLUTIONS

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Lewis proposed the renovation resolutions be approved as a package.

LAWRENCE HALL RETAIL UPGRADES

**TO APPROVE WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S
RENOVATION TO THE RETAIL LOCATIONS IN LAWRENCE HALL;**

**WHEREAS, WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY IS ANTICIPATING THE
COST FOR THE PROJECT TO BE \$2M, AND;**

**WHEREAS, WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY HAS A NEED TO UPGRADE
THE RETAIL LOCATIONS IN LAWRENCE HALL;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE COUNCIL OF
TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY
RECOMMENDS APPROVAL FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO COMPLETE THE
RENOVATION TO THE LAWRENCE HALL RETAIL AREAS FOR \$2M.**

TYSON HALL CURTAIN WALL REPLACEMENT

**TO APPROVE WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S
RENOVATION TO THE TYSON HALL;**

**WHEREAS, WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY IS ANTICIPATING THE
COST FOR THE PROJECT TO BE \$4M, AND;**

WHEREAS, WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY HAS A NEED TO UPGRADE THE FAÇADE AT TYSON HALL;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO COMPLETE THE RENOVATION TO THE TYSON HALL CURTAIN WALL FOR \$4M.

SYKES STUDENT UNION FRONT ENTRANCE RENOVATION

TO APPROVE WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA'S RENOVATION TO THE FRONT ENTRANCE OF SYKES STUDENT UNION;

WHEREAS, WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY IS ANTICIPATING THE COST FOR THE PROJECT TO BE \$6M, AND;

WHEREAS, WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY HAS A NEED TO UPGRADE THE ENTRANCE AT SYKES STUDENT UNION;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, HEREBY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL FOR THE UNIVERSITY TO COMPLETE THE RENOVATION TO THE ENTRANCE OF SYKES STUDENT UNION FOR \$6M.

MOTION (LEWIS / IRELAND):

APPROVAL TO MAKE THE RENOVATIONS RESOLUTIONS ONE PACKAGE

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION (LEWIS / DOZOR):

APPROVAL TO APPROVE THE PACKAGE OF RENOVATIONS

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

MOTION (LEWIS /TOMLINSON):

TOTAL RETURN ENDOWMENT SPENDING RATE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THAT THE CURRENT 3.5% TOTAL RETURN ENDOWMENT SPENDING RATE OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE ENDOWMENT BE CONTINUED FOR THE 2019-20 FISCAL YEAR.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION (LEWIS /IRELAND):

FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST PREPARED BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON APRIL 1, 2019.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Dozor reported for Academic and Student Affairs.

“Senator Tomlinson and I would like to incorporate in the minutes all of the summary and highlights provided to us in the packets provided to us. Would like to incorporate into the minutes. The only item I would like to highlight is the information includes the fact that as a result of joining nationally recognized the common application, that’s the Admissions application at West Chester now, Fall 2019. The University experienced a 25% increase in the total first year applications. A 40% increase in first year out of state applications and a 45% increase from underrepresented minority students which will insure our diverse pool of qualified applicants In support of our access mission. I think that is important information. By simply adopting and using the common application it has the effect of substantially increase the number of people who know of us and apply here and it increases the availability of our university of underrepresented minority students.

Member Moskowitz provided the report on behalf of Member Silberman, “Mr. Chair I am going to report on behalf of University Affairs Committee just a couple of things. They met earlier today there are few additional items of interest. A special thank you to our Council of Trustees members for your continued support of WCU through your gifts this year to the Foundation where participation this year. The Alumni Relations office is busy planning Alumni Weekend, April 26-28. Will also include a ground-breaking ceremony for the new Science and Engineering Center at the Commons. The Office of

Communications continues to place faculty research and positive student stories in local, regional and national media. A WCU Facebook page received 913 views in January and February. This concludes my report.”

Member Moskowitz reported for the Campus Resources and Infrastructure Committee. “The Campus Resources and Infrastructure met prior to this meeting I think you already heard many things but I’ll touch on a couple. We have Wi-Fi on the student shuttle busses they are connected while moving around campus. Then we have a new imitative providing Digital Textbook content while saving money for our students. The rest of the information is in your packet and I submit that. Thank you.”

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

None

AGENDA ITEM X –REPORT OF LIAISON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES:

Member Boylan reported, “Thank you. I would like to report on behalf of SGA and Graduate Student Association. Just a general comment. All students were invited to the Career Develop Center Spring Job Intern Fair on February 27. It attracted 127 employers which was an 81% increase over the number of employers in past years. 650 students attended including myself, which represented an 18% increase from past years. And a 121% increase in the number of students in Spring 2018 Career Fair. They hosted in a new location

in the Student Recreation Center, on the basketball courts, which was an interesting change of venue but it offered the opportunity to host a lot more people than in years past and it kept the space more open for students to travel in between the tables. The SGA hosted a town hall as President Fiorentino mentioned and the Graduate Student Association hosted their forum this week as well to collect student concerns for both undergraduate and graduate students. On behalf of the SGA we would like to express our gratitude to the Administration for allowing us to ask those questions at our Town Hall and the Graduate Student Association. We would like to thank the Administration for being open to assisting the student concerns as well. Some student concerns that were brought up tonight that have been addressed were: bus shuttle system, shuttles running later in the evening; the tennis courts weren't lit up at night, our students were concerned about that so lights have been added at the tennis courts; and the path to the Rec Center. Some existing concerns that students are: accessibility to tv, having closed caption making it accessible for our hearing-impaired students; our SGA Executive Board elections took place this past week and we have our Vice President elect here tonight, Joshua Bradley. We had the highest voting turnout as long as I have been here we had 1500 students voting this election. That is a 400 student increase from last year's election. It was a very exciting campaign and we're excited to transition to those new officers. The next Council of Trustees meeting is post-commencement, it's on May 16. I would like to ask the Council's permission to

attend and report at the May 16 meeting. Particularly on student experience at Commencement.”

The trustees unanimously agreed to Member Boylan’s request

AGENDA ITEM XI – OLD BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM XII – NEW BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM XII – ADJOURNMENT:

Chairperson Fillippo, “This concludes our Council of Trustees meeting.”

MOTION (LEWIS/TOMLINSON):

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:36 P.M.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,



Marian Moskowitz