

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CONFERENCE CALL
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4:55 PM**

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Dozor called the meeting to order. Vice Chair Dozor announces the continued temporary suspension of the Pledge of Allegiance until in-person meetings resume once the COVID-19 Pandemic resolves.

Council members present were Members: Dozor, Franklin, Kaliszak, Kinsey, Moskowitz, Schick, Silfa.

Absent but accounted for were Members: Fillippo, Ireland, Lewis, Tomlinson

Vice Chair Dozor notes, “And we’ll note that we have a quorum as a result of Senator Tomlinson not present, serving as Vice Chair I’ll go on then and conduct the meeting or, chair the meeting. I would like to take the moment to formally welcome our newest Trustee, Betty Silfa. Betty, who is present here today and participating, Betty, we’re very pleased you’re here. And maybe just introduce yourself a little synopsis of where you’ve been the last 20 years or so and what brought you here.”

Member Silfa introduces herself, “Yeah. Thank you, thank you very much. I have been a resident of West Chester for the past 30 years. Relocated in from New York City. Professionally, I’m a Commercial Lender for Mid Penn Bank,

also known as First Priority. I'm married to my husband of over 20 years. And my son Alexander, is an investment banker in New York City for Black Rock. I enjoy, you know, doing what I do professionally, my interest in West Chester University has always been there and I was invited and told about the opportunity to participate in the Council of Trustees by Marian."

Vice Chair Dozor, "Betty, we appreciate you're with us. We have a lot to learn from you, so thank you very much."

Vice Chair Dozor proceeds with the meeting.

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

MOTION (MOSKOWITZ/FRANKLIN)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 19, 2020 MEETING AS PRESENTED

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

Vice Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "The next portion of the meeting is the public comment. At this time, we invite anyone who wishes to address the Council of Trustees to please use the raise hand feature which will put you into the queue. When it when is your turn we will announce your name and we will open up the microphone for comment, and please limit your remarks to

approximately two minutes or so. I would like to welcome Mark Rimple to the microphone. Mr. Rimple, are you there Mark?"

Mark Rimple takes the mic, "I am, Judge Dozor it's good to see you, it's good to see everybody."

Vice Chair Dozor asks, "Is that a guitar in your hand?"

Mark Rimple replies, "Oh its funny, I can't access my picture that's an arch loot, that's one of the instruments I play."

Vice Chair Dozor inquires, "Do you like to play?"

Mark Rimple responds, "Not right now, but I would any other time."

Vice Chair Dozor, "Well we're pleased you're here."

Mark Rimple proceeds, Yeah, thanks for having me. So, I just want to say a little note from the trenches of Labor Relations on the Faculty side and sort of you know, being one of these online faculty that, we're doing the best we can, and I think we're working pretty hard and we couldn't do it without the

excellent support and encouragement we get from the management side of the House. I will say that first of all, it's been great, the leadership under COVID has been excellent, I would say exemplary, from our management team and it's kept us safe, it's kept everything running smoothly, and I couldn't be more happy about that. I'm thankful every time I think about it, that I work at West Chester and not one of the other institutions in the system that's undergoing financial distress. I think that's because of our great leadership and prudent choices made by this group and by our team. We are working, I think, at peak level when it comes to that, the aspect of shared governance when it comes to the way that Labor Relations function between both sides, I couldn't be happier working where I do. A good example of that is, you know APSCUF, we came up with an anti-racism statement and it didn't pass the smell test on some legal challenges but, Jeff Osgood, I have to give him my commendation. He really helped us steer that problem into a benefit and we're going to be making a very good anti-racism statement in a shared governance process with all the shared governments groups, so I look forward to doing that this spring. I wanted to say this is my last semester as APSCUF President, I've been doing this for six years. I came in the semester before Chris took the helm. And I have to be thankful for the cooperation of Chris Fiorentino, and you know Laurie Bernotsky, Jeff Osgood, the deans, Bill Helzlsouer in Labor Relations and HR, the Registrar, Institutional Research with Lisa Yannick who's been wonderful, and IS&T, JT and Paul are amazing and without them we wouldn't have a virtual campus. So, I just wanted to say, thanks to everybody that I've worked with these last six years and we'll have a new APSCUF President starting this next fall.

Vice Chair Dozor comments, "Mark, I participated in a phone conference yesterday with The Chancellor, and one of the things he had indicated, he says he's working on and he anticipates shortly, and he called it an "early pension

retirement opportunity. So, I have the understanding that in the work product, will probably be a substantial incentive for early retirements of the people in West Chester and in the college community, you're aware that?

Mark Rimple replies, "Yeah I am, we in fact, that was one thing we pushed for as a statewide Union to try and offset some of the you know, massive retrenchment that's going on. It's really pretty pretty pitiful if you're at IUP to see upwards of 80 some faculty losing their jobs in the pandemic. You know, we don't at West Chester need to lose a lot of faculty, we hope that we don't lose a lot of folks, but it is a good incentive and I think it'll help some folks who would like to take advantage and will help the overall finances of the system. But yeah, West Chester is not under the same pressures as the other campuses but, yeah."

Vice Chair Dozor responds, "I suspect, when the Trustees meet again we may have some more particulars on that, and of course I'm sure our college President will have that even in advanced of when we were advised of it so."

Mark Rimple confirms this, Vice Chair Dozor thanks him.

Jeffery Osgood takes the mic, "Judge Dozor, if you would just indulge me for a minute. I do want to thank, I know I speak, I can feel confident in speaking on behalf of both the President and the Provost in thanking Mark for his amazing years of service as President of the local chapter of APSCUF. I will say this, we have survived a strike, we have survived a pandemic, we have not only

strengthened shared governance, but the spirit of cooperation between our faculty in no small part because of Mark's leadership. We have we have learned how to fight the good fight amongst each other and walk out of the room united, even when we don't agree and try to seek common ground where we can and really, we could not have done this without Dr. Rimple, and we owe a significant debt of gratitude to him for his leadership. And we are stronger as an institution because he served these past six years as President [of APSCUF] and I just I know that I speak on behalf of the President and Laurie in thanking him."

Vice Chair Dozor replies, "And it's obvious that Dr. Rimple has never compromised his loyalty to his commitment to Labor and to his fellow professors, it's obvious and he deserves a lot of credit."

Mark Rimple. "I thank you all, thank you so much."

Vice Chair Dozor continues, "Thank you. Anybody else in the queue?"

Dr. John Villella replies, "No other's Judge Dozor."

Vice Chair Dozor continues with the meeting, "Okay, great. Okay, so at this point then we'll go on to the next item. For the minutes, I would like to report that the Council of Trustees did participate in the Executive Session, a rather standard session dealing with litigation, personnel, and other items that were

appropriately to be discussed on Thursday October 8 2020 from 5:40pm to 5:55pm and, frankly, that was so long ago I don't even recall it.

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Vice Chairperson Dozor, “Okay, at this time, the only comments that I have is, I do want to report to everybody that just yesterday, Wednesday January 27, of being a PACT representative of Trustees, I participated in a phone conference with The Chancellor with maybe 20 or 30 other Trustees across the state. There were three items that he wanted to identify that he spoke about. Number one, The Chancellor is exploring an 850 million dollar loan to refinance all of the system’s debt, and he identifies that for the purpose of help with strategic initiatives so, that's probably everything under the sun. Secondly, he's pursuing an early pension retirement opportunity, as we talked about. Third of all is to integrate, I guess integration, he calls it integration is the magic word basically, it's the consolidation of schools. I think effects minimally six schools and he confirmed that he's planning will be completed in the month of April. Thereafter, after April, there will be public comment and the Board of Governors will have it to vote on in the July 2021 meeting. Fortunately, thank goodness, we're not part of that directly. He also indicated something, he didn't really elaborate on it, but I thought it was important and I'm sure our President knows, that he said that it’s his goal that what will come out of this is that there will be a 25% reduction of average cost of students at the system. Now, when he asked if that meant 25% less tuition he said no, that's not 25% tuition, that's 25% reduction of the average cost of students, beyond that I didn't know. You know, I left my cross-examination outside, so I left that alone. But obviously, that's intended to there be some incentive that will we get through this terrible period of time there will be incentive to bring students back, especially students in these consolidated schools. Chris any comment on that?”

President Fiorentino responds, Well Barry, it's a very complex issue, I think I would withhold comment on it right now. I know that controlling costs for students is a high priority, not only for The Chancellor, but for all of us. We reported in committee that we provided students opportunities to take courses without having to pay tuition over the winter and summer to try to keep costs down. But, the issue of the 25% reduction is very complex and frankly, I'm not sure I completely understand it right now. I could put on my economists' hat and talk about some of the issues associated with it, but I don't know that this is the format, or that we have the time to delve into to that extent but we can certainly talk more about it going forward.”

Vice Chair Dozor replies, “And that’s out of character for me, I didn't ask one question, I left it alone and I thought you know, the system and with the help of Marian and the Board of Governors, you know, that's where that'll be you know, vetted out. We'll see what he's talking about.”

Member Moskowitz interjects, “That’s a good point Barry, it’s not been fully vetted yet.”

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Vice Chairperson Dozor, “Okay yeah, I think now we’ll turn to the report of the University President. Dr.?”

President Fiorentino replies, “Yes, Sir. Thank you, sir. We've covered a lot of ground and a lot of good information reported by members of the Cabinet and others. I have a few things that I wanted to say a little more on.

First of all, looking at the enrollment picture, I do want to emphasize the fact that under very difficult circumstances, we were able to maintain our headcount enrollment in both fall and spring of this year with the students attending overwhelmingly remotely, and that that is kudos to a lot of people on this campus who worked hard to support the students, both in academic and student affairs, and other areas of university. We were, as Ilene reported in her remarks, we were bracing for an enrollment decline in the spring, of a little more significance. And where it looks like we've ended up is relatively level enrollment for the spring and I just wanted to mention that.

Again, we're managing the budget shortfalls that we're facing through the pandemic, but one thing that wasn't really specifically stated, and I want to specifically state, we are absolutely protecting the core mission of this institution. The faculty, Mark Rimple, made some kind remarks and talked about the work that the Faculty are doing. He referenced a number of offices within the university. The Information Services and Technology folks have just done spectacular work to make sure that we have the technology platforms necessary to do this. And I can't name everybody in the university, but the entire university community has just stepped up and made this commitment to students' success and delivered on it, and I just have to say how proud I am. And I'm sure Erin will have a little something to say about that when she gets to her remarks but, there's been a lot of excellent work done by the employees of this campus and I'm very proud of them.

I want to say a quick word about some of the fundraising that we've discussed; we're obviously very pleased about how our stakeholders have stepped up and supported us. I've been working closely, both Sue and myself, have been working closely with the Advancement and Development team on

the planning for events that Sue and I participate in. We talked at a previous meeting about our Tangle-Zooms, you know we can't have our dinners at Tanglewood right now and we're not able to travel but we're linking in with our stakeholders through Zoom meetings, small gatherings, large gatherings, and having lots of opportunity to connect with people. The Zoom technology has allowed us to be more involved to connecting with people far away, we have Zoom meetings with people from California and Arizona and Texas and New Hampshire, and all over the country participating in discussions at the same time, and so we really have leveraged the technology. And as John Villella alluded to, we're ahead of pace on our fundraising for this year which, is really a tribute to the folks at the Foundation for the hard work that they're doing for the deans and staff of the university. John Villella himself is an outstanding fundraiser and we're doing great and continuing to expect great things. We have a great program for the spring, John mentioned the Gala, obviously we can't have our great Gala event that we were hoping to have at Longwood Gardens but they've come up with an incredible array of virtual programs that will be held over the next couple of months that will really be great. We're also moving ahead on the capital campaign and the 150th anniversary next year. These are going to be great things, we're going to have a year of celebration and we're going to be celebrating in a time when we're all going to need it so we look forward to that.

I do want to say that we have another hard semester to get through here. I know from Marian's comments that you know, we wish the vaccine rollout were going more rapidly, but we're optimistic that it's going to ramp up and we're going to get to a point that by next fall semester we're going to be operating on all cylinders, we're going to be back to campus. Hopefully, all the social distancing requirements will have passed by then and we fully anticipate that we are going to be back to normal: robust enrollments, residence halls filled, and move on from there and we're working to that effect. So you know, again, over the course of the next six months we're going to be

working hard, we're going to have to spend some time rebuilding our reserves that we've had to deplete to try to get through this year, but we have a great plan for that, we've reviewed it with Chris Franklin in the finance meeting last week or so. So, we're going to move past this and we're going to be moving to even greater things.

I want to say a word about what it's been like to go through the remote delivery as we've talked about before, almost overnight our entire almost 2,000 employees shifted to remote delivery of the operation of this university and frankly, we've learned a lot about what we're capable of, the agility we have around doing certain things, and we're planning to convene some discussions coming up in the near future to start talking about what we have learned and how it might impact how we operate going forward on a more permanent basis. I'll tell you, for one thing in terms of the Zoom use in fundraising, that's certainly something we're going to continue even once we get back to normal operations because it's a very effective way to communicate with our stakeholders. But many more things within the university that we've been able to do we think, might just be things we can learn from and come out of this even stronger than we went into it. So, stay tuned, we'll have more to say about that.

A few words about PASSHE. Barry, you mentioned that the ESLP program, that's the acronym for the early retirement sick leave payout. Essentially, what we're trying to do is provide incentives, the primary focus is for Faculty, Mark Rimple alluded to some of the retrenchment that's going on, on the other campuses to the extent that the Faculty who are in a position to retire with full benefits, if they do retire that's going to enable us at various campuses to reduce the number of faculty who are mid-career and would find themselves having to be retrenched. And retrenchment is very painful, but the simple fact is we've lost about a third of the student enrollment overall in the system over the past 8 to 10 years or so, and our faculty compliment has not

been reduced in line with that, so we simply have too many faculty for the enrollment levels and we can't afford to continue. And when I say we, I'm talking PASSHE, not West Chester. This is not an issue for West Chester but our sister institutions are struggling with these issues and we are participating, along with the other schools in the ESLP, even though we don't need early retirements. And frankly, it's going to result in us having to provide some funding for early retirements, but to the extent that we can preserve jobs for mid-career faculty around the Commonwealth, we're committed to trying to do that to the benefit of all.

The ESLP is also under discussion for other bargaining units and other employees, and by the way this, so that Marian doesn't get upset with me, this is yet to be approved by the Board of Governors. It'll be in front of the Board next week so, it's not actually going to be implemented until it has the blessing of the Board. The APSCUF Union has already endorsed it and some of the other unions are working on it, so we will move forward under the direction of the Board of Governors once they have made their decision.

I also want to mention that I've been asked by The Chancellor to serve on the management bargaining team for the APSCUF collective bargaining agreement. I served on that bargaining team for many years during the time that I was Dean and stepped off when I became Interim President and I've now been asked to go back onto that team. There's a lot of negotiating going on, we're not negotiating a full contract but, the integrations that Barry referenced where the three schools, two groups of three schools, are being considered or the planning process is under way to integrate them into a single institution has many collective bargaining implications that that we have to look at and The Chancellor has asked me to bring my extensive collective bargaining experience into these discussions to assist with reaching agreements with APSCUF on the things that we have to reach agreements on. So, although West Chester is not one of the institutions that is under consideration for

integration, I'm playing a role in the negotiations of that and I'm happy to do it.

We continue to have extensive involvement with the leadership of West Chester University in the activities going on at the system level. Laurie Bernotsky, Zeb Davenport, and Tracy Robinson are all leads on various teams within the collective leadership of the State System involving not only the Presidents but the members of Cabinets from various institutions. I appreciate the extra work that they're taking on because everybody still has their day job and now we have all this other work that's going on. And Laurie in particular, I've referenced before, spending just an immense amount of time working with the system office on trying to make sure that the things that are being implemented system wide are sound and are in the best interest of West Chester University, along with our other institutions. Todd Murphy also is heavily involved in that, I want to mention Todd and JT Singh also involved in continued discussions related to technology. So, again, if I try to mention everybody who's pitching in, it'll just take too long. But, we're playing a significant role collectively in trying to assist the State System in shoring up the areas, now that are that are struggling based on enrollment declines that have been occurring over the last decade.”

Vice Chair Dozor states,” Chris, that's a significant change in the years before because I don't think I've ever seen a Board of Governors that's ever been more engaged. And I don't think we've ever had so many of West Chester administrators so much embedded in the State System either so, that's all, they're all positive things.”

President Fiorentino continues, “Well, yes, they certainly are. This Chancellor came in with a mandate to address certain challenges and he's attacking in ways that no Chancellor before him has attacked them and there's a lot of uncertainty around what's going to happen, a lot of lot of moving parts, a lot of politics are involved. So, it's a very complex process but frankly, he understands that West Chester is a well-run institution and he's tapping into the leadership of this institution to make sure that he's taking advantage of our expertise to help the system to be strengthened, also so.”

Vice Chair Dozor inquires, “With the sale, I guess, Marian will know more about this than anybody, I guess. But with the sale of their campus in Harrisburg, where are they talking about relocating? Are they going to relocate it as an example in another institution or what, what are the thoughts there?”

Member Moskowitz responds, “We’re gonna hear more about it this week, Barry.”

President Fiorentino states, “I will say this, what they’ve recognized is that the Dixon Center campus is far larger than they need to conduct their business. We do have other State System facilities. But yeah, they still have to decide, do they want to move an office into the center of Harrisburg or just move to one of the other locations. But that's all stuff that's under consideration, all that they've realized at this point is they're spending a lot of money to support the Dixon Center and we're not really utilizing it effectively so, we'll see where things go from there.”

Member Franklin comments, "Yeah, one idea would be just to shrink the staff too."

President Fiorentino replies, "Chris, I will say this, they have significantly reduced the staff up there."

Member Moskowitz confirms, "They really have."

President Fiorentino goes on, "And, as a matter of fact, back to Barry's point, a lot of what's going on in terms of tapping into schools like West Chester is that they have little more than a skeleton crew up there at this point and he recognizes that they were they were overstaffed and spending a lot of money doing things that they probably didn't need to be doing. So, there's been some movement in the right direction there."

Vice Chair Dozor asks, "Can we build them a building on our campus?"

Member Moskowitz replies, "I don't think so Barry. No, I don't want to lose Chris and Laurie and all these people even more, I mean you know we're lending them at a very careful pace."

President Fiorentino adds, “We’ve gotta keep them at a little bit of a distance anyway, Barry. Okay, that concludes my remarks. Any other questions anybody has?”

Member Schick takes the mic, “I just have one question, it's so interesting to hear you talk about - Chris first of all congratulations, that's the best part - but, this idea of stronger than ever. And I was thinking about, I was reflecting on next September, 75% of the student population will have never been through more than, they won't even have been through a full year. And only 25% of this student population will have experienced what a full year at West Chester would be like. I think that's right, and it seems like such a golden opportunity in this stronger than ever theme to kind of reinforce the traditions that you want to reinforce and have, and instill like, refreshed traditions on the ones where you don't want to continue with them. So, I just thought it was an interesting cultural moment for the university, kind of this Key Milestone. I mean you don't have that opportunity, typically, to kind of change mindsets. I know we're doing it here in my workplace, and so I just wanted to offer that idea.”

President Fiorentino replies, “Thank you Sue, that's a very good point and I think we've reflected on that fact, about the students and who's been here and who hasn't. And actually, one thing that's not quite what you're talking about, but, you know, we've had a perennial parking problem here, and one of the things that we did to work on the parking problem is that we started to require the first year students who drive to campus to park in the Q-Lot down below the football field. And initially, they weren't thrilled about it - they have to take shuttle buses and so forth, but we're at a point now where this is going to be the third fall since we implemented this. So, the first-year students don't

know any different. So, that's an example of what you're talking about. But there are many other possibilities and all the VPs just heard that and I think that that's something that we can definitely reflect upon, so thank you for that suggestion.

Any the other questions before I move on? Okay then, I now ask for the approval of Purchase Orders and Contracts for October and November 2020.”

MOTION (FRANKLIN/MOSKOWITZ):

**APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONTRACTS FOR
OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER 2020.**

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

President Fiorentino ends, “And that concludes my report.”

Vice Chairperson Dozor continues, “Okay, thank you Dr. for your 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:

Vice Chairperson Dozor asks for report from the standing committees.

Member Franklin reported for the Finance and Administration Committee: “I think Ilene covered the financial picture very nicely in her report. I'm sure we'll answer questions if there are questions. But, importantly, I think the issue that Todd raised was an important one. I'll pick up here and then we'll give you a little background, then we'll take questions if there's concerns. And we can always defer the vote to the next Council of Trustees meeting. I'll propose it this time and we can we consider it.

The common fund currently handles the endowment for the university it's around \$50 million, you know and the Foundation Board oversees that endowment. They have done a very nice job, although in the last year, the common fund performed less than benchmark and that's not the reason they went out for bid, from my understanding, generally it was to look at investment managers and make a prudent choice. They interviewed a lot of managers, had a great response for the management of the endowment, took it to a shortlist, called a meeting with the finance committee of the Council of Trustees, Chris Lewis and I, along with Todd and his team, all met and they briefed us on where they were. And we like the process that they were following and ultimately they made a decision to go with SCI who's a Chester County firm and we all know there are a number of other really good firms involved in the process, but ultimately decided on SCI. As Todd mentioned that meeting just took place at about four o'clock in the afternoon yesterday and so hence there's no preparation materials in the package for you. So, I'll propose a resolution here, and then, if there's a desire to hear more or delay it then by all means we can do that. But, I would propose that the Council of Trustees approved the appointment of SCI as the endowment manager and Todd, I'll defer you to perfect the language on this but, you know in support of the recommendation by a the Foundation.”

MOTION (FRANKLIN/MOSKOWITZ):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY ACCEPTS THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FOUNDATION AND ADMINISTRATION TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF SCI AS AN ENDOWMENT MANAGER.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin continues, “No further additions to the report.”

Vice Chairperson Dozor continues, “Thank you. With regards to Academic and Student Affairs, is the academic, I think Susan and I are now chairing that or on that committee. Susan, congratulations.”

Member Schick replies, “Thank you. Wait, are you talking about me, am I on this?”

Vice Chair Dozor responds, “You are, I noticed you've been put on it I see, so I'm assuming you have a lengthy report but may I suggested that we just accept the recommendations in the report, rather that we've already seen by way of Vice President Jeff Osgood and others, and so no further report. But I know Erin has a report regarding Student Affairs.”

Member Kaliszak replies, “Yes, I do. Well, good evening everyone, pretty quick report with the new year, and this new semester getting underway. So, I only have a few areas of student life to report on.

First, the Office of Student Leadership and Involvement is working hard on a virtual involvement bulletin board. This bulletin board will take the place of a spring involvement fair and it'll be a one-stop-shop for students to come look and find organizations and clubs to get involved in. Organizations have until today to submit their flyers and post to the bulletin board, and the bulletin board will go live on Monday February 1 for all West Chester University students. One of the goals of the bulletin board is to ensure that our first-year students are getting involved outside of the classroom and to promote their engagement within our university to make them feel at home and like they are part of us.

Next, the Student Government Association is geared up and ready to go for this semester. Their main goals include presence, community engagement and in transition. And in order to prepare for this semester, the Executive Board actually had a chance to meet with President Fiorentino and set up monthly meetings with him in hopes of bridging the gap and increasing communication between the administration and students.

And then, finally, the first Council of Organizations meeting of the semester will take place Tuesday, February 2 at 7:15pm via Zoom where student leadership of our close to 300 plus organizations will be able to collaborate and prepare for hopefully, a successful semester. But that's everything I have, end of report.

Vice Chairperson Dozor continues, “Thank you, thank you very much. Well done. Regarding the next standing committee, University Affairs, Representative Stephen Kinsey, are you driving still?”

Member Kinsey reports for the University Affairs division:

“Yeah Barry, I'm still in the car and unfortunately, I have no report on that, but I would like to come back at the end of the meeting to give an update from the PACT meeting that actually occurred on January 11. I know there was a phone call yesterday, but there was also a Zoom meeting that we had on January 11, I just want to update the Council on that as well, I'll come back to that.”

Vice Chairperson Dozor replies, “If you like, you can do it right now.”

Member Kinsey continues, “Okay, great. So, as Barry mentioned earlier, there was a phone call yesterday in which I was not able to participate in, unfortunately. I think I was in sessions yesterday but nonetheless, on January 11 the PACT had a virtual meeting and The Chancellor gave an update. In addition to The Chancellor's update, which I think we've heard somewhat of earlier today, there was also a call for individuals who are willing to volunteer on committees. And those committees in which we were looking for volunteers were the governance and advocacy, as well as the bylaws committee, and also, it was a brief discussion on the continuation of the role of the Trustees. And I'll make sure that I get the minutes, the printed minutes, submitted to every Trustee that's on this call. In addition, just want to make folks aware that there is a planning session for the Spring Conference, and that is scheduled to take place April to 28th, the conference itself. That concludes my update. Thank you.”

Vice Chair Dozor thanks Member Kinsey for his update.

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

None

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORT OF LIASON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES:

Member Kinsey, “Barry, if I may?”

Vice Chair Dozor replies, “Sure.”

Member Kinsey continues, “I just want to share with the Trustees, I'm a Representative, I've been serving in the House of Representatives for the past eight years, I also serve on the Appropriations Committee. And during the appropriation hearings we have opportunities to hear from every single department in the state, including The Chancellor who comes and talks about his ideas and so forth on and The Chancellor's been, at least in my opinion, pretty busy over the past few years in regard to sharing the integration plan and so forth on. You know, as a legislator, West Chester seems to stand, you know reality, head and shoulders above all the other universities, simply because of our enrollment and the leadership that that West Chester has. But, I just want to take a moment to share with this group, you know if there are particular questions that you think that should be brought up, whether it's through The Chancellor or the Secretary of Education, please use me as a vehicle to address those concerns. You know, over the course of time we've sort of softened up to some extent in regards to the type of questions and you know, we've been playing politics and I just think that it's time that we try to maybe look at things from a different lens and just have some real tough questions as it relates to concerns whether it's brought up from faculty, whether it's brought up from staff, whether it's brought up from parents, whether it's brought up from students, I just think that you know, as we talked about transparency and a right to know, I mean politics is politics, but by the same token, it impacts all of us in some way, shape, or fashion. So, I

just want to be clear in regards to my role, not only as a Member of the House of Representatives who served on the Appropriations, but also as a member of the of the Council, and I just think that you know if there's things that you think that should be brought up in those hearings, please let me know. I have no problems and doing such as long as they're appropriate to the subject matter. But just wanted to make myself available to assist with questions and concerns that we might have as the Council and the impact that decisions that are made be about a Chancellor or the Department of Education. I just want to make sure that there's transparency and better understanding as we move forward, so thank you for that again, Barry.”

Vice Chair Dozor, “Thank you, Stephen. We’re fortunate to have you and we thank you very much.”

Member Kinsey, “Sure, thank you.”

AGENDA ITEM XI – OLD BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM XII – NEW BUSINESS:

Vice Chairperson Dozor picks up, “Okay, my notes, I know somebody commented earlier about a March meeting? My calendar, you know we've gotten so many notices of meetings in the last year, my calendar indicates that we have a meeting on February 18 and on March 25, and that doesn't quite make sense, so one of those meetings may not exist anymore. At four o'clock

on February 18 my calendar says, and also four o'clock on March 25, so do we know?

Dr. John Villella replies, "The February meeting would be an informational session."

Vice Chairperson Dozor responds, "Oh, as an information session perfect, so we are going to be meeting informationally wise for February 18, okay, by zoom, and March 25. Okay, great and maybe after the March 25th meeting, April May, June, maybe we'll actually possibly be in person, we'll see."

President Fiorentino adds, "If I may just say Barry, that the informational meeting, of course, the COT cannot conduct any business but, I look forward to the opportunity to be able to spend a little more time delving into some of the issues that were raised here that we didn't really have time to get into in more detail. So, I encourage everybody to attend if they're able because there's a lot that we can talk about."

AGENDA ITEM XII – ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chairperson Dozor, "Okay, so unless there's any other item that Trustees wishes to bring up I'm going to entertain a motion to adjourn."

MOTION (DOZOR/FRANKLIN)

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 5:40 P.M.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marian Moskowitz". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Marian Moskowitz