

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
IN-PERSON AND VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE CALL  
JANUARY 22, 2025**

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**AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Tomlinson called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Council members present were Members: Chupka, Comitta, Dozor, Franklin, Ireland, Moskowitz, Needham, Schick, Silfa, and Tomlinson.

There were no members absent.

Chairperson Tomlinson reported that the Council met for a workshop prior to the regular meeting. No deliberations were made, and he then proceeded with the meeting after the roll call was complete.

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

**MOTION (DOZER/MOSKOWITZ)**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 13, 2024, MEETING AS PRESENTED.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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

Chairperson Tomlinson asked if there was any public comment. There was none.

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**AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON**

None.

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**AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

President Bernotsky reported that approximately 1,400 students graduated during the fall commencement ceremonies and highlighted the increased recruitment efforts in athletics, facilitated by the university's ability to offer in-state tuition to out-of-state recruits with certain limitations.

President Bernotsky is actively working on building relationships with potential donors and supporters and has planned a trip to Florida at the end of February to further these efforts. She expressed admiration for the dedication and enthusiasm of West Chester University alumni and supporters.

Over the past three months, President Bernotsky conducted over 30 listening tour sessions with students, faculty, and staff and plans to host an additional 10-15 sessions for campus and community partners. The feedback from these sessions is shaping the university's next strategic plan by identifying strengths and opportunities for growth.

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The inauguration ceremony is scheduled for March 28 at 11:00 AM. President Bernotsky emphasized that the celebration will highlight the entire university, including students, faculty, staff, and community partners. The week leading up to the inauguration will feature events showcasing service, learning, and research achievements.

Following the inauguration, Good Morning America’s Robin Roberts is scheduled to be the speaker for the Presidential Speaker Series in April. President Bernotsky expressed excitement about the opportunity for the university community to engage with such an inspiring leader.

That concluded the President’s report.

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## **AGENDA ITEM VI – REVIEW OF PURCHASE ORDERS**

Purchase orders and contracts for November 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, were listed in the materials for the Council’s review. There were no questions or concerns.

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## **AGENDA ITEM VII – REPORT OF VICE PRESIDENT**

None

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## **AGENDA ITEM VIII – REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

None

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## **AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES**

Chairperson Tomlinson continued the meeting asking each member to report that their committee has met, provide a summary of their committee meeting, and present resolutions for consideration.

### **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:**

Chris Franklin reported that one resolution from the Finance and Administration Committee needed approval.

#### **MOTION (FRANKLIN/IRELAND)**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY ADOPTS THE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN AS PRESENTED, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WILL BE IMPLEMENTED OVER TIME IN PHASES, WITH PERIODIC UPDATES AND CHANGES THAT ARE REQUIRED DURING THE MUNICIPAL APPROVAL PROCESS AND TO ENSURE ITS ALIGNMENT WITH EVOLVING INSTITUTIONAL NEEDS, FINANCIAL RESOURCES, AND CHANGING CIRCUMSTANCES; AND**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA’S ADMINISTRATION IS AUTHORIZED TO PROCEED WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN, INCLUDING THE PRIORITIZATION OF PROJECTS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUNDING STRATEGIES,**

**AND THE ENGAGEMENT OF NECESSARY CONSULTANTS, CONTRACTORS, AND PARTNERS, TO SUPPORT THE SUCCESSFUL REALIZATION OF THE PLAN'S GOALS. FOR THE YEAR AS PRESENTED TO THE FULL COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES TODAY, JANUARY 22, 2024.**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

Upon concluding the resolutions from the Finance and Administration Committee, Chairperson Tomlinson then called for the report from the Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

**ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:**

There being no report, Chairperson Tomlinson then called on the report from the University Affairs, University Advancement and External Affairs, and Access, Compliance, and Engagement Committee.

**UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS; UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT & EXTERNAL AFFAIRS; AND ACCESS, COMPLIANCE AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Jonathan Ireland reported that one resolution from the University Affairs; University Advancement and External Affairs; and Access, Compliance, and Engagement Committee needed approval.

**MOTION (IRELAND/SCHICK)**

**THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA, 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.**

**WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION  
WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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**AGENDA ITEM X – REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None

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**AGENDA ITEM XI - REPORTS OF LIAISON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES**

Student liaison, Chris Needham, submitted his report to the Council of Trustees.

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**AGENDA ITEM XII – OLD BUSINESS**

None

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**AGENDA ITEM XIII – NEW BUSINESS**

None

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**AGENDA ITEM XIV – ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Tomlinson adjourned the meeting. The trustees then went into executive session.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marian Moskowitz