

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CONFERENCE CALL
OCTOBER 8, 2020
4:02 PM**

AGENDA ITEM I – CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Tomlinson called the meeting to order. Chair Tomlinson 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, Ireland, Kaliszak, Lewis, Matlawski, Moskowitz, Schick, Tomlinson.

Absent but accounted for were Members: Fillippo, Kinsey (joined meeting after roll call)

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

MOTION (DOZOR/MOSKOWITZ)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2020 MEETING AS PRESENTED

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

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

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Now we will have public comment. We're going to limit that to 10 minutes. At this time, we invite anyone who wishes to address the Council Trustees to please use the "Raise Hand" feature which will put you into the queue. When it is your turn, we will announce your name and will open your microphone for comment. Please limit your remarks to two minutes. I would like to welcome Mark Rimple to the microphone. Mark, are you present?"

Paul Gargiulo responds, "I do not see Mark in the attendee list."

Dr. John Villella replies, "Tommy, I don't see Mark on the on the participation list."

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Is there anyone else for public comment?"

Bonnie Young responds, "There are now four, may I choose the first person?"

Tomlinson replies, "Please."

Bonnie Young states, "Okay. It is listed as supplee EC, you are now able to speak."

Earl Supplee takes the mic, "Yeah. Hi, my name is Earl Supplee. I have a daughter who's a student athlete. I've been listening to your comments and I understand the concerns, but there's a lot of time and effort that these student athletes put in and their mental health concerns are a big issue for me. So, I have a student athlete, she's a track athlete. So, she lost the spring of last year and now she's potentially going to lose the spring of this year. A lot of her co-athletes are already off campus. She's a sophomore so, she would have been on campus, she was on campus last year. I would urge you to wait til PSAC makes the ruling. It seems that the concern was because you would have to have, for some reason, you would have to have in-person learning to have athletics; I don't think that's necessarily the case. I mean, if we have, I think

her track team she had a very small percentage of the team was actually on campus. So, you could open up the campus to the freshmen and sophomore athletes and I think the majority of the juniors and seniors are already off. They can continue their online learning. And it seems to me the spring athletics, there's not a lot of contact, you have track, you have softball, you have baseball. So, I would encourage you to consider that the mental health, the stress, and the immense amount of training that the students have done. And some of her friends were juniors last year and they're going to get their entire, or half their athletic career chopped off without even a chance to compete and they spent all summer and all spring and all fall training with anticipation and now they get an email it says, "Sorry, you're done. It's over." So I mean, I agree with that recommendation of Mr. Tomlinson that you have a committee together you talk to the coaches, you see if it can be done safely and wait til PSAC makes a determination, I would suggest that you go along with them. Thank you."

Chairperson Tomlinson inquires, "Do we have a Mike Magee?"

Bonnie Young alerts next commenter, "Yes so, Mike, you have the mic now."

Mike Magee proceeds, "Yes, thank you, Senator Tomlinson, President, and other board members. I put it in the chat. In listening to the dialogue going back and forth about spring sports and the reasons why it can happen, but I can tell you, I've never been more proud to listen to the dialogue between all the members because you put the safety of the student athlete, as well as all the students at West Chester first and foremost in your decision making process, which I very much appreciate. At the same time, I have two children at West Chester University, one is a senior, captain on the women's soccer team and my son is a freshman. And I think to all the points that were discussed, looking at all the reasons why this can't and shouldn't be done for all the safety protocols, but looking at the reasons why it can be accomplished as you've stated, Dr. Davenport you were an athlete, senator Tomlinson you

were an athlete as well. You know, the discipline, the structure, and the cadence of athletics that these kids go through. So, having them adhere to the CDC guidelines wearing masks, social distancing, washing their hands, doing those things that they're supposed to, and looking at the examples that other schools have already shown that this can be accomplished. The Division One teams, both men's and women's soccer, are playing a fall season right now; men's football is playing a fall season right now. So, it can be done and I know there's a cost associated with it; you have to have rapid testing, you have to have facilities that can facilitate that. Yes, there is a cost and that is understood but, I'm most thankful that you are reconsidering and looking at all the other options as opposed to just saying no, it's not going to happen. So, thank you for that.”

Chairperson Tomlinson moves on, “Thank you, Mike. Bri Garber? Do I have that correct?”

Bonnie Young announces, “Bri, you're able to speak now.”

Bri Garber responds, “Yes, that is correct, thank you so much. I really appreciate you Tommy, bringing up the fact that there was really no explanation given in regards to why spring sports were so suddenly cancelled. I do support this agreement to now reconsider this and, me personally, this is my third year as a captain on the West Chester University softball team and we all are very interested in figuring out some sort of way that we can safely participate this coming spring, whether it be through modified practices, or frequent testing, or whatever the budget can really respond. So, thank you again for listening to our concerns.”

Chairperson Tomlinson calls on Mary Joe Frasso, Bonnie Young announces and there is back and forth exchange inquiring as to whether Mary Joe is there to respond, waiting to unmute and become available.

Mary Joe Frasso takes the mic after resolving mic issues and continues, "I'm sorry, as I was saying that the collegiate student athletes are unique breed of individuals. And I know that the student athletes at West Chester University are going to be able to prove themselves that they are going to be safe and taking consideration, all of the restrictions and mask wearing and social distancing that is going to be placed upon them. And again, just thank you so much for talking about designing a committee and giving the students the opportunity to be heard and to make a difference. Thank you. Sorry I'm my having issues with my microphone."

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Thank you, Mary Joe. Kelley Lubking?"

Bonnie Young, "Kelley, you should be able to speak."

Kelley Lubking inquires, "Hello can you hear me?"

Chairperson Tomlinson confirms, "Go ahead. Go ahead Kelly."

Kelley Lubking continues, "Okay, thank you. I would just like to thank you guys very much for considering the rediscussion of athletics. I myself am a senior on West Chester University's gymnastics team and this is a sport I've done my entire life. I started when I was two and I was so excited to compete four years at West Chester and I would greatly appreciate to be able to finish that opportunity because I have put so much of my life into it and as many of all the other athletes have, we have put so much of their time and their effort into their athletics, we would all like the opportunity to finish our season so I really would like to thank you very much for taking the time to listen to us and consider everything. It just means a lot to us, thank you."

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Thank you, Kelly. Sean Carlson?"

Bonnie Young informs, "Sean is not able to be promoted to talk because he needs to update his Zoom. Sorry. So, I'm going to promote him to a panelist just temporarily so he should be able to speak."

Moving on Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "All right, how about Hannah Zach?"

Bonnie Young announces, "Hannah, you should be able to speak now."

Hanna Zach proceeds, "Hi, I'm Hannah Zach, I'm a senior on the West Chester women's soccer team and like Kelly had mentioned, I have been playing soccer since I was four or five years old so, 15 years of my life I've been training to be like, this is the highest I'll ever be in my career, this is what I've been training for through thousands of practices, games, hours, training, conditioning in some of the worst conditions, snow, pouring rain, and my parents on top of that have made sacrifices years throughout my childhood. My mom spent Mother's Day every year on the sideline watching me and my brother. And I think, I wish you guys could feel the sadness that I felt when I heard my coach tell me that my senior season wasn't going to happen after all those years, all the sacrifices that we've made. It's just truly upsetting and through all the universities and colleges that some of these athletes have looked through, we chose West Chester to represent. And it was just really sad and emotional seeing that they just gave up so fast and made a call so fast. Don't get me wrong, I know there are cases going on in West Chester, but to make a call so early was just really devastating to hear and it just kind of like, as the school, just like let me down. So, thank you."

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Thank you, Hannah. Jesse Magee, did we have Jesse Magee?"

Bonnie Young states, "Jesse, you should be able to speak."

Jesse Bail takes the mic, “Hi, this is Jessica Bail. I'm a junior on the woman soccer team here at West Chester and I just wanted to say that first, I've been living in West Chester and I know that cases are high but I know that it is possible to stay to ourselves and be safe and like there's a way to do spring season spring season among all athlete teams. And we want a chance to be able to prove and make this happen. We are willing to follow any protocols, any safety measures, wearing masks, sanitation, COVID testing weekly. I've seen personally through other teams in the PSAC and in D1 schools that are playing in the fall right now. I know that it is possible, there just needs to be time and consideration put into this to make it possible. And I just want to say thank you for discussing this and bringing this up. Especially you, Tommy. Um, we just want to have our voices be heard and we are very emotional over all this and we just want the best and to be safe. And we know that it is possible to have a spring season. Thank you.”

Chairperson Tomlinson proceeds, “Thank you. Are there any others that I don't have on my screen? If not, I think that concludes our public comment. And I want to thank...”

Dr. John Villella interjects, “Tommy, I'm sorry, there's Sean Carlson who was added. He's on there and then that will end the public comment time frame.”

Chairperson Tomlinson announces, “Go ahead. Please, go ahead.”

Sean Carlson responds, “Okay, thank you for your time. While we totally respect and understand that college athletics and all extracurricular activities that add to the memories that our children will have as they go through their college education, we do want to highlight that there's other programs though that are suffering through this, I would say restriction or the canceling of the spring semester, and that is especially in the fields of education where my daughter is now going into her, well she is in her sophomore year. And where this time on a regular course she would be already in schools gathering that

valuable experience of being able to teach you know, basically the future of our country, and with this cancellation and restrictions of that capability we feel like that's kind of hampering her ability to step into the world. and, you know, be a productive citizen. and we really hope that, and we do appreciate, that you are considering, you know, looking into this and possibly coming up with an alternative, more conducive decision that helps our kids out. Thank you.”

Chairperson Tomlinson moves on, “Thank you. Do we have any other comment? Hearing none. I thank you very much for that and we'll get together and take your points into consideration. I think it's very, very important but, we obviously will be considering safety and try to do a study on what some of the other schools are doing and what some of the safe processes might be so we'll form a committee on that and do some further research. But, thank you all very much for your comments and we're now going to close the public comment session.

AGENDA ITEM IV – REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

Chairperson Tomlinson, “And next is report on Council Chairperson, is there a report on that? No report.”

AGENDA ITEM V – REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Chairperson Tomlinson, “Move to the report of the university president. I now call on President Fiorentino for his report.”

President Fiorentino replies, “Mr. Chair, I essentially gave my report in the committee, so I would rather than repeat everything I said, we made a decision

to move to remote in the spring semester based on safety considerations as I enumerated earlier and that will that will complete my report. And I will now ask for the Approval of Purchase Orders.”

MOTION (DOZOR/TOMLINSON):

APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONTRACTS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE, AND JULY 2020.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

President Fiorentino ends, “Thank you. That 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 Tomlinson asked for report from the standing committees.

Member Franklin reported for the Finance and Administration Committee:

“Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We have four resolutions from the Finance & Administration committee that need to be considered today. The first of those deals with the fee adjustments for the spring of 2020 and the summer of 2020 terms. All of these have been reviewed already in the report given by Eileen and Todd a short while ago so I'm going to read these. If there are questions we'll answer them as we go.”

MOTION (FRANKLIN/MOSKOWITZ):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING REFUNDING OF FEES THAT OCCURRED IN THE SPRING 2020 AND SUMMER 2020 TERMS: STUDENT ACTIVITY (SSI), HEALTH, PARKING & TRANSPORTATION, GRADUATION, HOUSING, FOOD SERVICE (INCLUDING FLEX), SYKES UNION, RECREATION CENTER, AUXILIARY ENHANCEMENT.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin continues, "Thank you this one deals with the 2020 and 2021 proposed budget as reviewed a little bit ago as well. I'm going to read motion and we'll take questions, if there are any."

MOTION (FRANKLIN/MOSKOWITZ)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE 2020-2021 BUDGET FOR WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY AS IT IS PROPOSED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin goes on, “The third of four, this one deals with the 2020-2021 proposed auxiliary budget restatement. This was also discussed previously.”

MOTION (FRANKLIN/IRELAND)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE 2020-21 AUXILIARY BUDGET RESTATEMENT FOR WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY AS IT IS PROPOSED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin continues, “Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The fourth and final motion”

MOTION (FRANKLIN/LEWIS)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING FEE ADJUSTMENTS TO BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE FALL SEMESTER 2020 AND WINTER 2020/2021 TERMS ONLY:

TOTAL TUITION AND FEE REDUCTIONS OF 11% FOR UNDERGRADUATE IN-STATE STUDENTS

TOTAL TUITION AND FEE REDUCTIONS OF 22% FOR ALL UNDERGRADUATE OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

SIMILAR REDUCTIONS FOR OUR MASTER’S AND DOCTORAL IN-STATE AND OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

WAIVE THE DISTANCE EDUCATION ACCESS FEE FOR BOTH THE FALL 2020 AND WINTER 2020/2021 TERMS

REDUCE THE GRADUATION FEE FOR THE DECEMBER COMMENCEMENT BY 50%

12.5% REFUNDS ISSUED TO STUDENTS WHO MOVE OUT OF WCU'S HOUSING FACILITIES BY NOVEMBER 20, 2020

12.5% FEE REDUCTIONS FOR MEAL PLAN RATES

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Member Franklin, "Thank you, that concludes my report."

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, "Academic and Student Affairs resolution. Barry Dozor?"

Member Dozor proceeds, "Yeah, this is Barry Dozor. First of all, I think Senator Tomlinson and I want to incorporate into the minutes the summary and the highlights that we have already been provided by memo for the academic affairs. So, we will incorporate all those, the summary of all those highlights. Secondly with regard to an outstanding resolution, I'd like to make a motion:"

MOTION (DOZOR/LEWIS)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA APPROVE THE BACHELOR OF ARTS IN URBAN COMMUNITY CHANGE TO MOVE FORWARD TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION FOR FINAL APPROVAL, PENDING APPROVAL BY THE OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Chairperson Tomlinson continues, “And we move onto University Affairs. No resolutions, any report? No report.”

AGENDA ITEM IX – REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE:

None.

AGENDA ITEM X – REPORT OF LIASON PERSON TO CONSTITUENCIES:

Member Dozor, “Yes, I have a report. This is Barry Dozor. Of course, I think one or two members of the, representing our Trustees with the PACT, our Trustee conference with the state. And today I participated in a quarterly meeting with the Chancellor and there were at least approximately three dozen Trustees across the state participating. What was interesting is many, many, many of the Trustees were vocal and they were vocal from most of the fragile schools, and all their questions to the Chancellor dealt with the new statute and what input that the Trustees would have with changes that might come and might be recommended. And they were very, very concerned, obviously, and they were learning that they have very little input, very little input with regard to that. The Chancellor was very polite and very diplomatic and very, very honest and he certainly did not suggest he knows where he's going, whatsoever or where we're going. But I was I was set back by how nervous and how apprehensive and how conscientious and how sincere so many of these Trustees are for the more fragile schools. And that's, that's my report.”

Chairperson Tomlinson goes on, “Thank you, Bar. Erin, do have a report for us?”

Member Kaliszak proceeds, “Yes, I do. Good evening, everyone. As you can see from the meeting so far, the entire semester is looking very different for a lot of students and I think emotions are really high right now, but there are ways that many students are learning to adapt to the new virtual opportunities that

are being offered at West Chester. So, I wanted to highlight a few. First, the Student Government Association held a town hall for all of the student organizations on campus with the help of the Office of Student Leadership and involvement. At this event, student organizations learned about the COVID-19 event protocols, ways that they can adjust to functioning as an organization remotely, and finally, about their financial budget changes for the semester. We are happy to announce that even with the changes we still have over 300 organizations that are functioning remotely. In addition to encouraging student's involvement in these organizations, there's also a campaign going on right now through the division of Students Affairs called weCU, and through this website different events are being heavily advertised to students to promote the idea that there are still many ways that they can get involved, even through the remote environment. Another way that students are learning to get involved was through the virtual involvement fair that happened on August 26 via our Ram Connect Platform. And this was a super successful event, students had the opportunity to log on to their Ram Connect portals and they were able to chat through messaging and through Zoom to a lot of the different student organization executive boards. And next, during the Chancellor's visit, 10 student leaders from West Chester University had the opportunity to participate in a student roundtable with the Chancellor. And we discussed a lot of different areas, including the redesign of PASSHE, obviously the effects of COVID on student educational opportunities, and student advocacy surrounding various social issues. And then recently the Student Government Association then hosted its second Council of Organizations meeting this past Tuesday where the Career Development Center and the Center for Civic and Social Impact discussed voter engagement and ways that they can get involved online. And then finally, I just want to address the report that was said about off-campus activity of individuals between the ages of 18 to 22 and the idea that it's led to the spike of COVID-19 cases in Chester County. Currently, student leaders are working on ways to communicate the importance of various guidelines, including social distancing, wearing masks,

limiting student gatherings and the Student Government Association is working to put together a student roundtable where we can get students from different areas of campus, including, Residence Hall Association, SGA, athletics to talk about these issues and rather than just voicing our concerns, thinking of ways that we can address administration regarding these concerns and find solutions that can keep our campus community safe as possible. But that's the end of my report. Thank you.”

Chairperson Tomlinson, “Erin, thank you. Excellent report. We appreciate your participation.”

Dr. John Villella, “Tommy, if I can just interject for a second just for all the folks that are on the webinar, that the board meeting usually isn't a place where we would do all the Q&A's and give those answers but rest assured, everyone that those the Q&A pieces will be given to the President and the administration so we have a running tab of what's been said at the meeting or asked at the meeting.”

AGENDA ITEM XI – OLD BUSINESS:

None

AGENDA ITEM XII – NEW BUSINESS:

None.

AGENDA ITEM XII – ADJOURNMENT:

Member Tomlinson, “Thank you all very much, I'm going to adjourn the meeting, this ends the Council of Trustees meeting. Thank you for joining us today it was a robust and exciting meeting, I appreciate everybody's support. I wish you well and everybody good health. Please stay safe. As a reminder, the Council of Trustees will move into Executive Session once we adjourn. We'd


like the President, cabinet, and Chief Human Resource Officer William Helzlsouer to join us. Please exit the webinar and connect to the new Zoom invite Megan sent out as a calendar invite. I now ask for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION (MOSKOWITZ/DOZOR)

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:06 P.M.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,



Marian Moskowitz