

**East Stroudsburg University
Council of Trustees Minutes
April 21, 2016**

1. Call to Order:

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Pat Ross.

2. Roll Call:

Completed by the Recording Secretary Marcy L. Cetnar, the following members were present:

Dr. Vincent DeFranco	Mr. Bruno Klaus	Hon. Mario Scavello
Ms. Josephine Ferro	Mr. Harry Lee	
Ms. Mariam Juya	Mr. Pat Ross	

The following members were not present:

Mr. Edward Abraham	Mr. Marcus Lingenfelter	Ms. Nancy Perretta
Ms. Amy Welch		

3. Public Comment: None

4. Approval of Minutes:

Trustee Scavello made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2016 meeting; Trustee Klaus seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.

5. President's Report:

President Welsh reported that as we are heading into the last couple weeks of the semester, the campus has been incredibly busy so please check the website calendar for all of the wonderful activities still going on around campus. Just to mention a couple...

The 4th Annual Student Research & Creative Activity Symposium is being held today on campus where East Stroudsburg University students have the opportunity to present their work / research to the campus community. A record 137 research proposals were submitted this year. Multiple majors including communication studies, biology, digital media technology and psychology will showcase their work. It is always amazing to see what our students and faculty are doing together. Student research is considered a high impact practice that teaches critical thinking and really engages the students in their academic discipline. The symposium effectively facilitates all of the factors that make college worth it to a student. President Welsh thanked all of the faculty who have worked with these students both in the research and creative activity itself, and in helping them to learn how to present their work.

Also this week the Theatre Department is presenting their last show of the year, "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf," April 19-24. It is a great play that shows the depth of the talent of our students and the quality of ESU's theatre program.

It is the end of another academic year and our students are having their end of year concert at the Mattioli Center tonight. The band, Panic at the Disco, is a very popular college band so they are expecting a packed house and a very busy campus this evening.

At the last COT meeting the Trustees voted to move the proposed Ed.D. Program in Educational Leadership to the Board of Governors for approval. President Welsh was delighted to announce that at the last BOG meeting the Ed.D. Program was approved and the faculty in the College of Education are moving to implement the program. This is the first doctoral program offered at a public institution in NE PA. A wonderful accomplishment for our faculty that will truly benefit our region.

President noted that the One Book One Campus selection will be announced Friday at a special "unveiling ceremony."

President Welsh also noted that on April 5th and 6th, State System Advocacy Day at the State House took place and ESU was represented by Student Senate President Drew Johnson and other members of the Student Senate. The students did a great job meeting with Legislators throughout the two days.

President Welsh mentioned that this is her fourth academic year at ESU and so the students graduating in 2 short weeks will be many of the students who started with her in the fall of 2012. It will be hard to see a lot of the students graduate and leave our campus...some incredible young people. The speaker for the graduate commencement will be Dr. Ahmad Chaudhry who is an ESU alum, class of '96, D.M.D., M.D. After graduating from ESU summa cum laude with a B.S. in biology, Dr. Chaudhry pursued dental studies and graduated from Harvard School of Dental Medicine with honors. Dr. Chaudhry then was accepted into the dual degree program for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Long Island Jewish Medical Center and SUNY Stony Brook in New York where he completed his M.D. Currently, Dr. Chaudhry has a private oral and maxillofacial surgery practice in Bethlehem, Pa. It is always great to welcome our accomplished graduates back to campus. The undergraduate commencement speaker is Ms. Carrie Hessler-Radelet, the 19th director of the Peace Corps. Ms. Hessler-Radelet has spent more than two decades working in public health, focusing on HIV/AIDS and maternal and child health and has also been instrumental in forging innovative strategic partnerships, such as Let Girls Learn, a powerful whole-of-government collaboration with First Lady Michelle Obama to expand access to education for adolescent girls around the world, and the Global Health Service Partnership, which sends physicians and nurses to teach in developing countries. Ms. Hessler-Radelet holds a Master of Science in health policy and management from the Harvard School of Public Health and a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Boston University.

6. **Chair's Report:**

Trustee Ross commended Student Senate President Drew Johnson for his testimony at the Budget Hearings before the House Appropriations Committees in Harrisburg. The state budget was finally signed by Governor Wolf which is still the same as 1993 appropriation levels. Trustee Ross stated that President Welsh and Mr. Long have done an outstanding job during their tenure budgeting and managing ESU.

Trustee Ross noted he attended the PACT Conference and was able to talk to other Chairs regarding the PASSHE System and how we are all competing against each other for enrollment.

Trustee Ross also reported on the upcoming commencement ceremonies on Friday, May 6 for Graduate and Saturday, May 7 for Undergraduate.

7. **Secretary's Report:**

None

8. **Committee Reports**

A. **Administration & Finance:**

Trustee Lee reported that Mr. Long updated the Committee on the Fiscal Year 2015/16 and 2016/17 budgets and discussion was held. Trustee Lee commended Mr. Long and his staff as they continue to do a great job budgeting the funds and the overall operation of the University. The Committee reviewed the Project Status Review Report dated April 23 2015. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. The Committee reviewed the Report of Notice to Proceed on Construction Contracts dated February 8, 2016. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. Mr Long updated the Committee on the plan to issue a RFP to manage the Student Health Center on the perimeter of campus. Mr. Long also presented an update of the MOU with the ESU Foundation and also updated the Committee on the MOU between ESU and the Stroudsburg Little League to move the ESU baseball and softball field to the Stroudsburg Little

League Complex for shared use of the fields. The need for fund raising to improve the current ESU fields and convert the fields to turf was also presented. Trustee Lee also noted the presentation by Mr. James Dillon on the Financial Risk Assessment of the University to the Committee members was very informative.

- (1) The Committee reviewed the Cash Disbursements Journal for January, February and March 2016, and found that all were handled appropriately and were in order. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. **Trustee Ross made a motion to approve the cash disbursement journals for January, February and March 2016; Trustee Klaus seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**
- (2) The Committee reviewed the listing of non-bid purchases made under authority of Act 57 from February 3, through April 8, 2016, and found that all were handled appropriately and were in order. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. **Trustee Scavello made a motion to approve the Act 57 purchases report from February 3, through April 8, 2016; Trustee Klaus seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**
- (3) The Committee reviewed the proposed local fees for 2016-2017. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. **Trustee Scavello made a motion to approve the local fees for 2016-2017; Trustee Klaus seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**

B. Academic Affairs & Enrollment Management:

Trustee Scavello reported the Committee was very fortunate to have four student presentations from today's 4th Annual Student Research & Creative Activity Symposium. Trustee Scavello noted the students truly enjoy what they are doing and did a phenomenal job presenting. The Committee was provided an update on Fall 2016 enrollment which indicates we are ahead from last year.

C. Research & Economic Development:

Trustee Lee indicated a lot of discussion was held examining the occupancy of the building and what is available.

The 5th Annual Business Plan Competition was held and ESU had three finalists in the top 10 and one of those students won 1st Place and \$10,000. Blaise Delfino, a graduate student from ESU won first place with his development of the Fader Plugs, designed to protect the wearer from harmful noises. ESU has had the most students in the past 5 years from the System in the Competition.

Lyme-Aid, which is a tick testing kit, has signed an agreement with Cutter, an International Company who will be commercializing the kit.

Trustee Lee also noted that a new 3D printer, the J750, will be delivered on campus and will be one of only seven distributed in the U.S. This was accomplished through a grant from the Hughes Foundation.

D. Student Affairs:

Trustee Juya presented her first report to the Committee.

Dr. Linda Van Meter was a guest speaker informing the Committee of the counseling center and the services it provides to over 2800 students.

Student Senate reported on the upcoming Community on the Quad scheduled for April 30th which is themed "We are the World." Student Senate elections were held in the beginning of the week and Mr. Andrew Kissling will be the Student Senate President next year. Other items brought to the Committee's attention

by Student Senate included Global Week which included events such as a 5K run, language scavenger hunt and a presentation on human trafficking.

VP Tobin reported on Women's History month activities, Islamic Awareness week, Global week activities, Relay for Life which was held April 14th with 750 students participating and raising over \$23,000, and also Earth Day celebration taking place today on the Quad and tonight's concert "Panic at the Disco."

Trustee Ross thanked Trustee Juya and mentioned it is a pleasure to finally have a Student Representative on the Council after waiting over a year for her appointment.

9. **Old Business:**

None

10. **New Business:**

- A. Trustee Lee, a member of the Nominating Committee presented the slate of officers as follows: Trustee Pat Ross, Chair, Trustee Marcus Lingenfelter, Vice Chair, and Trustee Josephine Ferro, Secretary. **Trustee Scavello made a motion to approve and elect the Slate of officers; Trustee Klaus seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**

11. **Executive Session:**

Trustee Ross called for Executive Session at 4:48 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

12. Meeting called back to order at 5:23 p.m.

13. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m. by Trustee Ross.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Ferro
Council Secretary

Recording Secretary: Marcy L. Cetnar