

**East Stroudsburg University  
Council of Trustees Minutes  
June 29, 2016**

**1. Call to Order:**

The special meeting of the Council of Trustees was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chair Pat Ross.

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Mr. Edward Abraham	Dr. Vincent DeFranco	Ms. Josephine Ferro
Mr. Bruno Klaus	Mr. Harry Lee	Mr. Pat Ross

The following members were not present:

Ms. Mariam Juya	Mr. Marcus Lingenfelter	Ms. Nancy Perretta
Hon. Mario Scavello	Ms. Amy Welch	

**3. Public Comment:** None

**4. President's Report:**

President Welsh reported on a very successful tabletop discussion on sexual assault two weeks ago with a number of university and community partners including Women's Resources, SARP, ESU Police, a number of faculty and staff from ESU, the DA's office, and other community partners. The day went extremely well with more cooperation on issues and solutions than we have ever had and a strong determination by all to make change in how we deal with and help prevent sexual assault.

The Alumni Association had 26 alumni events off campus this past year to help reengage our alumni, and is in the process of establishing 2 alumni clubs...in Philadelphia and LHV. The alumni participation rate in giving to ESU is now up to 4.1%, 33 gifts shy of 4.2%, great growth and progress, but still the lowest rate in the state system so we have work to do. Alumni are starting to get a bit competitive and with the work of the ESU Foundation in partnership with the Alumni Association, we will continue to improve. In addition to the Alumni Association Board of Directors, the Board of the ESU Foundation and the Council of Trustees are now at 100% participation of verbal commitments in giving to the ESUF. The Foundation returned \$1.1 million to the University this year, a 19% Return of Investment.

Enrollment numbers are holding slightly ahead of Fall 2015. Fall 2016 vs. Fall 2015 Enrollment Comparisons show that we are ahead of last year (6/29/2015) by 93 students or a 1.5% increase. This net count difference stems, in large part, from 37 New Freshmen (+2.7%), 10 continuing undergrads (+0.3%) and 70 continuing grads (+42.4%). Overall, we're lagging in Readmits and New Graduate Student registrations. Admissions numbers show that as of Monday we were 43 students ahead for first year student numbers compared to our census numbers in Fall 2015, and 39 students ahead for transfer numbers for a total of 82 students over this last fall's census numbers. We still anticipate some predictable summer melt from these numbers, but will also continue to get acceptances up until time for classes to begin in late August.

The University is once again expecting to end the current year better than budget, due largely to salary savings from vacant positions and cost containment. For next year, the lack of information on some major factors, such as union contracts, State funding and Tuition Rate, make it very difficult to provide a realistic financial forecast. Despite the absence of this information, the University has taken steps to reduce the more than \$5 million anticipated deficit to approximately \$2.7 million. We are hopeful that the State Appropriation amount and Tuition rates will be known in early July.

Our Legislative Fellow for the coming year will be Representative Karen Boback, representing the 117th Legislative District, the Lackawanna/Luzerne area. Our Legislative Fellow Breakfast will be September 16 and hope you will join us for the event. President Wels also invited attendees to the Welcome Back to Campus Meeting where she will be giving the annual state of the university address and, as there will not be a distinguished professor this coming year,

we will be welcoming those faculty who were recognized in prior years as distinguished professors to join us for the meeting which will be on September 6.

And last, the study requested by the Council on the non-financial reasons why students have left ESU is in progress and we will have it for you at the next meeting of the Trustees.

5. **Chair's Report:**

Trustee Ross reported changes are being made to Act 188 to give more authority to the Council of Trustees. Trustee Ross complimented the Chancellor on keeping the COT Chairs informed on the System and current negotiations with APSCUF. Trustee Ross also reported some appointments to empty COT Trustee seats throughout the System are being filled but not EUS's. The Trustee Chairs meeting will be held on July 15, 2016.

6. **Status Update, UPI Phase II Housing Project:**

Vice President Ken Long provided an update on the UPI Phase II Housing project. Construction is underway and the completion target date is August, 2017 for the fall semester. ESU has had 100% occupancy in all residence halls for the past two years. Right now ESU is at 102% occupancy with a waiting list. Once the new hall is opened older residence halls will be taken off-line for life cycle updates which will take about 18 months.

UPI is looking to name the new residence hall in September. UPI has make recommendations of Hickory, Sycamore and Willow.

7. **MOU and Service Agreement for East Stroudsburg University Foundation**

- A. The Committee reviewed the Memorandum Of Understanding between East Stroudsburg University and East Stroudsburg University Foundation. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. **Trustee Abraham made a motion to approve the MOU for East Stroudsburg University Foundation; Trustee Klaus seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**
  
- B. The Committee reviewed the Service Agreement between East Stroudsburg University and East Stroudsburg University Foundation. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. **Trustee Ferro made a motion to approve the Service Agreement between East Stroudsburg University and East Stroudsburg Foundation; Trustee Lee seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**

8. **Executive Session:**

Trustee Ross called for Executive Session at 10:36 a.m. to discuss legal matters.

9. Meeting called back to order at 11:24 a.m.

10. **Proceed With Land Appraisals:** After recessing into executive session **Trustee Lee made a motion to proceed with land appraisals; Trustee Abraham seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**

11. **Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m. by Trustee Ross.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephine Ferro  
Council Secretary

Recording Secretary: Marcy L. Cetnar