

**East Stroudsburg University
Council of Trustees Minutes
December 01, 2022
In-Person and Via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order:** The regular meeting of the East Stroudsburg University Council of Trustees was called to order at 4:39 pm by Chair Pat Ross.

2. **Roll Call:** Completed by the Recording Secretary Marcy L. Cetnar, the following members were present:

Mr. Frank Epifano (zoom)	Mr. Bruno Klaus	Mr. Pat Ross
Mr. Thomas Grayuski	Mr. John Pekarovsky III	Mr. Paul Shemansky
Mr. William Green		

The following members were not present:

Mr. Edward Abraham	Mr. Marcus Lingenfelter	Ms. Tina Nixon
Ms. Tameko Patterson		

3. **Public Comment:**

None

4. **Approval of Minutes:**

Trustee Shemansky made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2022 meeting; Trustee Klaus seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.

5. **President's Report:**

President Long reported, after the summer weather dragged into mid-November it seems like Mother Nature decided to skip Fall and jump right into Winter. A lot has happened at ESU since we last met in late September. There are just over two weeks remaining in the Fall 2022 semester and I can report that the campus has not felt more alive in many years. Classrooms and labs are reminiscent of pre-pandemic days, student organizations are seeing stronger participation and the university has transitioned to post-pandemic. We continue to encourage students, faculty, and staff to regularly monitor their health and not just think about themselves when they are not feeling well.

There is so much happening on campus right now. In spring 2023, ESU will open a health sciences simulation lab, which will create opportunities for students and the region's first responders to improve their medical skills. A new state-of-the-art projector was recently installed in the McMunn Planetarium, located in our Science & Technology Center. The planetarium is used for classes and is also open to the public. We are excited to have a full calendar of events once again for students and the community to enjoy. ESU's theatre department has a full season of performances scheduled for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic, and our Fine & Performing Arts Center is undergoing renovations to make it more accessible.

Two weeks ago, we held the official groundbreaking for the new university center; the project remains on schedule, with the move into the facility set for the start of Fall 2024 and the demolition of the current student center and landscaping completed sometime in 2025.

At the last Council Meeting, I informed you that Fall new student enrollment was looking good. Shortly after that meeting Fall enrollment was finalized, I can report that ESU's new student enrollment was the largest in four years; notably two years before the pandemic. Although we do not want to overlook Spring, we are in full recruitment

mode for Fall 2023, New Student Applications for next year are significantly up (75% over last year), Offers are up (27%), and total deposits are up (47%). And unlike the current year, these numbers are up compared to the record-setting year.

We are continuing our aggressive focus on the 50-60 radius of the main campus. Throughout the semester we doubled the number of high school visits to campus from last year and we will continue this in the spring. I am continuing my meetings with regional superintendents, including school districts in the Wyoming Valley.

Our Fall sports had a very competitive season, and Field Hockey is still not finished; in a few minutes they will start play in the National Championship Semi-Final game as the number one side; two weeks ago, I was on-hand at Kutztown to watch them take home their third PSAC Championship with their overtime win over Millersville. And at the opening ceremony for the 2022 Division II Fall Championships Festival, the East Stroudsburg University field hockey team was honored for having the top cumulative grade-point average, the NCAA announced on Tuesday that The Warriors garnered the Team GPA Award after maintaining a collective GPA of 3.584.

Winter sports are well on their way with Women's Swimming, Men's and Women's Basketball, and Men's and Women's Wrestling all competing. Men's Basketball is undefeated in its first four games of the season and is currently ranked sixth in the Atlantic Region and leads Division II points per game.

Women's Basketball opened the season with three straight wins and currently sits with a record of 4-1; already matching their total wins from last season. If your schedule permit, I invite you to catch one or a few of our Winter sports:

I would be remiss if I did not mention two major accomplishments in Athletics this Fall. Early this semester we had Coach Mike Terwilliger recognized for his 500th football game as a Warrior. And, Coach Danny Douds was inducted into the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame.

As we prepare for Fall 2023, we are focused on actions to drive student success. Such as renovations and re-opening of Minsi as a single-room traditional residential hall; continuing the extension of on-campus parking for first-year students and the rollout of 2-year housing requirements for new students. Each of these changes is intended to help drive student success and retention.

There are a number of events planned over the final two weeks of the semester and during winter break, including theatre production (She Kills Monsters), Holiday Tree Lighting on the Circle (December 7th); Doctoral Hooding ceremony (December 9th); Campus-wide Holiday Dessert Social (December 15th), and the 26th Annual MLK Celebration Breakfast on January 16th.

As you can see, ESU is back and the number of things happening on campus has no sign of slowing down. That concludes my report.

6. Chair's Report:

Trustee Ross thanked Trustee Lingenfelter for chairing the September meeting. Chari Ross also noted this is our first meeting with our permanent President and we are thankful and excited for his leadership. In the past two years, during the difficult times of the pandemic, President Long has proven he can lead in the academic area as well as the financial area of the Institution and we have come out of the pandemic strong and moving in the right direction. Trustee Ross thanked Trustee Shemansky and Trustee Nixon for their leadership during the Presidential Search which was postponed during the pandemic for not having the ability to bring candidates to campus for face-to-face meetings. This is a new era for ESU and we are very fortunate to have the leadership of President Long and Provost Ball.

7. Secretary's Report:

No Report

8. Committee Reports

A. University Affairs Committee:

President Long reported, Dr. Santiago Solis and Dr. Nieves Gruneiro-Roadcap, DEI co-chairs, presented the findings of the Climate Survey which was administered by the State System. The three areas which were focused on included the personal experience of discrimination/bias/harassment, campus engagement, and safety on campus and in the community. VP Karen Lucas also presented the current fall 2023 enrollment trend and areas of focus for recruitment. Provost Ball reported on the changes in the academic success department to improve retention and student success. President Long also presented an update on athletics since Dr. Allen Snook, Athletic Director is in Seattle with the field hockey team that is in the NCAS playoffs and will play today at 5 pm in the semifinals.

B. Campus Environment Committee:

Chair Green reported on the two agenda items discussed at the committee meeting. First, an update on Title IX policies and procedures from Christopher Bean, the EEO & Title IX Coordinator. Mr. Bean continues to reach out to stakeholders to raise awareness and visibility, create a culture of reporting, and provide information on new online training for the campus community. Chief William Parrish provided an update on the annual Cleary report. The 2022 report is based on the 2021 calendar year and reviewed statistics on reported incidents. The department continues to promote safety and provide resources, tips, and training to the campus community.

C. Finance Committee:

Trustee Pekarovsky presented the following action items:

- (1) A representative of Clifton Larson Allen, LLP made a presentation to the Committee concerning East Stroudsburg University's Audited Financial Statement for Fiscal Year 2022. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. **Trustee Grayuski made a motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 Audited Financial Statement; Trustee Shemansky seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**
- (2) The Committee reviewed the Cash Disbursement Reports for September 1 through October 31, 2022, and found that all were handled appropriately and were in order. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. **Trustee Grayuski made a motion for the approval of the Cash Disbursement Reports for September 1 through October 31, 2022; Trustee Shemansky seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**
- (3) Donna Bulzoni, CFO presented a summary of the University's affiliated organizations for the Committee's review and discussion. All questions and concerns were answered satisfactorily. After review, the Committee determined that the University is in full compliance with the requirements of the Board of Governors Policy 1985-04-A. The Committee offers Resolution #22-01, which certifies the University's compliance with the requirements of this policy. **Trustee Grayuski made a motion to approve Resolution #22-01 Certifying Compliance of all University Affiliated Organizations with BOG Policy 1985-04-A; Trustee Green seconded; no abstentions. The motion carried.**

Informational items discussed included the Act 57 Purchases Report from August 14 through November 12, 2022, the Facilities Project Status Review, and the Report of Notice to Proceed on Construction Contracts. The Committee's questions and concerns were satisfactorily answered.

Richard Santoro, Executive Director of East Stroudsburg University Foundation indicated they are on par for fundraising this year and their goal of 5% participation is behind at 1.4% and will be focusing on that for the remainder of the year. The 2022 campaigns for the soccer stadium and baseball/softball scoreboards are moving along nicely and will be working aggressively to finalize these projects. They are currently

interviewing for two positions and hope to be fully staffed soon. Tonight's Alumni event will be held in the Lehigh Valley Center and are expecting great attendance and everyone is welcome to attend.

D. Strategic Initiatives Committee:

Trustee Grayuski reported the committee was enlightened by presentations from faculty and students from two of our pillar programs offered at the Lehigh Valley Center; Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Administration and M.S. in Athletic Training. Both programs are at capacity and students are certainly making a difference in the communities they are employed in and making a profound impact in their fields of discipline. The committee was also provided a tour of the athletic training classroom.

8. Old Business:

A. None

9. New Business:

A. The next meeting of the East Stroudsburg University Council of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2023, at the East Stroudsburg University Innovation Center.

11. Adjournment: Trustee Ross wished everyone a Happy Holiday and adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul Shemansky
Council Secretary

Recording Secretary: Marcy L. Cetnar