



**Honorary Degree Committee**

Minutes for September 19, 2019 meeting at 11 am in the Provost’s Conference Room

Present: Kurtis Haynesworth (Student Representative), Ko-Hsin Hsu, Brian Kronenthal, Melissa Nurczynski, Anne Zayaitz (Provost)

Not Present: Jonathan Kremser

- Meeting was called to order at 11:06 am by M. Nurczynski.
- Minutes from the previous meeting (October 16, 2018) were reviewed; motion to approve by A. Zayaitz, seconded by B. Kronenthal. All in favor.
- M. Nurczynski will serve as chair, B. Kronenthal will serve as secretary; both decided by acclamation.
- Discussion of typical honorary degree nominees. A. Zayaitz explained that this award is a high honor, and the recipient typically serves as commencement speaker (President Hawkinson prefers the May ceremony). Employees from PASSHE are rarely chosen. Nominees preferred by President Hawkinson are typically members of the community who have demonstrated extraordinary commitment to, and have a strong relationship with, Kutztown University or the community.
- A. Zayaitz brought the following potential nominee to the committee’s attention. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]
- A. Zayaitz pointed out that the nomination of [REDACTED] would be timely due to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]. She also mentioned that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] might be a candidate worthy of consideration, but would be more timely in the future.
- Committee members agreed that [REDACTED] would be worthy of further consideration; A. Zayaitz agreed to solicit an official nomination from [REDACTED], as well as letters of support from [REDACTED].
- M. Nurczynski will submit a call for additional nominees to the Daily Brief with a deadline of November 1, 2019. The committee will reconvene after that date to review the nomination of [REDACTED] and any other nominees.
- With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.