

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
March 23, 2023

The Council of Trustees met on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. in the McFarland Student Union Building, Room 250.

PRESENT:

Mr. Phillips Armstrong.....Lehigh County
Dr. Charles Blocksidge..... McKees Rocks
Mr. Robert Grim, Esq., Chairman.....Kutztown
Mr. James Ludlow.....Fogelsville
Ms. Dianne Lutz Wernersville
Mr. Guido Pichini..... Wyomissing Hills
Mr. Evan Santos, Student Trustee.....Kutztown
Mr. John Wabby..... Pottsville

ABSENT:

Mr. Dennis Giorno, Vice Chair.....Harrisburg
Mr. Kevin Harden Jr., Esq., SecretaryPhiladelphia
Mr. Thomas Heck.....Wyomissing

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Matt Assad, Controller
Dr. Lorin Basden Arnold, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Anne Carroll, Dean, College of Business
Mr. Matt Delaney, Vice President for Finance and Facilities
Ms. Sadie Doss, Student Presenter, College of Business
Ms. Natalie Einsig, PASSHE, University Legal
Ms. Krista Evans, Interim Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
Dr. Albert Fu, Professor, Anthropology & Sociology and APSCUF President
Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson, University President
Ms. Renee Hellert, Director of Intercollegiate Athletic Services
Ms. Angela Hernandez, Student Government Board
Ms. Toyia Heyward, Senior Executive Associate to the President
Ms. Elizabeth Kolb, Student Government Board
Ms. Lisa Kowalski, Executive Director, KUSI
Dr. Steve Lem, Acting Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Dr. Laurie McMillan, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Mr. Alex Ogeka, Executive Director, Kutztown University Foundation
Mr. Kraig Piper, University Volunteer
Mr. Jesus Peña, Esq., Vice President Equity, Compliance and Legal Affairs
Dr. Karen Rauch, Interim Vice Provost
Ms. Makayla Rocchia, Designee for Student Government Board President
Mr. Bryan Salvatore, Director of Communications
Mr. Matthew Santos, Vice President, University Relations & Athletics
Mr. Scott Stamm, Electronic System Technician
Dr. Bradley Shope, Dean, College of Visual & Performing Arts
Mr. Christopher Sponagle, Multimedia Producer
Mr. Ken Steward, Associate Vice President for Academic Financial Management

Dr. John Ward, Dean, College of Education
Dr. Jeff Wehrung, Associate Dean, College of Business
Ms. Jennifer Weidman, Director, Human Resources

1. **Call to Order**

At 3:01 p.m. Chairman Grim called the meeting to order.
Chairman Grim noted that an Executive Session was held.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those in attendance.

3. **Roll Call of Council Members**

Attendance was taken at the direction of Chairman Grim which established that a quorum of the Council was present.

4. **Remarks by the Council Chairperson**

Chairman Grim welcomed everyone to the first public meeting of the KU Council of Trustees for the 2023 calendar year. We are already halfway through the Spring Semester, and I hope you all had a refreshing spring break and are ready for the home stretch of the academic year.

The beginning of the semester has featured campus visits by several important political figures including State Senator Arthur Haywood, Congresswoman Madeleine Dean, and Admiral Rachel Levine, assistant Secretary for Health for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, who spoke at KU's 19th Annual Social Work Community Forum earlier this month. Tomorrow, Dr. Hawkinson will host State Representative Jamie Barton, who serves the 124th district, which includes our campus.

Along those lines, Governor Josh Shapiro recently provided his initial budget address, with the State System budget hearings scheduled for the weeks ahead. I want to remind you that it is vitally important that the Kutztown University community continues to advocate with our legislators regarding the importance and value of a State System education. I thank you all in advance for your assistance with this important matter.

5. **Remarks by Student Government Board President**

Ms. Makayla Roccia, on behalf of student government board president, provided a Student Government Board update and provided an overview of the events, initiatives, and goals of the various SGB committees.

6. **Remarks by Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson, University President**

President Hawkinson reported that more than 1,980 students have been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Kutztown University. To be eligible for the Dean's List, an undergraduate student must be registered for at least 12 credits and have a minimum grade point average of 3.60. The 1,980 dean's list students are an increase of 60 over fall 2021.

He shared that he is honored to have Dr. Learie Nurse join the administrative team at Kutztown University as our new vice president of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, effective July 1st. Dr. Nurse was the top selection of an extensive national search that attracted many outstanding applicants. He brings vast experience to this important position and a very diverse background. Dr. Nurse comes to KU from Virginia's Mary Baldwin University where he served as the associate vice president of Student Engagement and the Title IX coordinator since 2021. His strong leadership skills will blend well with our talented Enrollment Management and

Student Affairs staff to continue to fulfill our mission of preparing students to meet lifelong intellectual, ethical, social and career challenges. Thank you to our provost and VP for Academic Affairs, Dr. Lorin Basden Arnold, who served as head of the search committee, and to director of Admissions Krista Evans, who has done an outstanding job as interim VP, and who will continue to serve in the role for the rest of the fiscal year.

Dr. Hawkinson reported that KU alumnus Dr. Carl J. Sheperis '89 has been named the university's vice provost and dean of Graduate Studies, effective May 8th. Dr. Sheperis has been a professor for more than 22 years, including 12 years dedicated to leadership and administration. He served as dean of the College of Education and Human Development for Texas A&M University-San Antonio from 2019-22. As vice provost and dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Sheperis will primarily be responsible for providing strategic vision and leadership for graduate and extended learning.

He shared that two deans have been promoted from their interim roles to permanent appointments. Dr. Bradley Shope was named dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts in December. Dr. Shope served as associate dean of the college since 2018, and interim dean since 2021. Dr. Laurie McMillan has been named dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Dr. McMillan served as associate dean of the college since 2020, and interim dean since January.

President Hawkinson reported that Kutztown University Radio (KUR) won Best On-Air Pledge Drive at the 83rd Annual Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Conference that took place last month in New York City. The conference awards colleges and universities for exceptional programming and student radio stations on the national level. Student and vice president of KUR, Abby Regensburger (daughter of station manager Mike), won the Best On-Air Pledge Drive Award for her Planned Parenthood fundraiser broadcast.

Dr. Hawkinson introduced KU's new brand anthem video is a declaration of our commitment to our students. It puts them at the center of our marketing efforts and uses the new One Move Closer messaging to demonstrate how KU supports students as they grow personally and professionally. The video was produced entirely in-house by Multimedia Producer Chris Sponagle and replaces the last brand anthem that was produced five years ago by an external firm.

President Hawkinson concluded his report.

7. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments presented.

8. **Approval of Minutes, December 15, 2022**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Guido Pichini and seconded by Dr. Charles Blocksidge the minutes of the December 15, 2022, meeting was approved.

9. **Summary of Discussions-Council Committee on Academic and Student Affairs**

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the discussions of the committee meeting.

10. **Student Presenter**

Mr. Guido Pichini introduced Dr. Anne Carroll, Dean, College of Business. Dr. Carroll introduced the student presenter, Ms. Sadie Doss.

Sadie Doss, a fourth-year Sport Management student, has been an active member of the Kutztown University Sport Business institute and served as a student ambassador for her program. Sadie was the recipient of a KU BEARS Research grant, investigating not only women in motorsport but also consumer behavior. Most recently, Sadie has acted as the Board of Governors Representative for the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. She also leads Kutztown's NCAA volleyball team as a captain, receiving all-conference and academic all-district honors.

Ms. Doss shared her personal background, her experiences at Kutztown University and shared her goals for the future. The members of the council recognized and congratulated Ms. Doss on her many accomplishments.

Mr. Guido Pichini moved to present agenda items #11 - #18 as one action item for approval. Mr. Jack Wabby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

11. Internship Agreements with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the list of internship agreements which establishes a relationship whereby students may participate in practical experience outside the traditional classroom setting.

• Springfield Veterinary Hospital, Springfield, PA	Biology	<i>New</i>
• That Fish Place, Lancaster, PA	Biology	<i>New</i>
• Hudson Valley Humane Society, Pomona, NY	Biology	<i>New</i>
• Luster Network, Frisco, TX	English	<i>New</i>
• Crystal Caves, Kutztown, PA	English	<i>New</i>
• Denny Electric Supply, Amber, PA	English	<i>New</i>
• Marywood University, Scranton, PA	Counseling	<i>New</i>
• Fantom Sports Industries, Napa, ID	English	<i>New</i>
• The National Journalism Center, Reston, VA	English	<i>New</i>
• Mid-Atlantic Rehab Services, MARS, Bethlehem, PA	Counseling	<i>New</i>
• Kutztown Public Library, Kutztown, PA	Art	<i>New</i>
• Sorrelli Jewelry, Kutztown, PA	English	<i>New</i>
• Science Explorers, Mohnton, PA	English	<i>New</i>
• York County Regional Police Department, York, PA	Criminal Justice	<i>New</i>
• Lehigh County Central Booking Center, Allentown, PA	Criminal Justice	<i>New</i>
• Berks County Juvenile Probation and Parole, Reading, PA	Criminal Justice	<i>New</i>
• Shikellamy School District, Sunbury, PA	Social Work	<i>New</i>
• Cancer Support Community, Allentown, PA	Social Work	<i>New</i>
• Hearst Magazines -Seventeen, New York, NY	English	<i>New</i>
• Deadra Clewell Counseling LLC, Bethlehem, PA	Social Work	<i>New</i>
• Doc in Progress, Silver Spring, MD	CTM	<i>New</i>
• Paralux, New York, NY	CTM	<i>New</i>
• Reading Royals, Reading, PA	Art & Design	<i>New</i>
• Freestone Productions	Music	<i>New</i>
• Independent Group Home Living	Social Work	<i>New</i>
• Troidel Associates, LLC	Music	<i>New</i>
• Historic Bethlehem Museums and Sites, Bethlehem, PA	English	<i>New</i>
• Gwynedd Mercy University, Gwynedd Valley, PA	English	<i>New</i>
• Kutztown Community Partnership, Kutztown, PA	English	<i>New</i>
• White Birch Media Group, Madison Twp., PA	English	<i>New</i>
• Beyond the Stage Magazine, Chicago, IL	English	<i>New</i>

- Riverdale Global, Aston, PA Biology *New*
- Project Transition, Chalfont, PA Counseling *New*
- SPI Fitness Utica, Whitesboro, NY Biology *New*

12. Affiliation Agreement with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the Affiliation Agreements which establishes a relationship whereby its students may participate in a practicum or student teaching experience.

- Blast Intermediate Unit #17 *Renewal*
- East Penn School District *Renewal*
- Spring-Ford Area School District *Renewal*
- Western PA School for the Blind *New*
- Spring Grove Area School District *New*
- Altoona Area School District *New*
- Infinity Charter School *New*
- NorthEast Treatment (NET) Centers *New*

13. Dual Enrollment Agreement with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the Dual Enrollment Agreement which provides offerings of one or more University courses at the district location.

- Brandywine Heights School District *New*

14. Affiliation Agreement with Foreign Study Program and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the Affiliation Agreement with Foreign Study Program which establish this collaboration for the mutual benefit of both institutions.

- Friedrich-List-Gymanaium *New*

15. Matriculation Agreement with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the Matriculation Agreement which establishes a relationship whereby its students may participate in various programs.

- Alvernia University *New*
- AIFS Study Abroad and Global Experiences *New*

16. Letter of Understanding – DSW with Other PASSHE Institutions and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the Letter of Understanding which establish this collaboration for the mutual benefit of both institutions to meet the need for doctoral level social work leaders in the central Pennsylvania region.

- Millersville University *Renewal*

17. Capstone Agreement with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the Capstone Agreement which establish a relationship whereby students may participate in practical experience outside the traditional classroom setting.

- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Insurance Department, Harrisburg, PA *New*

18. Academic Cooperation Agreement with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Mr. Guido Pichini presented the Academic Cooperation Agreement which establish a relationship whereby its students may participate in a student research internship scholarship.

- Rodale Institute – Internship Addendum New

19. **Honorary Degree Candidates – Sandra L. Corpora and Placido A. Corpora**
Mr. Jack Wabby moved to present the Honorary Degree Candidates for approval. Mr. Guido Pichini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

Mr. Pichini concluded his report.

20. **Summary Discussions-Council Committee on Finance, Property and Audit**

Dr. Charles Blocksidge presented the discussions of the committee meeting.

21. **Purchases and Contracts**

Dr. Charles Blocksidge reported that the council committee thoroughly reviewed and were advised by staff that the purchases and contracts are in full compliance of PASSHE policies.

22. **Capital Spending Plan**

Dr. Charles Blocksidge presented the Capital Spending Plan.

Dr. Charles Blocksidge moved to accept the Capital Spending Plan as presented. Mr. Jim Ludlow seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

23. **Auxiliary Budget 2023-2024**

Dr. Charles Blocksidge presented the 2023-2024 Auxiliary Budget.

Dr. Charles Blocksidge moved to approve the 2023-2024 Auxiliary Budget as presented. Ms. Dianne Lutz seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

Dr. Charles Blocksidge concluded his report.

24. **Summary Discussions – Council Committee on Human Diversity**

Ms. Dianne Lutz and Mr. Evan Santos presented the discussions of the committee meeting.

Ms. Lutz reported that there are currently several ongoing searches and she provided Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) updates.

Mr. Guido Pichini shared that Dr. Basil Scott recently passed away.

Mr. Santos reported various programming events at the LGBTQ+ Resource Center and Women's Center and Multicultural Center.

Ms. Lutz concluded their report.

25. **Summary Discussions – Council Committee on University Relations & Athletics and Advancement**

Mr. Phillips Armstrong presented the discussions of the committee meeting.

Mr. Armstrong provided a KU Foundation update which included fundraising, the mallet percussion center, DeFran Building, alumni engagement, the Kutztown Folk Festival, endowment and Hampton Inn & Suites.

Mr. Armstrong also provided a University Relations and Athletics update which included marketing, web/digital media, communication & sports information, athletics update, KU Presents! and the Pennsylvania German Heritage Center.

Mr. Armstrong concluded his report.

26. **PACT Update**

Mr. Jack Wabby, Council of Trustees PACT representative; reported that there are no current updates.

27. **KU Policy COT-008: Policy on the Issuance of No-Trespass Orders to Non-Affiliated Individuals**

Mr. Phillips Armstrong moved to approve the KU Policy COT-008: Policy on the Issuance of No-Trespass Orders to Non-Affiliated Individuals as presented. Mr. Jack Wabby seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

28. **KU Policy COT-009: Medical Marijuana Policy**

Dr. Charles Blocksidge moved to approve the KU Policy COT-009: Medical Marijuana Policy as presented. Mr. Evan Santos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

29. **As May Arise**

No items presented.

30. **Adjournment**

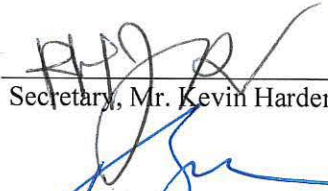
Mr. Robert Grim moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mr. Phillips Armstrong seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

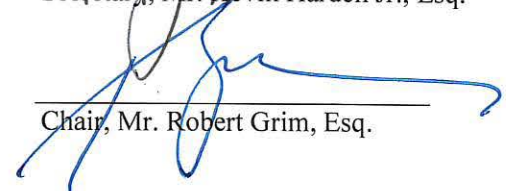
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Secretary, Mr. Kevin Harden Jr., Esq.


Chair, Mr. Robert Grim, Esq.