

Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education
KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES
April 29, 2021

The Council of Trustees met on Thursday, April 29, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. virtually by Zoom Video Conference.

PRESENT:

Mr. Phillips Armstrong.....	Lehigh County
Ms. Marshae Batchelor, Student.....	Kutztown
Dr. Charles Blocksidge	McKees Rocks
Mr. Dennis Giorno, Secretary.....	Harrisburg
Mr. Robert Grim, Esq., Vice Chair	Kutztown
Mr. Thomas Heck.....	Wyomissing
Mr. James Ludlow, Chairman.....	Fogelsville
Ms. Dianne Lutz	Wernersville
Mr. Guido Pichini.....	Wyomissing Hills

ABSENT:

Mr. John Wabby.....	Pottsville
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ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Matt Assad, Comptroller
Dr. David Beougher, Dean, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences
Mr. Nykolai Blichar, Assistant Director, Office of Student Involvement
Dr. Paige Brookins, Assistant Dean, College of Business
Dr. Anne Carroll, Dean, College of Business
Ms. Natalie Cartwright, Director, Institutional Research
Mr. Agostino D’Ancona, Student Government Board President
Mr. Matt Delaney, Vice President for Finance and Facilities
Ms. Anne Marie Hayes-Hawkinson, Volunteer, Associate to the President
Dr. Kenneth S. Hawkinson, University President
Ms. Toyia Heyward, Senior Executive Associate to the President
Dr. Warren Hilton, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs
Ms. Kristin Ihling, Budget Manager
Dr. Deryl Johnson, Professor, Communication Studies
Dr. Michelle Kiec, Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts
Mr. Josh Leiboff, Director of Web & Digital Media
Dr. Steve Lem, University Senate President
Dr. Donovan McCargo, Dean of Students
Ms. Debra Mengel, Administrative Assistant, College of Visual and Performing Arts
Mr. Alex Ogeka, Executive Director, KU Foundation and Alumni Relations
Mr. Jesus Peña, Esq., Vice President Equity, Compliance and Legal Affairs
Dr. Karen Rauch, Assoc Provost Accreditation & Assessment
Mr. Bryan Salvatore, Director of Communications
Mr. Matthew Santos, Vice President, University Relations & Athletics
Mr. Tyler Schwab, Technology Manager
Ms. Kayla Sherry, Student Government Board
Ms. Ann St. Ledger, Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education, Legal Counsel
Mr. Ken Steward, Assoc Vice President Acad Fin Mgmt

Ms. Christine Storch, Executive Assistant, Enrollment Management & Student Affairs
Dr. John Ward, Dean, College of Education
Ms. Katelyn Wehr, Student, Kutztown University
Ms. Jennifer Weidman, Director, Human Resources
Dr. Carole Wells, Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies
Ms. Tammy Wert, Executive Assistant, University Relations & Athletics

1. **Call to Order**

At 3:05 p.m. Chairman Ludlow called the meeting to order.

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 Ludlow which established that a quorum of the Council was present. Guests in attendance were invited to introduce themselves.

4. **Remarks by the Council Chairperson**

Chairman Ludlow welcomed everyone to the April public session of the Kutztown University Council of Trustees.

He shared that as we approach the end of the academic year and our Spring Commencement Ceremonies, the council has the honor today of voting to approve the list of spring graduates. As always, Commencement Day is another gratifying day for the Kutztown University family, and we look forward to celebrating the accomplishments more than 1,500 students from the classes of 2020 and 2021 as they walk across the stage and receive their diplomas in person.

He also shared that the university reached a significant milestone as we will have completed a full academic year under the new normal of the pandemic, having offered an adjusted in-person experience for our students throughout.

Lastly, he commended President Hawkinson, the university leadership, the faculty, staff and students for their perseverance in moving boldly through challenging times, keeping our university strong, and most importantly, providing the flexibility for our students to choose how they experience college.

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

Mr. Agostino D'Ancona provided an overview of the key responsibilities, initiatives, and goals of the Student Government Board for the 2020-2021 academic year. Mr. D'Ancona introduced Ms. Kayla Sherry, the incoming student government board president as he is a graduating senior.

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

President Hawkinson reported that Kutztown University has experienced increased successful in-person events over the past two months. These have included extraordinary Wellness Days, the return of intercollegiate athletic competition for Golden Bear spring sports teams, outdoor shows for KU Presents!, and small outdoor events held around campus by student organizations. In addition to in-person commencement next weekend, summer camps and conferences are set to return, with all health and wellness protocols in place, and KU has been announced as the host site for the NCAA Atlantic Regional Softball Championships the week of May 17th. All of this as we plan to return to a more traditional experience in the fall.

Dr. Hawkinson shared that Kutztown University senior physics major Caelan Brooks was presented as the 2021 winner of the Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence earlier this month at the State System's virtual Board of Governors meeting. The award is conferred upon a graduating senior from one of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education universities. This marks the second-straight award winner for Kutztown University and the Department of Physics, following 2020 winner Daniel Johns '20. A native of Bear, Del., Caelan has conducted high-quality physics research that has led to innovations in two separate areas of physics: atomic molecular and optical (AMO) physics and biophysics, resulting in one peer-reviewed paper published and three more in development. Her work has been recognized by multiple awards and by acceptances into some of the top physics doctorate programs in the world. Caelan is the recipient of multiple scholarships, holds a 4.0 GPA and is a scholar-athlete on the Golden Bear women's soccer team. She will continue her education next year at Harvard University.

He shared that Kutztown University senior Jamie Sterner had her design selected as the winner of Goodwill Keystone Area's Bag Design Contest. Her winning design will be featured in Goodwill's reusable bag collection in Fall 2021 in their retail stores. In addition to being featured on our bag, Jamie will have her artwork featured on the Goodwill website and displayed in their spring newsletter. Jamie, a native of Muncy, Pa., is a Dean's List student and is set to graduate next weekend with a degree in communication design.

President Hawkinson announced that Dr. Lorin Basden Arnold has been named our new provost and vice president for Academic Affairs. The past provost and faculty member at SUNY New Paltz, Lorin will begin at KU Monday, June 28. Lorin will serve as the university's chief academic officer and as a member of the president's cabinet, will be second-in-command for the institution, and will oversee all technology efforts at the university. The selection of Lorin is an ideal match for Kutztown University and our many outstanding students, faculty, staff and administrators. Her solid mix of experience, including nine years as a dean, three years as a provost and impressive credentials as a teacher, scholar and provider of service will be highly beneficial to our campus. He thanked the search committee chair Dr. Warren Hilton and the entire search committee for their efforts with identifying such an outstanding candidate.

7. **Resolution for Coach Judy Lawes**

Mr. Jim Ludlow moved that the council approve the resolution as presented to Coach Judy Lawes honoring her for her 1,000th career win, and her many outstanding accomplishments and contributions to our university. Mr. Robert Grim seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

8. **Public Comments**

There were no public comments presented.

9. **Approval of Minutes, March 18, 2021**

Upon motion duly made by Mr. Jim Ludlow and seconded by Mr. Thomas Heck the minutes of the March 18, 2021 meeting were approved.

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

Ms. Marshae Batchelor presented the discussions of the committee.

11. Student Presenter

Ms. Marshae Batchelor introduced Dr. Anne Carroll, Dean, College of Business. Dr. Carroll introduced the student presenter, Ms. Katelyn Wehr. Ms. Wehr shared her personal background, her experiences at Kutztown University as a student and also shared her plans for the future. The members of the council recognized and congratulated Ms. Wehr on her many accomplishments.

12. Internship Agreements with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Ms. Marshae Batchelor presented the list of internship agreements which establishes a relationship whereby students may participate in practical experience outside the traditional classroom setting.

- Art Works Now, Art Education, *New*
- Bermudian Springs School District, EMLT, *New*
- Lower Frederick Township Police Department, Criminal Justice, *New*
- Optimum Physical Therapy, Biology, *New*
- Paramus Police Department, Criminal Justice, *New*
- Pennsylvania Mentor, Social Work, *New*
- Perkiomen Watershed, Geography, *New*

Ms. Marshae Batchelor moved to approve the Internship Agreements as presented. Mr. Guido Pichini seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

13. Affiliation Agreement with a School/Non-School and the College of Education

Ms. Marshae Batchelor presented the affiliation agreement which establishes a relationship whereby its students may participate in a practicum or student teaching experience.

- Boyertown Area School District, Boyertown, PA – *Renewal*
- Northampton Area School District, Northampton, PA – *Renewal*
- Parkland School District, Allentown, PA – *Renewal*
- Pen Argyl Area School District, Pen Argyl, PA – *Renewal*
- Souderton Area School District, Souderton, PA – *Renewal*
- Southern Lehigh School District, Center Valley, PA – *New*

Ms. Marshae Batchelor moved to approve the Affiliation Agreement as presented. Mr. Dennis Giorno seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

14. Transfer and Articulation Agreements with Various Institutions and Kutztown University

Ms. Marshae Batchelor presented the transfer and articulation agreements which facilitates the transfer of students to Kutztown University.

- Lehigh Carbon Community College, Schnecksville, PA – *Renewal*
- Reading Area Community College, Reading, PA - *Renewal*

Ms. Marshae Batchelor moved to approve the Transfer and Articulation Agreements as presented. Mr. Thomas Heck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

15. **Candidate for Honorary Doctorate**

Ms. Marshae Batchelor presented the candidate for Honorary Doctorate Degree.

- Nancy Jean Stump Sieger

Ms. Marshae Batchelor moved to approve the Candidate for Honorary Doctorate Degree as presented. Mr. Thomas Heck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

16. **Candidates for Degree**

Ms. Marshae Batchelor moved to approve the Candidates for Degree as presented. Mr. Thomas Heck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

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

Dr. Charles Blocksidge presented the discussions of the committee.

18. **Consent Agenda Items**

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

Purchases and Contracts under \$100,000

Dr. Charles Blocksidge reported that the council reviewed the purchases and contracts under \$100,000 as presented.

Purchases and Contracts \$100,000 and over

Dr. Charles Blocksidge reported that the council reviewed the purchases and contracts \$100,000 and over as presented.

19. **Miscellaneous Fees**

Dr. Charles Blocksidge moved to approve the Miscellaneous Fees as presented. Mr. Thomas Heck seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

20. **Summary Discussion – Council Committee on Human Diversity**

Ms. Dianne Lutz presented the discussions of the committee.

21. **Summary of Discussions-Council Committee on University Relations/Athletics and Advancement**

Mr. Robert Grim presented the discussions of the committee.

22. **Resolution for Ms. Marshae Batchelor, Student Trustee**

Mr. Jim Ludlow moved that the council approve the resolution as presented to Ms. Marshae Batchelor honoring her for her service as student member of the Council of Trustees, her accomplishments and contributions to our university. Dr. Charles Blocksidge seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The motion was approved.

23. **As May Arise**

Chairman Ludlow thanked Ms. Toyia Heyward and everyone who worked so hard to organize today's meeting. Mr. Dennis Giorno complimented the professionalism of the KU staff.

24. Adjournment

Mr. Jim Ludlow moved that meeting be adjourned. Mr. Phillips Armstrong seconded the motion and the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

June 10, 2021
Date

Dennis Giorno
Secretary, Mr. Dennis Giorno

June 10, 2021
Date

Jim Ludlow
Chair, Mr. Jim Ludlow