

December 20, 2023

Dear WCU Community,

The Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education today unanimously appointed Dr. Laurie Bernotsky as the University's 16th president. Dr. Bernotsky, who is currently serving as acting president of PennWest University as a loaned executive from West Chester University, will return to her home institution of West Chester University on July 1, 2024 to assume her new duties.

Dr. Bernotsky's unwavering dedication to public higher education and exceptional leadership has benefited all universities in the State System for 25+ years. On behalf of the Council of Trustees, we are delighted that this talented and tremendous leader has been selected to advance West Chester University forward as a national leader in student success outcomes, higher education leadership, as well as financial and environmental sustainability.

I wish to extend my many thanks to the members of the Presidential Search Committee, the Council of Trustees, and all those in our University community and beyond who contributed to this critical decision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert M. Tomlinson", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Robert M. Tomlinson
Chair, West Chester University Council of Trustees