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# REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES PHILIPS 3rd FLOOR BOARD ROOM PHILIPS MEMORIAL BUILDING MARCH 15, 2012 5:15 PM

The regular meeting of the Council of Trustees of West Chester University of Pennsylvania was held on March 15, 2012, in the Philips Memorial Building, West Chester, PA.

#### AGENDA ITEM I - CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Fillippo called the meeting to order. Chairperson Fillippo led the Pledge of Allegiance. Council members present were Members Fillippo, Whitlock, Carrozza, Alicea, Lewis, Matlawski, Silberman, Thomas, and Tomlinson. Absent but accounted for were Members Dozor and Moskowitz.

AGENDA ITEM II – APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AS DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES:

#### MOTION (CARROZZA/LEWIS):

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 26, 2012, MEETING AS PRESENTED.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

AGENDA ITEM III - PUBLIC COMMENT: LIMIT OF TEN (10) MINUTES:

NONE.

#### AGENDA ITEM IV - REPORT OF THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON:

Chairperson Fillippo announced that, as is usual at the March meeting, the Council of Trustees will recognize members of our faculty and staff who have gone above and beyond the call of duty on behalf of our University Community. Chair Fillippo invited President Weisenstein to introduce the individual Vice Presidents who will assist the Chair with this special recognition during this part of the meeting.

President Weisenstein recognized Dr. Darla Spence Coffey for the ways in which she has contributed so much to West Chester University's success. She led the reaccreditation from Middle States which is one of the finest accreditation reports he had ever read and insured that our feedback from Middle States was stellar. President Weisenstein announced to the Trustees that Dr. Coffey accepted a new position and was appointed as President for the Council of Social Work Education. She begins this new position on July 1, 2012. He expressed his pride that one of West Chester University's finest has been recognized as a star and has been chosen for this prestigious position.

Dr. Coffey thanked West Chester University for enabling her to get to this point in her career. She encouraged the WCU community to take care of themselves, take care of each other and take care of West Chester

University because it is an institution worth taking care of. She said how much she loves West Chester University.

Dr. Weisenstein wished her the very best on behalf of the entire University Community.

He then asked Dr. Coffey (on behalf of Dr. Linda L. Lamwers, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs) to recognize the honoree in Academic Affairs.

Academic Affairs-Dr. Darla Spence Coffey recognized Ms. Lisa Yannick, Director of Institutional Research. Lisa has overall responsibility for providing research and reporting services that support University decision-making, planning, and accountability processes. Additionally, she is required to verify the accuracy of University data that is submitted to PASSHE, and in this regard she is meticulous. Lisa has played a key role this year as a member of the team that is spearheading the Academic Planning process for the Academic Affairs division. Under her leadership, she and her team in the Institutional Research Office have spent many hours extracting data, creating reports, and transforming information into a format that is accessible and understandable. In addition to maintaining all the standard reports required during the year, Lisa has been tireless, creative, and committed to supporting the Academic Planning process. She recently took on an additional role as a team member of the WCU Social Equity Scorecard Project, a PASSHE initiative involving all 14 universities and in partnership with the Center

for Urban Education. The team is focusing on increasing access and closing achievement gaps. Lisa's ability to be resourceful and determined when faced with a big project make her invaluable as a member of the team. Lisa Yannick's energy and indefatigable approach to solving problems is well-respected in the division of Academic Affairs.

Administration and Finance-Mr. Mixner recognized Doris Seese, who is the cash accountant in the Office of Finance & Business Services. On March 23, 2012, Doris will retire after 25 years of dedicated service to West Chester University.

Doris' responsibilities include ensuring that all daily cash transactions are properly recorded in the general ledger and the student financial systems, reconciles the daily cash activity with the bank account and makes sure that all of the banking activity is recorded properly. During her career, Doris has watched over and been a good steward of almost \$5 billion.

Along with her normal work duties, Doris also acted as a captain for the annual State Employee Combined Appeal (SECA) campaign. Every fall, Doris would think of new and creative ways to kick off the sign-up campaign and encourage WCU employees to contribute to hundreds of participating non-profit charities.

Although Doris' work has often been behind the scenes, it has been vital to the success of West Chester University. She has been an exemplary

employee and a terrific co-worker, and she will be missed by all who came to know her.

Student Affairs-Dr. Bricketto recognized Ms. Sandra Jones for her distinguished service as the Director of the WCU Children's Center since 1987. During Sandy's tenure as the Director, she built a high quality program that provided exemplary child care for the children of faculty, staff and students. Sandy's professionalism, creativity, hard work, and incredible commitment to the "little ones" as well as their families, was most impressive. Under Sandy's leadership for 25 years, the Children's Center maintained a stellar reputation and enrolled "generations" – often from within the same families.

Sandy was also a mentor, confidant, role model and "hands-on-professor" for WCU students who were employed in the Center as student workers, aides, or students completing their practicum placements. Many of her former employees are now very successful Early Childhood professionals.

The economic recession of the past few years was felt hard in the WCU Children's Center, as enrollments and revenues declined, eventually resulting in the very difficult decision to close the WCU Children's Center this past summer. Sandy handled this challenge with class, dignity, and professionalism, and she worked very hard to assist families to re-locate their children to surrounding day care programs.

We are fortunate that Sandy agreed to continue on at WCU, and she is now heading up efforts in the Sykes Student Union to build summer revenues through the development of enrichment camps and specialized programs for all ages.

Information Services – Mr. Adel Barimani recognized Yuki Yamamoto, Coordinator of Multimedia Services with over 30 years of experience working in the field of Information Technology Services. Yuki joined WCU in 2005 providing hardware and software support to faculty and staff.

Through his dedication, hard work and technical expertise, he became the Multimedia Manager in 2008 overseeing the instructional technology support for over 150 classrooms and labs, managing the operations of the Digital Media Center, TV studio, video editing lab and a staff of four technicians in those areas. Under Yuki's leadership, multiple technology upgrades have been performed including the replacement of again projectors, the addition of audio enhancement to classrooms, the installation of Media site lecture capture systems, and the installation of high definition video conference equipment.

Yuki also played a major role in the design and coordination of the installation of audio/visual and multimedia equipment in recently renovated buildings (25 University Avenue and EO Bull), in new construction (Brandywine Hall), and relocation of the entire Digital Media

Center (DMC) operation to Brandywine Hall which was a major accomplishment.

Yuki has always gone above and beyond the call of duty working during afterhours/late into the evening hours and weekends to support university events and classroom activities.

**Advancement**-Dr. Mark Pavlovich will recognize Ms. Melissa Rudolph from the Advancement Division at the May 3, 2012 formal Council of Trustees meeting because she was off campus attending a conference during this month's meeting.

Chairperson Fillippo recognized all of the honorees as being "the best of the best" and thanked them for all of their service to the West Chester University Community.

#### AGENDA ITEM V - REPORTS OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT:

President Weisenstein gave the following report:

Thank you, Tom.

I want to announce the launching of the Golden Rams Society and this is a group of selected students who will work with Advancement and the Foundation to assist us telling the story of West Chester University. It will be a great group of students who represent the University very well. Also, I would like to alert people that the Alumni Weekend will take place on April 27 – 28, 2012 and we will have a number of events taking place during that time to recognize our alumni and give them an opportunity to be updated on what is happening at their institution.

Sandra and I recently returned home from successful donor and alumni events last week in California. West Chester University has over 2,000 alumni in the state of California. We had a great turnout at the events in Los Angeles and in San Francisco, and we met a number of people who are interested in investing in the future of West Chester University. People are very proud and are becoming increasingly proud to be alumni of West Chester University. The first event was on the ship, Queen Mary, built in the mid-1930's.

I want to commend our athletic program. As usual, our student athletes have distinguished themselves. Our men have won their 14th straight PSAC title in swimming, and the women have won their 6th straight PSAC title. Both of our basketball teams (men's and women's) played in the PSAC Final Four. The men were playing for the PSAC Championship and lost a very tight game against East Stroudsburg. The coach did a superb job in bringing the team together. At the beginning of the season, the team had five individual talented players on the court at any one time, but not a team. At the end of the season, we had a team of five very talented players on the court.

The women played against the #2 team in the nation and lost to them in the Final Four, but got the nod to go into the NCAA tournament. Getting that bid as a lower seed, they ended up playing Edinboro for a second time (the second ranked team in the nation). The first time they played them, they lost by about 25 points; the last time they played them, they lost by 4 points.

Again, Deidre Kane did a marvelous job getting the team ready and our student

athletes didn't leave anything on the court. We are very proud of all of those teams.

The WCU Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Andrew Yozviak, will give a Concert on Friday, April 13th, 2012 in the Perelman Theatre of The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. This special concert is made possible through the generosity of Endo Pharmaceuticals, our sponsor and partner in this exciting endeavor. The performance, with reception to follow, will give extensive exposure of our WCU Music Programs to several hundred of corporate leaders throughout the region.

A recent analysis revealed that classroom usage is very high at the University – 88.6% of our designated instructional space is being used. This includes all instructional rooms, including seminar rooms, labs and general purpose rooms. In other words, each classroom on average is scheduled for about 42.5 hours each week which is considerably higher usage level than the average across the nation and much higher usage than other PSAC institutions. Department chairs and the space manager do an excellent job of managing the available space and adhering to the standard schedule. It also suggests to us that our Master Facilities Plan (that we would be ready to roll out for comment within the next month or so) is very much needed. We are becoming a crowded campus and we need to make sure that we do have enough space. We need adequate as classroom and laboratory space for our faculty and students, and adequate office space for our faculty and staff to do their best work.

Good news....Shortly after spring commencement, the Borough of West Chester is scheduled to re-pave Church Street from Sharpless Street to Rosedale Avenue.

As of March 1, 2012, 44 faculty positions have been approved for hire this year, contingent upon available funding. Seven of these searches have identified a successful candidate and offers have been extended. In addition, there are currently 34 non-instructional positions being searched. This is to keep up with out enrollment growth and expansion of services related to the enrollment growth on campus. We are proud to be adding staff and faculty when many institutions around the country are going in the opposite direction.

IT Help Desk has re-introduced the student laptop loaner program with great success, with several of the laptops loaned out at any one point in time. This is a very important program for students who have limited means so that they can keep pace with the expectations of technology to access information and by doing research papers that require a laptop or a computer.

Administrative Computing developed an on-line quick admit system for non-degree seeking students. It is currently being tested by users and scheduled to go-live this month for summer 2012 sessions. This system allows non-degree seeking applicants to apply for admission on-line, as well as automates and streamlines the labor intensive application and admission processes.

Students were notified at the beginning of February of their Who's Who Award. There were 69 students selected for the award, and we will celebrate their accomplishments at the Awards Program scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>.

Appreciation is given to Charlie Warner, Cara Jenkins, and our Leadership Consultants as they conducted the 25th Annual Student Leadership Experience, sponsored by State Farm, on Friday, February 17th. This leadership development event included 200 participants (sold-out), and featured WCU Alum John Nickolas, Philadelphia Phillies CFO, as the Keynote Speaker; there were 20 break-out sessions facilitated by Student Affairs staff and 16 WCU alumni.

The Presidential Scholarship Gala is set for Saturday, March 31, 2012. The theme for this year's event is "Across the Globe" which is very appropriate given our upcoming Knowledge Crossing Borders Conference. The Gala's corporate sponsors will be 1N Bank (now Susquehanna Bank), ARAMARK, DNB and other sponsors. In addition to a reception, dinner and dancing, the program will include a silent auction. Proceeds will support the Presidential Scholarship Endowment. I encourage your attendance at this event.

Global Presidential Conclave on the Future of Higher Education is scheduled for May 29 – June 1, 2012 along with the Knowledge Crossing Borders Conference itself which is attracting presenters and attendees from nations around the world.

During the Global Presidential Conclave we are hosting (and I will be cochairing) rectors, presidents, ministers of education, and the Vice President of Costa Rica to participate in discussions about issues that are impacting the future of higher education and how those changes (for example in technology) are enabling higher education to do things that we haven't been able to do as much as a decade ago. We will be issuing two or three proclamations around each one of the seven issues that we will be discussing in the Conclave and those proclamations will be shared through major organizations that represent higher education worldwide, as well as various publications. It will be nice visibility for West Chester University, and it will also allow us to have some very direct input on recommendations for the future of higher education globally. I would like to give you a sense of the people who will be attending the Conclave, particularly from Costa Rica. Ana Sanchez visited there recently and did a marvelous job as our liaison between the Costa Rica Planning Committee and the West Chester University Planning Committee in preparing for the Conference.

- Dr. Alfia Piva, Vice-President of Costa Rica, confirmed his participation at the Conclave as a discussion leader as well as a keynote speaker. He will be talking about Collaboration between Private Sector Government and Higher Education.
- Dr. Manuel Obregon, Minister of Culture of Costa Rica, a worldrenowned pianist, musician and composer, has accepted our invitation to attend the Conclave participating in the discussions AND he will perform at the opening of the conference. He is one of the best pianists in Latin America.
- Artist Hugo Sanchez will present an Art Exhibit, theme: Streets of the Caribbean. He does remarkable work. He did a pen and ink of us of Abraham Lincoln that hangs in the entry to my office and several others.
- Dr. Oscar Avila, Director of Cultural Affairs at the United States Embassy in Costa Rica will participate as a special guest to give a presentation on behalf the Embassy.

I want you to all know that you are invited to the Conference and to sit in on the Conclave. We hope that you will be able to participate.

# Approval of Purchase Orders and Contracts

President Weisenstein asked for approval of Purchase Orders and Contracts in excess of \$5,000 executed in December, 2011, and January, 2012.

MOTION (MATLOWSKI/LEWIS):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE LIST OF PURCHASE ORDERS AND CONTRACTS IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 EXECUTED DURING DECEMBER, 2011, AND JANUARY, 2012, FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT, SERVICES, AND SUPPLIES.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

This concluded President Weisenstein's report.

#### AGENDA ITEM VI - REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

None.

#### AGENDA ITEM VII - REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

## Academic Affairs

Member Tomlinson reported the committee had met in the FHG Library and Library Director, Dick Swain, had provided an overview of changes and improvements in library facilities, resources and services. There are many new kinds of electronic resources that are available to students and faculty. These include streaming video, streaming audio, and eBooks, as well as digitized versions of WCU catalogs and yearbooks, and all student newspapers. He was most impressed by the collaboration between faculty and the librarians in

teaching our students, and improving student information literacy. Member Tomlinson was especially impressed by the special collections, and he had the opportunity to look at the original handwritten minutes from a board meeting here in 1873. Also, there is a collection of Shakespeare's work dating back to 1620.

This concluded Member Tomlinson's report.

# Student Affairs (including SGA Report)

Member Alicea reported that the committee did meet. She reported on this year's Gala of Hope in which \$2,500 was raised for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. All 150 tickets were sold and a number of funds were raised by raffles and give-aways, etc. It was a very successful event, and it will most likely be planned in a larger venue for next year since the event is outgrowing Sykes Ballrooms. She hopes that it becomes a tradition with SGA and some of the other clubs and organizations that collaborate with SGA.

It is budget season for SGA and funds will be allocated to all of the student clubs and organizations. This is probably the busiest time of year for the Treasurer as she goes through each and every proposed budget from the clubs and organizations. They are very excited that this process is almost completed and it will go to the Student Services Inc., and Mell Joseph's office to make sure that everything is fair and equitable. Each club will then be able to plan for the coming year.

We are looking forward to the election season here with Student

Government. Every position is being contested and that makes it an exciting

election season. With the election this year, SGA will be trying some electronic voting as opposed to having a person or representative from SGA standing outside in the Quad and having the list of students who are eligible to vote. They are hoping to increase our number of voters from an average of 450-500 voters to double that by secure online voting through D2L.

Next week, the Legislative Affairs Dinner will be held where students mix company with different State representatives and other political leaders to let them know what is done here as students and students can get a feel for what they do as political leaders to better understand one another. We hope to talk about the State budget some more as well.

This concluded Member Alicea's report.

## Advancement

Member Silberman reported that the committee did meet and they were presented with the findings of research recently done on the LEARN MORE campaign. It appears that the needle has definitely been moved regarding the perception of the quality of West Chester University. In summary, for those who named West Chester University as one of the top three most visible ad campaigns, the affect of providing new knowledge was reported at 40% compared to all respondents at 32%. Given WCU's campaign was LEARN MORE, this is a very compelling finding. In addition, those who named WCU as one of the most visible ad campaigns reported a higher rate of effectiveness (63%) compared to all respondents which was under 50%.

We have received really great feedback. Also, Mark Pavlovich indicated that in terms of giving this year, it could possibly be a record year as things look now.

This concluded Member Silberman's report.

# Campus Development and Facilities

Member Matlawski reported that the committee did meet and they were advised on the status of a number of projects that are presently under construction such as the EO Bull Center, Student Recreation Center (which is still on target for completion before "move in day" next fall), and the ongoing geothermal projects which continue to be amazing. Also, there are many projects under design and planning which were discussed, including Mitchell Hall renovations. The Student Housing Initiative was discussed. There are projects in government approval phase for south campus for another 264 beds as well as the Commonwealth Building which will be built where Sanderson Hall was previously located. This building will provide 565 beds. In the packet, you will see the report of the committee. Member Matlawski commended to the members the list of summer projects. There are about 22 projects that will be undertaken this summer (a 10-week period between Commencement and fall 2012 "move-in" date). In addition, the committee had one resolution for consideration and action by the Council of Trustees.

## **MOTION (MATLAWSKI/CARROZZA):**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FIVE-YEAR CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST PREPARED BY THE UNIVERSITY FOR SUBMISSION TO THE PENNYSLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION ON APRIL 1, 2012.

#### MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

This concluded Member Matlawski's report.

## Information Technology

On behalf of Member Moskowitz, Adel Barimani (Vice President for Information Services) referred members to the IT report in the packet. He also distributed an invitation to all members to the Demonstration Application Center and Classroom of the Future Grand Opening on April 12, 2012. This invitation will also be distributed electronically to members.

This concluded Mr. Barimani's report on behalf of Member Moskowitz.

<u>Budget and Finance</u>

Member Carrozza reported that the committee would like to express its gratitude to Mark Mixner, Bernadette Hinkle and Colleen Bradley for continually keeping the University in a financially healthy position. The Council has received the Endowment Investment Report, and you will find that in the materials that were sent to you. This time of the year is when there are a number of resolutions regarding our fee structures to present to the Council. One of these fees will not need a resolution because it has already been preapproved by resolution by the Council and it was our agreement to implement

the full \$133. Recreation Center fee in the 2012-13 academic year. There are five other resolutions that the committee would like to move forward and present to the Council. I would like to thank Dr. Matt Bricketto and the students of SGA and the leadership there for their understanding and support of these fee increases. We know that they have to bear the brunt of these, but that we firmly believe that anything we do in these fee increases always improves the quality of student services and the student life on campus. It is a wonderful relationship to see our students rise to occasions when necessary, but that is the way West Chester University students are. All in all, even with our fees increases in housing, food, etc., West Chester University still remains the absolute best buy in the Commonwealth by at least more than \$1,000. and is probably one of the best buys across the nation.

I ask the Council's patience and indulgence as the resolutions are read for consideration and action by the Council of Trustees.

## **MOTION (CARROZZA/WHITLOCK):**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$5 PER SEMESTER TO THE SYKES STUDENT UNION FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$70/SEMESTER IS APPLICABLE FOR BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2012.

THESE RATES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

#### MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## MOTION (CARROZZA/COSTELLO):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING FEES BE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2012:

Plans	Fee/Semester
14 - Meal Plan (plus \$250 flex)	\$1,247
12 - Meal Plan (plus \$250 flex)	\$1,219
9 – Meal Plan (plus \$250 flex)	\$1,147
7 – Meal Plan (plus \$250 flex)	\$1,084
Unlimited Meal Plan (plus \$250 flex)	\$1,537

THESE FEES HAVE BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

# MOTION (CARROZZA/MATLAWSKI):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE FOLLOWING FEE BE ESTABLISHED EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2012.

Room Type	Fee/Semester
Goshen Hall (Double-Air Conditioned)	\$2,574

THIS FEE HAS BEEN DETERMINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY REQUIRING SELF SUFFICIENCY OF AUXILIARY ENTERPRISES.

## MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## MOTION (CARROZZA/WHITLOCK):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$5 PER SEMESTER TO THE HEALTH CENTER FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$120 IS APPLICABLE TO BOTH UNDERGRADUATE AND FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDENTS EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2012.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

#### MOTION (CARROZZA/LEWIS):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES AN INCREASE OF \$15 TO THE GRADUATE APPLICATION FEE. THE NEW FEE OF \$50 IS EFFECTIVE FALL SEMESTER 2012.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## MOTION (CARROZZA/WHITLOCK):

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF TRUSTEES OF WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA HEREBY APPROVES THE ELIMINATION OF THE ONE-TIME INITIAL PROCESSING FEE OF \$15 CURRENTLY CHARGED TO NON-DEGREE STUDENTS BE ELIMINATED EFFECTIVE THE FALL SEMESTER 2012.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

This concluded Member Carrozza's report.

#### AGENDA ITEM VIII - REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

None.

# AGENDA ITEM IX - REPORTS OF LIAISON TO CONSTITUENCIES:

Member Silberman reminded everyone of the upcoming PACT Conference hosted at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg on March 20 and 21.

Eight people from WCU are scheduled to attend and it is good to see such a large group representing West Chester University at this conference.

#### AGENDA ITEM X - OLD BUSINESS:

None.

#### AGENDA ITEM XI - NEW BUSINESS:

Chairman Fillippo made the following announcements:

- Selection of nominating committee: Member Dozor (chair);
   Members Matlawski and Moskowitz. The committee will present a slate of officers at the May 3, 2012 meeting.
- Reminder of the April 12, 2012, annual facilties tour which will start at 4:30 p.m. at Tanglewood and will be followed by a working dinner.

Member Tomlinson reported that he was very proud of the students and faculty who represented PASSHE at the recent budget hearings. He mentioned how well Leonard Altieri, one of our students, did in testifying and handling the answers to the questions that were asked of him. Dr. Weisenstein also did very well emphasizing how West Chester University has been trying to conserve over the years and how we have curbed expenses. The expenses have been an investment in not only West Chester University, but the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. It was a very good hearing and Dr. Weisenstein did a wonderful job along with Chancellor Cavanaugh.

He stressed that it still remains that revenues are limited, and no one likes to cut items out of the budget. The sense that he got from the committee

and the sense that he got from many of the other senators is that we will do everything we can to restore this budget especially for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. There are many friends of PASSHE and many people trying to do a lot with very little money available.

## **AGENDA ITEM XII - ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairperson Fillippo asked for a motion for adjournment.

MOTION (CARROZZA/WHITLOCK):

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:30 P.M.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernard J. Carrozza, Ed.D.

Secretary