

October 12, 2023

1. Call to Order

Chairman Yaw called the in-person meeting to order at 3 pm and welcomed the newest board members – Dr. Margo DelliCarpini, Mr. Randy Black and Dr. Larry Terry. They are replacing Dr. Rob Pangborn, Dr. Blannie Bowen and Dr. Yvonne Gaudelius.

Attendance

Members Present

Senator Gene Yaw

Mr. Zack Moore

Mr. Abe Harpster (ZOOM)

Mr. Randy Black

Dr. Steven P. Johnson (ZOOM)

Ms. Virginia Teachey

Mr. John M. Young

Ms. Lynda M. Livingston

Rep. Clint Owlett

Dr. Larry Terry (ZOOM)

Members Absent

Dr. Margo DelliCarpini

Also in attendance was Ann Pepperman, Esq.

2. Public Comment Period

Chairman Yaw welcomed comments from the public on any agenda item.

3. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting: June 8, 2023

A motion was made by Rep. Owlett, seconded by Mr. Black, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2023, meeting as presented.

4. Approve parameters for the 2024-2025 state budget request

A motion was made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Moore, and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to approve the parameters for the 2024-2025 state budget request.

5. Authorize the College to enter into an agreement to donate land located at 508-514 Fifth Avenue, Williamsport PA to Habitat for Humanity

A motion was made by Ms. Teachey, seconded by Ms. Livingston and carried by a unanimous affirmative vote to authorize the College to enter into an agreement to donate land located at 508-514 Fifth Avenue, Williamsport PA to Habitat for Humanity.

6. Presentations:

- Investment Update – Ms. Suzanne T. Stopper, Senior VP for Finance/CFO
- Governance Annual Report – Ms. Nicole Warner, Chair Elect, College Council

7. Information:

- WEDnetPA Audit Engagement Letter – Ms. Suzanne T. Stopper, Senior VP for Finance/CFO
- New Faculty – Ms. Joanne K. Flynn, Interim VP for Academic Affairs/Provost

8. Election of Officers

A nomination to elect a slate of officers for a 1-year term effective October 12, 2023, was made by Mr. Moore and was seconded by Mr. Black.

Senator Gene Yaw, Chair
Mr. Abe Harpster, Vice Chair
Ms. Virginia A. Teachey, Treasurer
Ms. Suzanne T. Stopper, Assistant Treasurer
Dr. Michael J. Reed, Secretary
Ms. Valerie A. Baier, Assistant Secretary

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Black and carried by unanimous affirmative vote to approve the election of officers.

9. Comments from the President

President Reed shared the following with the group:

- The college had its largest total enrollment growth this fall since 2008. Forty-five programs were waitlisted, and on-campus housing is 100% full.
- Nearly 500 companies were on campus for Fall Career Fair
- 1,000 high school students and industry partners participated in PA Build My Future
- Our automated manufacturing/engineering technologies lab has been transformed into the Gene Haas Center for Innovative Manufacturing due to a grant from Gene Haas Foundation. The lab will be dedicated on Nov. 6.
- Penn College received No. 1 rankings in Regional Colleges-North for Most Innovative Schools and Best Undergraduate Teaching (tied) from U.S. News & World Report 2024 Best Colleges.
- The college will host Baja SAE May 16-19 at the Schneebeli Earth Science Center. The competition requires schools to design, manufacture and build a single-seat, all-terrain vehicle. Following two days of technical inspections and presentations, the teams compete in a series of dynamic events, concluding with the toughest test of all: a four-hour endurance race.

10. Comments from the Chairman of the Board

Senator Yaw thanked the board for reelecting him as Chair. He also commented on the ongoing negotiations to award the 2023-24 state appropriations for state-related colleges and universities.

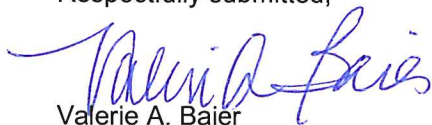
11. Public Comments

None

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,


Valerie A. Baier