

**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AND LONG-RANGE PLANNING  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
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**June 30, 2015**

A meeting of the Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning was held telephonically, beginning at 2:05 p.m. on June 30, 2015.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Rick Dandrea, Barbara Doran, Keith Eckel, Betsy Huber, Anthony Lubrano, Dan Mead, Carl Shaffer; and Keith Masser (ex officio).

Representatives Jessie Blank and Roger Egolf were in attendance, as well as the following staff members: Eric Barron, Frank Guadagnino and Tom Poole.

After roll was called by Jeanie Andrews, Chairman Eckel laid out the context of discussion for the meeting. Chair Eckel noted that at the May meeting, there was discussion and a general consensus for continuing the practice of emeriti trustees, with modifications as to what is included with that status. There was also a straw man draft of Standing Order language amendments and a document sent to Committee members for review. Also discussed at the May meeting was the element that consideration for trustee emeriti would be brought forward during each year's September meeting cycle.

Chair Eckel gave members the opportunity for discussion on this topic. After discussion, a motion was put forth and seconded to make emeritus status available after six years of service. A further motion was put forward and seconded to amend the consideration to nine years. That motion was defeated by a 2-6 vote with Trustees Lubrano and Doran in the affirmative and the remaining trustees in the negative. The original motion passed by a 7-1 vote with Trustee Lubrano in the negative.

The proposed Standing Order amendments that will be brought to the full Board on July 17 are as follows:

- Emeriti status would be reserved to any living former member of the Board who has served for six years or more with distinction. Eligibility for consideration is immediately upon retirement or resignation from active service on the Board. The GLRP committee would be charged with reviewing the service upon the trustee's retirement or resignation with recommendation to the full Board. Criteria would include offices held, attendance, participation record, length of service, or other significant considerations. Each former chair of the Board is entitled to automatic trustee emeritus upon retirement or resignation.
- Consideration for trustee emeriti would be brought forward during each year's September meeting cycle.
- Emeriti status will be applicable for a term of six years. At the end of the six year period, those granted emeriti status would retain the title and may be invited to participate in University activities and events at the discretion of the Board chair. At the conclusion of that six-year term, all other privileges associated with the status would expire. For purposes of

existing trustees, i.e., those currently already having that status, the six-year clock would begin when/if the full board adopts the amendments to the Standing Orders.

- Emeriti trustees will be invited to attend public meetings of the board and standing committees and may participate at the discretion of the presiding officer. Emeriti trustees do not have the right to attend executive sessions of the Board or any standing committees or to attend any portion of any meeting at which attorney-client privileged discussions are held. With regard to materials and documents, emeriti trustees shall only receive materials that are public, with no access to confidential, proprietary or attorney-client privileged materials. At our May meeting, it was decided that language would be added to include reference to exceptions being made to meeting participation and access to materials at the discretion of the presiding officer, so the language under consideration includes that modification.
- The Chair of the Board may appoint emeriti trustees to serve as non-voting members of certain standing or ad hoc committees.
- At the discretion of the Board chair, emeriti trustees shall be invited to participate in University events and activities, to serve as an advisor or mentor, to consult on University matters and/or serve in other capacities as the Chair may determine advisable and appropriate.
- The University will reimburse for reasonable expenses associated with service as trustee emeriti.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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