

**THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT LIFE  
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**May 4, 2017**

A meeting of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was held in Room 206 of the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park, PA, at 3:00 p.m. on May 4, 2017.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Chair Abe Harpster, Vice Chair Allie Goldstein, Alice Pope, and Luke Metaxas.

The following staff members were present: Nick Jones, Damon Sims, and Ann Wyatt. Council of Commonwealth Student Governments Vice President, Hunter DeBellis, Faculty Senate Chair-elect, Michael Bérubé, and Staff Advisory Council Immediate Past Chair, Jennifer Blew, were also present. Trustee Emerita Anne Riley was present. Also present by invitation to serve as the moderator for a panel discussion was Regina Vasilatos-Younken, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School; Graduate student panelists Béatrice Bonga, Dominiqua Griffin, Lauren (Perrotti) Halberstadt, Lindsey Landfried; and Graduate faculty panelists Squire Booker, Caroline (Carey) D. Eckhardt, and Stephen A. Matthews.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Goldstein at 3:00 p.m. *Minutes* of the February 23, 2017 meeting of the Committee were approved.

The Committee reviewed a proposed administrative appointment and, following remarks from Executive Vice President and Provost, Nicholas P. Jones, a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Committee to recommend the following resolution to the Board for approval:

RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves President Eric J. Barron's appointment of Dr. Peggy A Johnson to the position of Dean of the Schreyer Honors College, effective July 1, 2017, or a mutually agreed-upon date.

Vice Chair Goldstein called on Hunter DeBellis, who reported on student government events and initiatives. Damon Sims, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Nick Jones, Executive Vice President and Provost, spoke about LionPath and Canvas; the Strategic Plan; administrative and dean searches; the student fee board process; counseling and psychological services; and fraternity and sorority life. Jean Vasilatos-Younken introduced and moderated a panel discussion for Trustees, graduate students, and faculty on topics related to their University experiences.

Finally, Trustees Alice Pope and Allie Goldstein shared the results of the Committee Self-Assessment, and provided thoughts on the Committee's focus for the coming year. Future topics of interest included academic advising; athletics; finance and business; strategic planning; and faculty senate reporting. Recommendations were made for making the work of AASL more meaningful and impactful, including assignment of more trustees to the committee, increasing connections with other relevant standing committees, making meeting time more effective through use of advance reports, use of metrics and dashboards for ongoing monitoring, posting yearly committee goals on every agenda, increasing training for committee members, and finding ways to increase committee engagement with various stakeholders.

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The public session of the Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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