



## The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees Public Meeting

Friday, November 11, 2022  
1:00 pm

Eric J. Barron Innovation Hub  
123 South Burrowes Street

1. **Chair Welcome/Remarks**
2. **Call to Order**
3. **Election of Officers of the Board of Trustees**
4. **Consent Action Items**
  - a. Approval of *Minutes* from September 23, 2022 and October 13, 2022 Meetings
  - b. Authorization to Confer Degrees
  - c. Proposed Date of Election of Trustees by Delegates from Agricultural Societies, by the Alumni, for Business and Industry, and At-Large
5. **Other Action Items**
  - a. Selection of Recipients of the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award
6. **Reports from Standing Committees**

Discussion of action and/or information items by the Standing Committees for consideration by the Board of Trustees:

- a. **Committee on Academic Affairs and Student Life** – Steve Wagman, Chair
  - b. **Committee on Audit and Risk** – Walt Rakowich, Chair
  - c. **Committee on Equity and Human Resources** – Mary Lee Schneider, Chair
  - d. **Committee on Finance, Business and Capital Planning** – Rob Fenza, Chair
    - 1) Proposed Final Plan Approval and Authorization to Expend Funds, East Halls – Phase 2c, University Park
    - 2) Proposed Final Plan Approval and Authorization to Expend Funds, Classroom Library Building Renovation, Penn State Scranton
  - e. **Governance and Long-Range Planning** – Julie Anna Potts, Chair
  - f. **Committee on Legal and Compliance** – Randy Houston, Chair
  - g. **Committee on Outreach, Development and Community Relations** – Rick Sokolov, Chair
7. **President's Report**
  8. **Report on Chair, Vice Chair and Officer Elections**
  9. **Closing Remarks/Announcements**

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a) **Approval of *Minutes* from the September 23, 2022 and October 13, 2022 Meetings**

b) **Authorization to Confer Degrees**

Will the Board of Trustees authorize the President of the University, or designee, to confer degrees at the end of the 2023 Spring Semester, Summer Session, and Fall Semester upon those students who have completed at those times the necessary requirements?

c) **Proposed Date of Election of Trustees by Delegates from Agricultural Societies, by the Alumni, for Business and Industry, and At-Large**

The *Charter* of the University specifies that the election of trustees shall be held annually, by ballot, on such day and hour during the commencement weekend on such day previous to the day for the final public exercises of commencement as from time to time shall be determined by the Board of Trustees.

Will the Board of Trustees approve May 4, 2023 as the date for the delegate election of Agricultural Trustees, and for counting of the ballots in the Alumni Trustee election; and approve May 5, 2023 as the date for the election of Business and Industry, and At-Large Trustees?

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a) **Selection of Recipients of the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award**

A report of the Distinguished Alumni Award Screening Committee will be presented by Matt Schuyler, Chairman.

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### d.1) **Proposed Final Plan Approval and Authorization to Expend Funds, East Halls – Phase 2c, University Park**

East Halls Renovation – Phase 2c is the final phase of renovations and improvements to the East Halls complex. The project includes the renovations of Hastings, Stone, and Snyder Halls, and associated site and utility work. The East Halls were built in the 1960s to be functional corridor-style traditional double residence hall rooms with community bathrooms and little community meeting or social spaces. In today's competitive higher education environment, modern student housing is essential for recruitment and retention.

Significant upgrades to the 60-year old buildings include air conditioning, semi-private bathrooms, ID card swipe and tap access, community kitchens, and social spaces, laundry, vending, study lounges and nooks, knowledge spaces, wellness and meditation rooms, music practice rooms, streaming and gaming spaces, and residence life programming spaces. Deliberate and thoughtful enhancements to outdoor spaces were also incorporated to facilitate safe pedestrian walkways, recreational zones, gathering places and refreshing green spaces. These student experiential enhancements translate to a greater sense of community, belonging, and overall student satisfaction.

Renovations also include replacing aging and inefficient building systems, boilers, plumbing, heating, roofs, renovation of the building envelope, improvements to the building's appearance, ADA accessibility improvements, enhancements to the fire and life safety systems, security upgrades, and improved insulation and window systems. All three halls will be connected to the campus chilled water system for air conditioning providing enhanced comfort and optimal operational efficiency. Site work will include parking changes, accessible pedestrian circulation, and landscaping. Utility improvements will also be made. These renovations reset the \$26.9 million deferred maintenance backlog and adds 50 years of life to the largest residential community at University Park.

The overall bed count in the three buildings will remain around 775, with an increase in regular beds and a decrease in supplemental beds. Most beds will remain in double rooms. Renovated room rates are approximately 11.7% higher than those of unrenovated rooms. There is a growing demand for renovated housing by incoming and returning students, summer students, camps, and conferences. Housing is completely self-funded with the revenues it generates and receives no financial support from tuition or state appropriations.

Will the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the final plans for the East Halls Renovation – Phase 2c at University Park, as designed by Clayco of St. Louis, Missouri, are approved.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That authorization to expend funds to accomplish the project is approved in the amount of \$95,300,000.

### d.2) **Proposed Final Plan Approval and Authorization to Expend Funds, Classroom Library Building Renovation, Penn State Scranton**

In the heart of campus, the existing 20,800 square foot classroom library building was built in 1970 and houses the nursing program labs and support spaces on the first floor and library spaces on the second floor. The existing nursing facilities were designed for a two-year Associate of Science in Nursing program. Penn State Scranton now offers a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree that requires simulation training and debriefing spaces for this growing program. A renovated space with a skills lab and specialty specific simulation rooms

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will allow for excellence in nursing education. The specialized spaces afford educators the ability to prepare nurses for a variety of settings ranging from obstetrics to medical surgical areas and expands interdisciplinary efforts with outside agencies providing community events for other healthcare entities. The addition of eight various types of labs will help facilitate the enrollment growth of the nursing program and graduate more nurses to help address the severe shortage of nurses in the region. Additionally, the changes in the physical space will meet accreditation requirements along with attracting prospective students to a state-of-the-art program in the region.

This proposed renovation will allow the nursing program to consolidate in one space and provide additional room for nursing faculty and teaching curriculum. A new lower-level entrance from the campus core will enhance the visibility of the nursing program and improve ADA accessibility in the building.

Library spaces will be consolidated and upgraded on the upper-level and increase study rooms from two to five with a devoted quiet study space. The renovation includes an updated instruction classroom that allows for more interactive class time with convenient locations for students to use technology and will draw more students to a comfortable and encouraging space to study.

Building renovations also include ADA compliant restrooms, a lactation room, more accessible lobby area, public elevator, more efficient HVAC and building mechanical systems that improve occupant comfort and energy efficiency. Site connections to the campus sidewalk network will be enhanced.

Will the Board of Trustees adopt the following resolutions:

RESOLVED, That the final plans for the Classroom Library Building Renovation, as designed by Chiang O'Brien Architects of Ithaca, New York, are approved.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, That authorization to expend funds and award contracts to accomplish the project is approved in the amount of \$13,100,000.