

Minutes of February 5, 2018 Meeting

The meeting convened at 3:32 p.m. in 817 Cathedral of Learning.

UPBC members present were: Patricia Beeson, Livingston Alexander, Tammeka Banks, Keith Caldwell, Jacqueline Dunbar-Jacob, Gerald Holder, Kathleen Kelly, Maximillan Kneis, Douglas Landsittel, John Lyon, Dean Nelson, Wesley Rohrer, Andrew Stephany, Gregory Scott, Kornelia Tancheva, Alex Toner, Jean Truman, Shreyas Vamburka, Franklin Wilson and Chad Zutter.

Also present were: David DeJong, Thomas Crawford, and Nancy Tannery

UPBC members not present were: Arthur Ramicone, William Kory, Catherine Lamberton, Arthur Levine

Minutes of January 16, 2018 Meeting

Approval of the minutes from the January 16, 2018 meeting were deferred to the March 12, 2018 meeting.

University of Pittsburgh at Titusville

Provost Beeson reviewed the enrollment and financial situation at the University of Pittsburgh at Titusville, featuring falling enrollments and corresponding revenue loss. She then described the proposed Education and Training Campus Hub as a unique means of offering higher-education services. The Hub is envisioned as a collaborative effort between several partners, featuring curricula that integrate program offerings across partners. Potential partners could include Manchester-Bidwell, Butler County Community College, and the Rural Regional College. Pitt's Manufacturing Assistance Program has proposed certificate programs for the campus, and discussions on prospective programs have started with Pitt's Institute for Entrepreneurial Excellence. Development of the Hub proposal has involved considerable discussion with individuals on the campus, including a campus-level taskforce, and meetings with the faculty, staff, and members of the community.

The President of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and Titusville, Livingston Alexander, described the history of discussions with legislators, elected officials and community leaders in Titusville as well as campus meetings. He chaired the task force, which included campus faculty and staff, that developed the Options Report presented to the Board of Trustees last June. Among the options was an education and training hub (options 4/5 in that report).

There was a discussion among members of the committee regarding the viability of the proposed hub. Topics included current enrollments at community colleges; the commitment of the Commonwealth for supporting prospective partners; the structure of participation incentives for prospective partners; reaction to the proposal from the Titusville community, and the extent of participation in the planning of the hub by the staff at UP-T.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m