

## State System News Highlights

### **Chancellor Brogan announces retirement**

Pa. state university system chief to retire

Monday, July 17, 2017

The chancellor of Pennsylvania's state university system, which is about to undergo changes in the wake of financial and enrollment woes, will retire Sept. 1, a decision was announced unexpectedly Monday afternoon. Frank T. Brogan, 63, informed the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's board of governors last Wednesday just before a much anticipated report on restructuring the system was released to the board and public, said Kenn Marshall, a spokesman for the system.

*By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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### **Chancellor of Pa. State System announces retirement**

Monday, July 17, 2017

The chancellor of the State System of Higher Education, which oversees Pa's 14 state-owned universities, announced his retirement Monday after four years in the role. Frank T. Brogan will retire effective Sept. 1, according to a news release. The State System board of governors will name an interim chancellor as it conducts a national search for his successor.

*By Elizabeth Behrman and Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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### **State System of Higher Education chancellor to retire on Sept. 1**

Monday, July 17, 2017

State System of Higher Education Chancellor Frank Brogan announced he is retiring from his position on Sept. 1, one month shy of four years from the day he started. Brogan, 63, came to the system from Florida where he was serving as chancellor of the State University System of Florida. Brogan, who earns a salary of \$345,758, had the shortest tenure of the four people who have served as the chancellor of Pennsylvania's 34-year-old system of 14 state universities.

*By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

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### **Pennsylvania University System Chancellor to Retire**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

The chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education plans to retire at the beginning of September after just under four years in the position.

*By Rick Seltzer, Inside Higher Ed*

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### **State university system chancellor stepping down**

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

The Chancellor of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education will retire on Sept. 1, the entity announced on Monday. Frank T. Brogan, who in October 2013 was appointed as the system's fourth chancellor, informed board members prior to last week's Board of Governors meeting of his decision.

*By Rynne Persinger, The Philadelphia Tribune*

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### **Strategic System Review (news articles)**

School report draws criticism, praise

Friday, July 14, 2017

Recommendations for improving Pennsylvania's state university system, released this week, have drawn criticism from some lawmakers, who say they don't go far enough and offer few practical solutions for solving financial and enrollment woes.

*By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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### [Consultants: Don't close Edinboro, other state universities](#)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Poor governance and management are root cause of failing state system of universities, consultants said. Consultants hired to help Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and 13 other state-owned universities overcome declining enrollments and mushrooming deficits said Wednesday that closing or merging universities isn't the answer.

*By Valerie Myers, The Erie Times-News*

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### [No closings, mergers recommended for state-owned colleges](#)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

All of Pennsylvania's 14 state universities should remain open despite falling enrollment that could force the State System of Higher Education to raise tuition next fall, according to an education management consultant that is studying the system. But the consultant, Colorado-based National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, recommended Wednesday that Pennsylvania replace the system's 20-member Board of Governors with a Board of Regents composed of lay people who are not influenced by politics.

*By Jim Lewis, The Reading Eagle*

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### [No closures, mergers recommended for Pa. state colleges](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

The highly anticipated report on restructuring Pennsylvania's struggling state university system perhaps was more noteworthy for what it didn't recommend than what it did. Pennsylvania should keep all 14 state universities rather than close or merge institutions to solve ongoing financial and enrollment woes, a national consultant told the system's governing body Wednesday.

*By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer*

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### [Buyouts urged to cuts costs at 14 state universities](#)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Consultants who were hired to review the struggling State System of Higher Education made a number of recommendations Wednesday, one of which suggested the Pennsylvania Legislature offer buyouts and early retirement incentives to downsize the 14 state-owned universities, including California University of Pennsylvania.

*By Scott Beveridge, The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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### [Consultant makes sweeping recommendations for troubled State System](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

None of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities should close or be merged, but the weakest among them ought to be reconfigured to help them thrive in a system with an overhauled governance structure, a consultant said Wednesday. The National Center for Higher Education Management Systems (NCHEMS), saying governance, funding allocation and decision-making within the State System of Higher Education are inadequate, said the system's board of governors should be abolished and replaced by a board of regents made up of lay members.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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### [No Closings, Mergers Recommended for State-Owned Colleges](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

A consulting firm issued a bleak assessment Wednesday of Pennsylvania's state-owned university system, recommending a series of changes but not dramatic steps such as closing or merging any of its 14 institutions. The report by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems said the universities need better top management, more of a spirit of cooperation and a greater focus on their educational mission, as opposed to their status as regional centers of employment.

*By Mark Scoloro, The Associated Press*

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### [Consultant releases cost-cutting tips for Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

A consultant hired by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education came down strongly against closing or merging any of the 14 universities in the system. Dennis Jones, president emeritus of the National Center for Higher Education Management System, instead told the PASSHE Board of Governors on Wednesday that the system should embrace a culture of collaboration.

*By John Finnerty, CNHI Harrisburg Bureau*

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### [Consultant recommends collaboration for Pennsylvania state schools' survival](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education doesn't need to close or merge any of its 14 universities, but it must change from the top down to survive, a consultant reported Wednesday. Collaboration, not competition, will be key to the schools' survival, Dennis Jones, president emeritus of the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems, told the system's board of governors. That should begin with changes to the enabling legislation that established the system more than three decades ago, starting with the dissolution of the system's oversight board, Jones said.

*By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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### [PASSHE report: Don't close any colleges, improve leadership](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Silence filled the board room Wednesday at the Harrisburg headquarters of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education during a presentation on a highly anticipated report about the system's rising costs and falling enrollments. At the same time, a collective sigh of relief may have wafted across small towns that rely on PASSHE for good jobs and cultural activities. Despite months of fear over possible shutdowns, none of the state's 14 taxpayer-funded public universities should be closed or merged, a consultant told a committee of PASSHE's Board of Governors.

*By Steve Esack, The (Allentown) Morning Call*

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### [Consultant recommends revamp of Pennsylvania's state university system, but no closures](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

A higher education consultant said Wednesday that Pennsylvania's 14-school state university system is in dire need of a makeover. But, despite years of stagnant state funding, a shrinking pool of college-bound students, and increased competition, it should to try emerge from that process with no closures of existing colleges.

*By Charles Thompson, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

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## **Strategic System Review (editorials)**

[Pennsylvania's state-run universities need to remember their purpose](#)

Friday, July 14, 2017

The purpose of a college or university is supposed to be giving each student the best possible education in the field of the student's choosing. But a report issued Wednesday by the National Center for Higher Education Management Systems to the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education suggests the 14-member system has not been making academics its top priority. The report says the PSSHE — which includes Bloomsburg, California (Pa.), Cheyney, Clarion, East Stroudsburg, Edinboro, Indiana (Pa.), Kutztown, Lock Haven, Mansfield, Millersville, Shippensburg, Slippery Rock and West Chester universities — needs to focus more on education and less on maintaining as many unionized jobs for its faculty and staff as it can.

*Editorial, The (Lewistown) Sentinel*

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### [EDITORIAL Report offers a way forward for State System schools](#)

Monday, July 17, 2017

If you're a booster of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities, there's a decent chance you had a knot in your stomach last week before a consultant unveiled a report on how the system that operates the schools should be fixed. Perhaps the worst of all fears did not materialize. There was no recommendation any of the institutions, almost all of which have seen declining enrollment and wobbly finances, should be shut down. Nevertheless, the Colorado-based National Center for Higher Education Management Systems recommended some strong medicine to restore health to the State System of Higher Education.

*Editorial, The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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### [Act to save universities](#)

Tuesday, July 18, 2017

As its chancellor retires early, one of its institutions faces lost accreditation, its student population declines, and it imposes a 3.5 percent tuition increase, it is more crucial than ever that the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education act aggressively to save the state university system.

*Editorial-The (Scranton) Times-Tribune*

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## **Tuition**

### [State System board said it had no choice but to raise tuition](#)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

As it pondered another tuition increase, the board overseeing Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities found itself in a familiar but uncomfortable place Thursday, just a day after a consultant warned the status-quo must change. Board member after board member lamented the idea of further burdening tens of thousands of students across a system where enrollment already has fallen. Yet they voted to do it anyway, saying their cash-starved universities could not afford to fill a \$72 million budget gap exclusively with a new round of budget cuts.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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### [PASSHE Board of Governors approves tuition increase](#)

Friday, July 14, 2017

The 20-member Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education passed a 3.5 percent tuition increase for 2017-18 on Thursday.

*By Logan Hullinger, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

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### [State-owned universities bump tuition 3.5 percent](#)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Students at Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities will pay an extra \$127 a semester this fall under a base tuition rate adopted today. The tuition increase, part of a plan to plug a \$71.7 million hole in the budget at the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, is a 3.5 percent increase and brings the lowest base tuition to \$7,492 a year.

*By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

### **State System university news**

#### [Wolf hails new program in opioid treatment](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Gov. Wolf on Wednesday joined Clarion University officials to announce the launch of an online certificate program in opioid treatment, which they said is the first of its kind in Pennsylvania.

*By Karen Langley, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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#### [Wolf, Clarion University officials unveil online program for opioid treatment](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Gov. Tom Wolf and several members of Clarion University's administration held a press conference Wednesday to announce the creation of an online Opioid Treatment Specialist certificate program. The program, the first of its kind in the state, is the university's response to the growing epidemic in the state.

*By Paul Vigna, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News*

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#### [Clarion University announces opioid treatment specialist certificate](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

Gov. Wolf held a press conference in the Governor's Reception Room along with Clarion University representatives to announce the Opioid Treatment Specialist Certificate that will now be offered by the university.

*By Nicole Trayer, Pennsylvania Legislative Services*

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#### [State System appoints interim president of Mansfield University](#)

Thursday, July 13, 2017

The Board of Governors of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education has appointed an interim president of Mansfield University as it conducts a national search for a permanent replacement.

*By Elizabeth Behrman, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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#### [You can now major in social media at this Pa. college](#)

Sunday, July 16, 2017

What if you could major in Facebook and Instagram? A new bachelor's degree in social media theory and strategy approved at Kutztown University will give student a chance to do just that starting this fall. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education Board of Governors approved the creation of the degree on Thursday and Kutztown is already accepting applications for the program, according to news releases from the system and university.

*By Sara K. Satullo, Lehighvalleylive.com*

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#### [Tuition-free California University program helps seniors get ahead](#)

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Karla DeJesus couldn't believe her ears when a friend told her about the free college tuition program at California University of Pennsylvania. DeJesus, 60, had gone back to school and earned a bachelor's degree after retiring from state government several years ago. In the interim, she had landed a second career in radio as a producer on a small Christian station in

central Pennsylvania. Buoyed by her new-found confidence, DeJesus set out to earn a masters' degree. But cost was a hurdle for the Harrisburg woman. Most of the programs she looked at cost at least \$30,000 a year. But one university tucked in a river valley 200 miles from DeJesus' home offered free tuition to any Pennsylvania resident 60 or older. And better yet, the program DeJesus had set her heart on — a master of arts in social science and conflict resolution — was available entirely online.

*By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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### [Cal U launches criminal justice Ph.D.](#)

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Federal law enforcement officials, state police officers and police chiefs were engaged in a weeklong residency program as the first class of California University of Pennsylvania's doctorate of criminal justice program got under way. The university said in a press release that the professional doctorate program — the first regionally accredited D.C.J. degree in the United States — was approved in January. Classes began this week.

*The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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### [Cal U. professor will serve as visiting fellow at Oxford](#)

Saturday, July 15, 2017

Dr. Joseph Heim, a political science professor at California University of Pennsylvania, will spend about four weeks this summer as a visiting fellow at Oxford University in the United Kingdom, the oldest university in the English-speaking world.

*The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter*

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### **Other higher ed news**

#### [University of Pittsburgh tuition set at trustees meeting today](#)

Monday, July 17, 2017

Base tuition rates will increase this fall on the University of Pittsburgh's main campus by 2.5 percent and 3 percent respectively for in-state and out-of-state students following a vote Monday by school trustees.

*By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*

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#### [It'll now cost you \\$18K to attend Pitt's main campus](#)

Monday, July 17, 2017

Tuition will increase by 2.5 percent at the University of Pittsburgh Oakland campus this fall. The new tuition rates adopted Monday boost the lowest undergraduate tuition at Pitt's main campus to \$18,130 a year. Student there also face \$960 a year in mandatory fees.

*The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review*

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#### [Campus rape policies get a new look as the accused get DeVos's ear](#)

Wednesday, July 12, 2017

The letters have come in to her office by the hundreds, heartfelt missives from college students, mostly men, who had been accused of rape or sexual assault. Some had lost scholarships. Some had been expelled. A mother stumbled upon her son trying to take his own life, recalled Candice E. Jackson, the top civil rights official at the Department of Education.

*By Erica L. Green and Sheryl Gay Stolberg*