

State System News Highlights

[Report on Pa. state universities to be presented](#)

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Much-anticipated recommendations on solving financial and enrollment woes at Pennsylvania's state universities will be presented at a meeting in Harrisburg on Wednesday — and it won't be just the public getting the news for the first time. That's when the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's board of governors will hear the report from the National Center on Higher Education Management Systems, a Boulder, Colo., consulting firm that the system hired in March to conduct the review.

By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer

[Consultant recommendations for struggling state university system due out Wednesday](#)

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

A consultant's recommendations for fixing Pennsylvania's struggling state university system, due to be released Wednesday, likely will be scrutinized and debated for months and could require a state law change to fully enact.

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Draft report on future of 14 state-owned universities expected Wednesday](#)

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education will receive a draft report on Wednesday that could recommend closing or merging some of the 14 taxpayer-funded universities that have struggled with rising costs and falling enrollments.

By Steve Esack, The (Allentown) Morning Call

[Consultant to make recommendations on Pennsylvania state-owned universities](#)

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

A consultant conducting a strategic review of Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities as well as the system that oversees them will present its much-anticipated recommendations to the system's board on July 12, officials said Wednesday.

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[State universities grapple with ongoing financial pressures](#)

Monday, July 3, 2017

Fallout from the 2017-18 state budget could hit more than 200,000 students at Pennsylvania's public universities as officials at the University of Pittsburgh, Penn State, Temple and the 14 universities in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, or PASSHE, meet this month to set tuition. University officials typically wait to set tuition until after the state budget, which includes university subsidies, passes.

By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

[Cheyney University seeks new president in bid to survive](#)

Thursday, June 29, 2017

Cheyney University, which has struggled with finances and declining enrollment for years, is launching a search for a permanent president, the university said Thursday. But first it must establish a presidential search committee. "The search committee's task will be vital to the future of Cheyney University — a university that will be very different from the one we have today," Robert W. Bogle, chair of the Cheyney Council of Trustees, said.

By Valerie Russ, The Philadelphia Inquirer

[Cheyney announces search for permanent president](#)

Friday, June 30, 2017

A week after the Middle States Commission on Higher Education notified Cheyney University it would have to show cause as to why accreditation should not be withdrawn, the historic Black college announced it's officially looking for a permanent president. The school formed a task force to address a number of issues within the university, from academics to finances and finding a new leader. Interim President Aaron A. Walton was appointed last month, replacing former Interim President Frank G. Pogue who had served since 2014.

By Rynne Persinger, The Philadelphia Tribune

[Mansfield University selected to participate in national research project](#)

Wednesday, July 5, 2017

Mansfield University is one of only 12 institutions nationwide selected to be a part of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CRU) Transformations Project. This is a four-year project funded by the National Science Foundation. It focuses on creating cohesive, research-based undergraduate curricula in biology, chemistry, physics and psychology.

The (Williamsport) Sun-Gazette

[Newsmaker: Marcia Welsh, president of East Stroudsburg University](#)

Friday, July 7, 2017

Marcia Welsh just celebrated five years as president of East Stroudsburg University. Under her leadership, ESU, one of the 14 state-owned schools, has seen three consecutive years of enrollment growth and has increased scholarship dollars. She is also the first woman to serve as president of ESU. Welsh, a first-generation college student, earned both her undergraduate degree in physical sciences and master's degree in anatomy from Colorado State University, and her doctoral degree in anatomy from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. She is the subject of this week's Q&A.

By Jacqueline Palochko, The (Allentown) Morning Call

[ESU outsources health center](#)

Thursday, June 29, 2017

East Stroudsburg University is outsourcing its student healthcare services. Officials will sign an agreement July 1 for a third party to treat students at a new location off campus. "There's actually going to be an area branded, 'East Stroudsburg University Health Services at Lehigh Valley Hospital-Pocono,'" said Doreen Tobin, ESU vice president for student affairs. "The new health center will provide all the same treatments and services."

By Bill Cameron, The Pocono Record

[PA Attorney General joins lawsuit against Betsy DeVos](#)

Thursday, July 6, 2017

Citing a major stake for Pennsylvania students, state Attorney General Josh Shapiro Thursday joined Democratic attorneys general from 17 states and the District of Columbia in a lawsuit against U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos for rolling back student loan protections set to take effect this week.

By Debra Erdley, The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review

[Is Trump shutting the door on sexual violence investigations at 13 Pa. colleges?](#)

Monday, July 10, 2017

In 2014, the United States Department of Education took the unprecedented action of publicly releasing the names of colleges and universities under investigation for possible Title IX violations related to their handling of sexual violence cases. When the first list of targeted

schools came out, it included 55 postsecondary schools, including five in Pennsylvania. That list has now ballooned to include 339 incidents at 238 institutions, including 13 schools in Pennsylvania. The most recent list released this month, however, could be among the last ones the public sees. The new administration of Donald Trump in recent weeks has given indications that it may stop publishing the list, which is generated by the department's Office of Civil Rights.

By Christine Vendel, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News