
[State System ponders 'redesign,' approves new degrees at Clarion, Slippery Rock](#)

Thursday, October 19, 2017

As the governing board for Pennsylvania's 14 state-owned universities met Thursday to ponder a "redesign" amid financial and enrollment woes, members approved new bachelor's degrees in respiratory care and in acting on two Western Pennsylvania campuses. The bachelor of science in respiratory care being added at Clarion University comes as the school is moving to boost emphasis on professional and workforce-driven programs. Slippery Rock University's new Fine Arts in Acting degree program will have as a major component acting, singing and dancing, something leaders said is pegged to forecast job growth in that field.

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[State System names interim president for Clarion University](#)

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Peter Fackler is returning to Clarion University. On Wednesday, the State System of Higher Education's governing board named Mr. Fackler the university interim president.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Local universities commit to collaboration to move Erie forward](#)

Sunday, October 22, 2017

Erie is at a crossroads. Years of economic decline have shrunk both our population and our business base. Our response to this challenge will define Erie for the generations to come. It is imperative that we work collaboratively to get it right.

GoErie.com (H. Fred Walker and others)

[West Chester University Holds 4th Annual STOMPS Cancer Run](#)

Monday, October 23, 2017

Our economy may be on the uptick, but there are still many families in this country whose finances are stressed beyond their means, and when those families find themselves facing a foe like cancer, the bills quickly mount. That's exactly why West Chester University brought the already-exciting 5K Stomp Cancer Run to their campus, originally formed from its parent non-profit organization, Bring Hope Home.

[Report finds Pa. universities third most-expensive in nation](#)

Wednesday, October 25, 2017

A new report paints a discouraging but familiar picture of college pricing in Pennsylvania, where some public universities warn of mid-year tuition hikes if their state appropriations do not materialize. Already this fall, average tuition rates at four-year public campuses are 45 percent above the national average, third highest of any state in the nation yet again, according to data released Wednesday by the College Board. The public four-year campuses in the College Board survey included the state-related schools and 14 state-owned universities of the State System of Higher Education that have their appropriations. The system's base yearly tuition of \$7,492 is less than half what many state-related students pay, though some system schools have switched to higher, per-credit tuition charges.

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[State universities' enrollment on the decline but their next year funding needs increase](#)

Friday, October 20, 2017

For the seventh consecutive year, the 14 state universities are educating fewer students than the year before. Yet, despite the 2 percent enrollment drop to 102,300 students this fall, the funding needs of the universities in the State System of Higher Education continue to grow.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News

[State System, faculty union agree on new pact – eight months ahead of schedule](#)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

Leadership of the 14 state-owned universities and the faculty union that struck those campuses last year announced Tuesday they have reached an agreement on a new, one-year contract, eight months before the current pact was to expire.

By Bill Schackner, The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

[Cal U. using solar power to recharge electronic devices](#)

Friday, October 13, 2017

Laptops, tablets and smartphones are an intrinsic part of college life – and all those devices need charging. Now students on California University of

Pennsylvania's main campus can recharge their digital devices outdoors, using the power of the sun.

The (Washington, Pa.) Observer-Reporter

[PASSHE interim chancellor meets with Kutztown University students, faculty](#)

Monday, October 16, 2017

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's new interim chancellor visited Kutztown University on Oct. 11, during her tour of the 14 PASSHE schools. Dr. Karen Whitney was named interim chancellor in August after Chancellor Frank T. Brogan announced his retirement. She took office in September. Prior to her appointment, she was the 16th president of Clarion University since 2010.

By Lisa Mitchell, The Kutztown Area Patriot

[PASSHE's interim chancellor praises Millersville University, talks about system priorities at visit](#)

Saturday, October 14, 2017

The interim chancellor of Pennsylvania's State System of Higher Education spoke highly of Millersville University's leadership in a visit to campus Friday. "I think the presidential leadership and executive leadership (at MU) is some of the best in the country," said Karen Whitney. Her visit to the university was the second-to-last stop on her month-long tour of the 14 state schools since starting as interim chancellor Sept. 12.

By Lindsey Blest, Lancaster Newspapers

['Erroneous' claims affect presidential search](#)

Monday, October 16, 2017

While Slippery Rock University officials wait on their next move in the search for a new president, two of them are addressing conflict-of-interest claims. "I want to make it clear that there was no conflict of interest whatsoever," said William McCarrier, chairman of the SRU Council of Trustees.

By Monica Pryts, Allied News

[No strike this time, new pact for Pa. college faculty](#)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

After a strike last fall, faculty at Pennsylvania's 14 state universities have reached a tentative agreement on a new one-year contract — eight months before the old pact is set to expire.

By Susan Snyder, The Philadelphia Inquirer

[State universities, faculty union reach agreement on an early bird contract](#)

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

The faculty union and administration of the system that oversees the 14 state universities reached a tentative agreement on a one-year contract eight months before the current one expires.

By Jan Murphy, The (Harrisburg) Patriot-News