



Annual Board of Trustees Retreat Minutes

University of Delaware
Oct 5, 2023 at 8:45 AM EDT
@ Audion, STAR Tower

Attendance

Present:

Members: Dennis Assanis, Christopher Baker, Allison Castellanos, John Cochran, Joan Coker, Beth Cooper (remote), Claire DeMatteis, Donna Fontana, Michael Geltzeiler, Kathleen Hawkins, Terri Kelly, William Lafferty, Nisha Lodhavia, Guy Marcozzi, Nick Marsini, John Paradee, Claudia Peña Porretti, Donald Puglisi, Edmond Sannini, Sean Wang, Freeman Williams

Absent:

Members: Carol Ammon, Jim Borel, Shawn Brittingham, James Correll, William DiMondi, Robert Rider Jr., Terence Murphy, Kenneth Whitney

I. Call to Meeting and Public Comment

Ms. Kelly called the meeting to order at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Ms. Brand welcomed Dr. Galileo and Dr. Morgan to provide public comment to the Board of Trustees.

II. Fall Strategic Updates and State of the University

A. Chair's Welcome

Ms. Kelly welcomed the Board and guests to the board retreat and for their interest in the work of the University. She reviewed the agenda and the objectives for the meeting.

B. President's Remarks

Dr. Assanis provided an update on the work of the University and highlighted recognition in the U.S. World News rankings, enrollment trends and future plans, and strategic goals for the fiscal year.

C. Provost's Remarks

Dr. Carlson spoke to ongoing interdisciplinary efforts and the noted the commitment to academic excellence, community and impact. She reviewed the existing pathways to a degree from the University of Delaware and efforts to strengthen those pathways.

III. Understanding the Supreme Court Decision on Race-Based Admissions

Ms. Hampshire-Cowan presented on the recent Supreme Court decision related to race-conscious admissions and how it serves as an opportunity to reflect on governance best practices.

She invited Mr. Morrison, Dr. Rossi, Ms. Conley and Ms. Downin to react to the presentation and speak to the ongoing work in response to the court decision as it relates to the University of Delaware.

IV. AI's Implications for Higher Education and Society

Dr. Assanis moderated a panel including Drs. Greene and Perlmutter. He noted their participation in the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology, and moderated a discussion of Artificial Intelligence and its impacts on society.

V. Faculty, Staff and Student Panel Discussion on Artificial Intelligence on Campus

Dr. Kinservik introduced a panel of University faculty, staff and students to discuss the initiatives underway to study and react to Artificial Intelligence and its impact to teaching and learning.

VI. Closing Remarks

Ms. Kelly thanked everyone for their participation in the day's meeting and adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:51 p.m.